



MEXBOROUGH & SWINTON ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

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Astronomers Open Observatory to the Public

(For immediate release)

Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society, a local educational charity, today unveiled dates of its winter Community Access Programme when it will open its refurbished observatory at Hooper to the public.

The programme will offer visitors a narrated slideshow and – weather permitting - the chance to observe the wonders of the night sky using the Society's telescopes – including a 0.45m Newtonian reflector. Visitors are advised to wear warm clothing and sensible footwear.

Society Chairman, Les Marsden, commented, "We've been operating the programme for over 10 years now and we're always delighted with the public response."

The events, which begin at 20:00 will take place on the following dates October 22 and October 23, November 19 and November 20, January 14 and January 15, February 18 and February 19 and March 18 and March 19.

Admission is £2 per person; all proceeds will be used to help the Society continue to promote astronomy and its associated sciences.

Places are limited and pre-booking is essential – bookings may be made on-line at www.msas.org.uk, using a 24-hour telephone answer service on 01709 579529 or by writing to the Secretary at 147 Queen Street, Swinton, Mexborough, S64 8NG.

In addition to the scheduled community access programme events schools, youth organisations and community groups can make special bookings of the observatory.

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Background Information

Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society is a registered educational charity with the object to promote education in astronomy and its associated science for the public benefit.

For further information:

Visit the Society's web site at www.msas.org.uk.