

## LOCAL NEWS

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# Seeing Priory in a new light

It was a magical sight on Saturday night as the Priory ruins in Lewes were lit by thousands of candles.

The sight of flickering flames reflecting off the stone walls was enchanting and transported the hundreds of visitors back to the time the monks lived there when can-

dlelight was the only illumination.

The event was part of the Heritage Open Day and was the brainchild of Kate Hickmott, Lewes Priory Trust (LPT) Education Officer.

She had always dreamed of lighting the Priory with candles and English Heritage's

Heritage Open Day seem the perfect event.

"We were overwhelmed by the public's support and were thrilled so many people experienced what a special place Lewes Priory is," said fellow Education Officer, Helen Chis-  
son,

"We are already making

plans to hold the event again next year!"

The historic Priory Park is free to enter every day of the year so LPT relies entirely on donations to fund events.

Donations totaling £242 were collected on the night as visitors enjoyed the candlelit atmosphere.



The candlelit priory. Photo by Nick Robinson