



Originally known as the Adur Astronomical Society, we cover the Adur Valley and Mid-Sussex areas of the county. This includes Brighton to Worthing on the coast and many of the towns and villages inland, including areas of the South Downs National Park.

Our membership ranges from complete beginners to experienced astronomers and astrophotographers and everything that we do is based on the premise that astronomy can and should be enjoyed by everyone.

We have two monthly meetings. One is held at the Southwick Community Centre. This is usually lecture based and frequently has external speakers covering a wide range of astronomical subjects to suit all interests. The other meeting covers practical astronomy and is held at the Clayton Hall and Recreation Ground in Hassocks where dark skies can be found.

Both beginners and experienced individuals are welcome and whether you are interested in visual astronomy, astrophotography or just enjoy learning more about astronomy in general, we are sure that you will find something to interest you.

For further information please go to our website at <https://sussexpracticalastronomers.org.uk>

Our Lecture Meetings

Lecture meetings take place at the Southwick Community Centre, Southwick. BN42 4TE. These take place on the first Monday of the month from September to June inclusive and start at 07:30pm.

In addition to a broad range of professional speakers that give informative and interesting talks for every level of amateur astronomer, we also have members who give lectures and hold discussion groups on a wide range of topics from the basics to current views on astrophysics and cosmology.



Membership

We welcome everyone new to astronomy as well as the more experienced. We invite prospective members along to 2 meetings as guests in order to meet the membership, learn about our activities and experience our meetings at first hand. After 2 visits we ask that you join our club. Our annual subscription is normally £20, but this has been reduced to £10 for the 2023/24 season. Fees "on the door" are £5 for each of the Lecture and Practical Astronomy meetings, but of course feel free to decide which you chose to attend. The Society year runs from September to June inclusive and there is no annual subscription fee for students or under 18's.

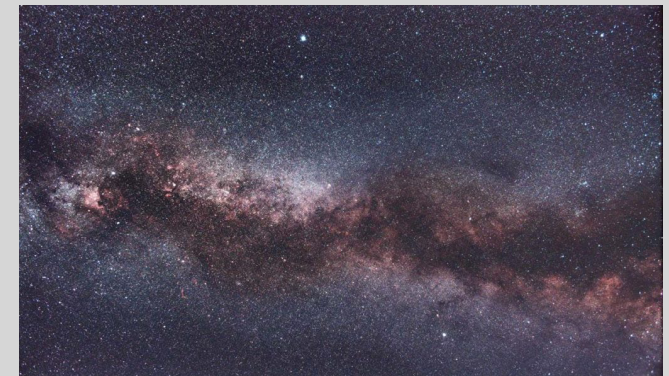
Our Practical Astronomy Meetings



If you are interested in the night sky, why not join us for evenings under the stars.

Experience isn't necessary. We have equipment that you can look through, but if you do have your own binoculars or telescope you're welcome to bring them along. We cater for beginners to more experienced observers, provide advice on most astronomical subjects and to help members, we run a 'telescope clinic'. So if you need advice with a new telescope, camera or mount, or an intended purchase, just ask.

In addition we plan to run series of monthly lectures on astrophotography using DSLR cameras and lenses and how to process the resulting images like the one below.



We meet at Clayton Church Hall, West Sussex BN6 9PJ, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 07:30pm, but please check our website to confirm.