



Bath Wilts & N Dorset Gliding Club

New member information

Congratulations and welcome to the Bath Wilts & N Dorset Gliding Club. This gives you some initial information about the club and is aimed at those who have just joined, and are new to gliding.

Club member volunteers look after all the jobs in the club so it can take a little time for your membership form to reach the membership and secretary. When it has, you will be allocated a membership code and be added to the email distribution list. The flying code allows you to access your flying account, either online or in the clubhouse. Do ensure you keep it in credit though. Details of how to view your account are on the “news” page of the website at www.bwnd.co.uk/news, along with other member focussed news and information.

When you next arrive at the gliding club to fly do make sure that you place your name on the flying list. Before flying starts it will be in the clubhouse, afterwards it is at the launch point.

On each flying day there is a duty team of two instructors, a tug pilot, winch drivers and Launch Point Controllers. All club members are expected to help with getting the gliders out of the hangar and the general running of the launch point. This can be an enjoyable part of the gliding club experience.

The Chief Flying Instructor is in overall charge of airfield operations, with a duty fully rated instructor running each flying day.

Flying training is run according to the BGA gliding syllabus. It is recorded both in your personal logbook and your flying progress card. Progress cards and logbooks are available in the caravan. Do ensure you have both. The cards remain in the caravan but you take personal possession of the logbook.

Reading gliding handbooks is always a help to your progress and the following are recommended:

Beginning Gliding by Derek Piggott

Understanding Gliding by Derek Piggott

The Glider Pilot's Manual by Ken Stewart

The Soaring Pilot's Manual by Ken Stewart

BGA Instructors Manual – Available also as a download on the BGA website

Safety is of course our priority so do please read the safety advice on the website. The club Order Book is online, plus hard copies are in the caravan and the clubhouse. It contains a wealth of detail on club operations.

We are a very friendly club, so if you have any questions, just ask a member and they will be delighted to help.