

## Lighting etiquette at ERA meetings

When meeting at Woodmansey Village Hall for our monthly club meeting and for observing sessions we ask that club members and visitors follow a few simple rules regarding the use of lights.

After our initial meeting in the “club room” we will, if the weather is suitable, start observing outside on the southern and eastern sides of the building. As it takes 10-15 minutes for our eyes to start to become dark adapted we suggest the following simple steps to ensure that casual use of white light does not spoil the enjoyment of others.

1. If you can, bring a red torch along to the meetings so you can light your way when all the lights are out.
2. Park cars in the car park facing the Long Lane exit. This way when you leave the meeting your vehicle lights are less likely to shine onto the field/observing area. Try and use side lights until you are at the exit.
3. During observing sessions please try and practice “white light measures” such as:
  - a. Using a red light when possible.
  - b. Avoid shining a white light where anyone looking through a scope might be affected.
  - c. Minimise the glare from the meeting room by keeping curtains closed and lights off when practicable.
  - d. Taking care that car headlights and other sources don't ruin someone's night vision.
4. Take care of yourself and others when outside observing, and look out for trip hazards from equipment, cables and boxes.

These simple steps are of particular importance when the Woodmansey site goes dark.

We will occasionally turn off all lights including car park lights and we will shroud the security light on the south wall of the building. When this happens the site is very dark and extra care should be taken when moving about.