

Harnessing the night sky to help tourism



Aberdaron councillor Gareth Roberts has described the Dark Skies application as "wonderful"



ABERDARON could soon receive official recognition for its stunning night sky.

Aberdaron Tourism Link has applied for International Dark Skies Certification.

It is hoped this will benefit the community, environment, wildlife and help the economy by encouraging out-of-season tourists.

A Dark Sky community is a town, city or community which has shown dedication towards the preservation of the night sky by implementing light ordinance.

Geraint Jones, chair of Aberdaron Tourist Link said: "I think there will be a big difference in the number of tourists who come to Aberdaron out of season, when we need them the most. It will be great for Aberdaron and businesses in the area.

"We need local people to think differently about outside lighting.

"It will be important for the tourist link to work with

the community and the community council."

Cllr Gareth Roberts praised the application.

He said: "It's wonderful for Aberdaron. Getting more people into the area is one thing, but it's important to consolidate the visitor base. If we can get people to Aberdaron for different reasons then it is a good thing.

"It's another example of how clean and natural this end of the Llŷn is. It is good to have this move ahead along with the Bardsey Island blue energy project.

"This is the way things are going with green energy and it is important that we move forward too."

Representatives of the International Dark Skies Association will visit Aberdaron in the coming months to assess the application. With the certification, Aberdaron Tourism Link hope to make the village and surrounding area an excellent place for stargazing in 2021.



Geraint Jones is the chair of Aberdaron Tourist Link