

Darker skies restored over Lymm High School

The installation of new improved floodlighting has restored darker skies in the Lymm area, as part of the recent Leisure Centre improvements at Lymm High School.

Its former out-dated floodlighting scheme, with lamps that created a significant amount of light spillage, had caused excessive light pollution in the local area for many years and could be seen from miles around. So much so that one local resident, and keen amateur astronomer, had started a personal campaign in 2007 to see if improvements could be made. She had seen the problem progressively worsen over the years as the evening usage of the pitch increased with the Leisure Centre needs.

The installation of low glare, full cut-off, double asymmetric beam floodlights resulted in the lighting directed onto the pitch while the dark sky quality overhead was greatly improved. Local resident, Chris Reeves said 'I am very grateful that Lymm High School obtained funding for the new lighting and delighted with the reduction in light spillage. They have set a superb example of what can be achieved. It is an excellent result for the Campaign for Dark Skies.'

The difference has been clear for all to see with the project receiving coverage on BBC TV, North West Tonight regional news last month. The new floodlighting solution has been good for the school, the students, the sporting community, the local environment and the residents. Everyone has gained.

