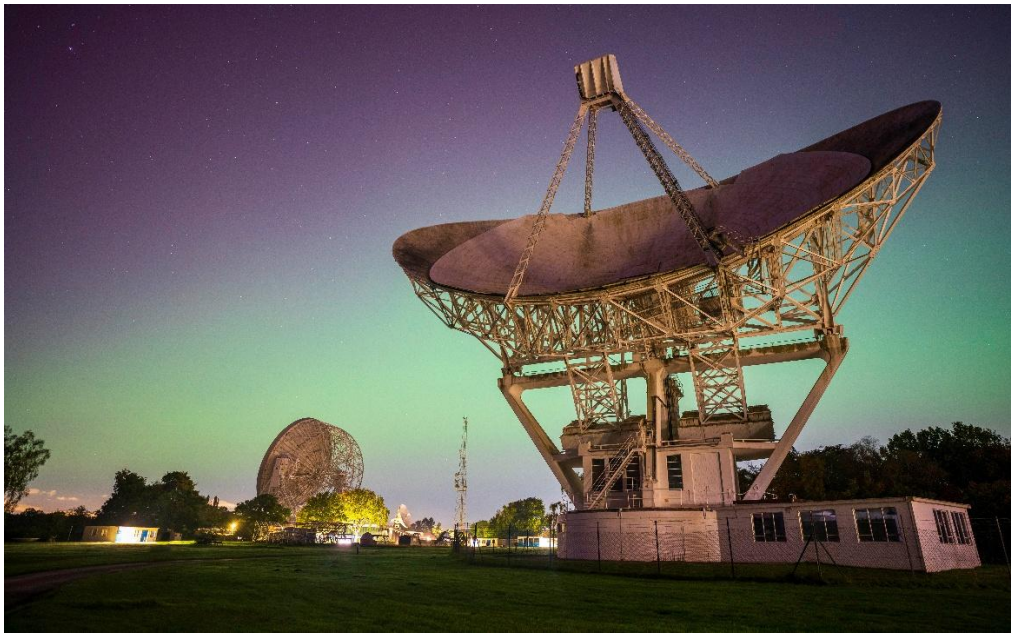


From a photograph to a day at Jodrell Bank: recognising the people behind our buildings



The photograph of Jodrell Bank

The Faculty of Science and Engineering recently held a photography competition. Among the winning entries was a picture of the Lovell Telescope at Jodrell Bank, underneath the Northern Lights. The photo, which was on display in the Nancy Rothwell Building, caught the eye of a member of our House Services team.

When she stopped to look at it, she learned something new: Jodrell Bank is part of our University.

Amazed by the image and curious to find out more, she spoke to Professor Lynne Bianchi, Director of SEERIH*. This conversation led to something bigger. Lynne committed part of her budget to fund a coach for House Services colleagues, so that the people who keep our buildings running day-to-day – from labs to lecture theatres and office spaces – could have the opportunity to experience one of the University's most iconic sites themselves.



On Friday, 10 July, around 25 colleagues made the journey to Cheshire. They saw the Lovell Telescope, a 250ft-wide dish that is the third largest steerable telescope in the world, and toured the Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre, learning about the importance of the site and its role in University research.

They also spent time in the gardens, and, for many colleagues, it was their first time ever seeing the site.

Simon Carroll, Deputy House Services Manager, said: “Our House Services colleagues work incredibly hard behind the scenes to help keep the University running every day, so it was wonderful to see them recognised in such a meaningful way.

For many of the team it was their first visit to Jodrell Bank, and seeing them enjoying the experience together made it a really special day. It's a great example of how a simple conversation can lead to something that genuinely makes people feel valued”

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