## **Northern Lights**

Some people have spotted Northern Lights also known as Aurora Borealis, up in North Ireland, Scotland and even in the south of England—for example Anglesey and Oxfordshire.

A cause of the Northern Lights is the interaction of the solar wind. A solar wind is the continuous flow of the charged particles from the sun which travel through the solar system.

Forecasters did predict a solar storm and very good conditions for the Northern Lights.

There have been sightings of green, pink, purple, red and yellow lights which are said to have made an appearance for around seven hours from about 20:00 6th of March as well as the 8th of March.

If you missed the Northern Lights have no fear websites such as Aurora Watch UK allow you to track the activity and you can also sign up for alerts.

Northern Lights are mostly active between March, April, September and October. The best places to see them are up north.

The best type of weather to see the Northern Lights is in a clear sky as any cloud will cover and block out the Northern Lights.

In Latin Aurora means dawn and boreas means the north wind.