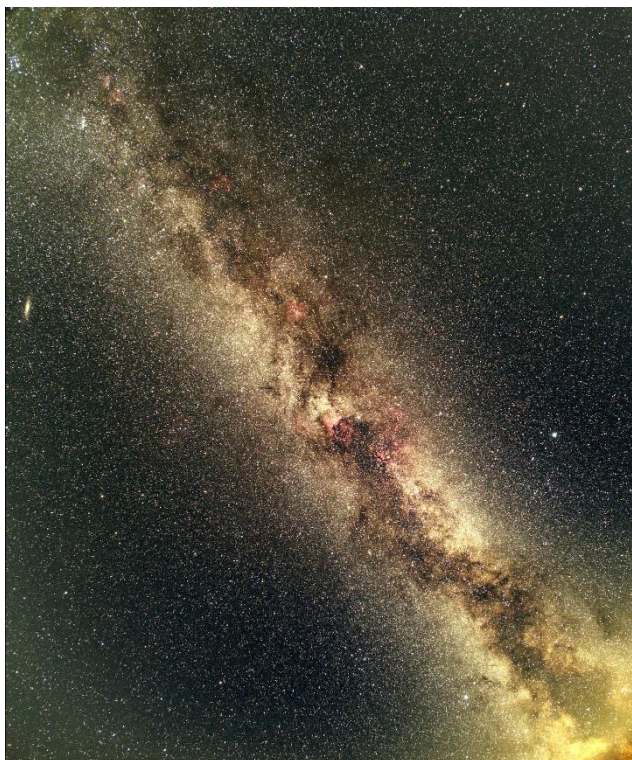


## Dark Skies Aberdaron Gwynedd



The Milky Way

Aberdaron Tourism Link have taken the initiative to apply for International Dark Skies Certification to benefit the community, environment, wildlife and help the economy by encouraging out of season tourists.

Aberdaron on the Llyn Peninsular known in Welsh as Pen Draw'r Byd (the end of the world) has stunning dark skies, particularly on clear winter nights. The topography - sea to the south, the west, the north and hills to the east combine to limit sky glow.

Viewpoints like Mynydd Mawr give amazing 360-degree night vistas, whilst a few astronomers already know the secret, city visitors are amazed to see the Milky Way so regularly.

In England and Wales, we have five Dark Sky Parks or Reserves, however Aberdaron will be the first Dark Skies Community.

With International Dark Skies Certification, Aberdaron Tourism Link plan to make Aberdaron an excellent place for stargazing in 2021.

Links [www.aberdaronlink.co.uk](http://www.aberdaronlink.co.uk)

All photos courtesy of local astronomer Steve Porter



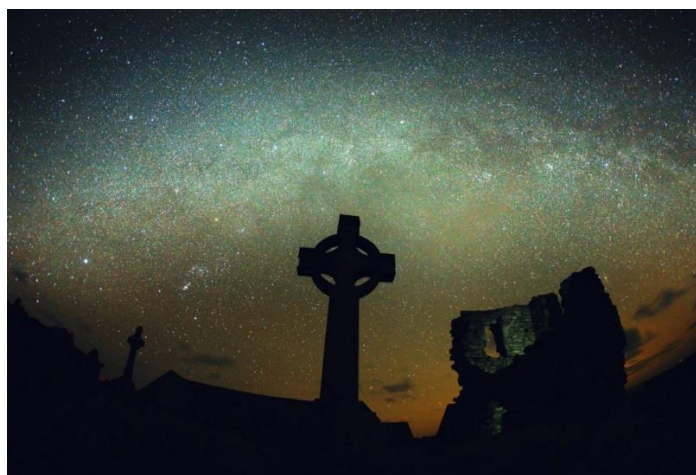
Horsehead Nebula



The Seven Sisters (Pleiades)



Whirlpool Nebula M51



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