

DARK SKIES AWARD 2004



Sugg Lighting has been presented with an award by the International Dark Skies Association for its role in upgrading the street lighting in the village of Hinton St George. The village itself also received an award for its commitment to improving the lighting while also restoring the view of the night sky.

Street lighting was originally installed in the Somerset Village in the mid 1960's, using standard lanterns with a low pressure sodium light sources. Not only was the lighting considered inadequate, it also spilled light upwards and obliterated the night sky.

A decision was taken to replace the lighting with an environmentally friendly scheme and Sugg Lighting worked closely with Somerset County Council and local residents to arrive at an acceptable solution.

The residents themselves raised additional funds to supplement those available from the Council.



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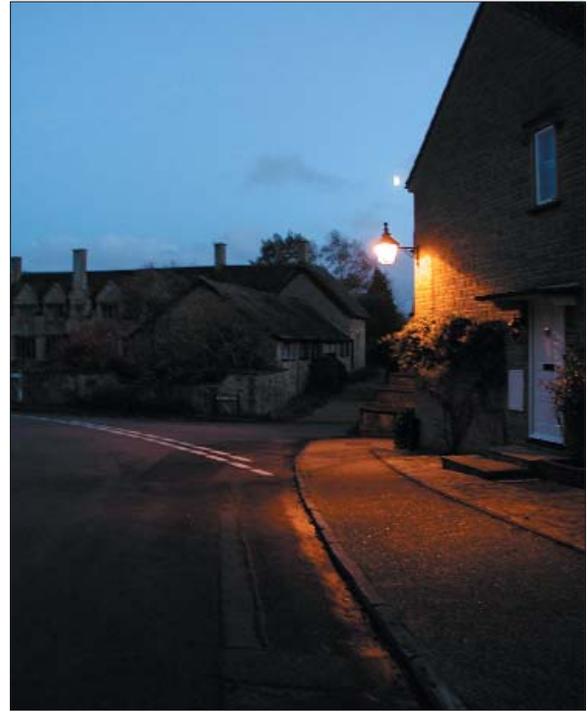
The project was nominated for the awards by the local representative of the British Astronomical Association, Joy Griffiths, who commented, "The new lighting replaces hideous County Council standard lamps which spread light in all directions and hid the stars in the night sky."



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The solution is based on Sugg's heritage Camberwell post-top lantern, which complement the ancient hamstone buildings that characterise the village. For this project, the lanterns were supplied with 70W high pressure sodium light sources to provide a brighter lighting with low energy consumption, while the design of the lantern's optics ensures full light cut-off. Each lantern is also fitted with a photocell to provide automatic dusk to dawn lighting.



The lanterns themselves are finished in black with glass panels and copper infill panels in the canopy, sealed to IP65. For ease of access to the lamp, and control gear, a hinged canopy has been incorporated with a metal stay to hold the canopy open during maintenance. The canopy itself is secured to the main body by one captive screw at the front of the lantern.



In addition to the lanterns, Sugg supplied 4.2m high Aylesbury style cast columns with ladder bars and 76mm spigots to fit the frog of the lantern.