

Bath Wilts North Dorset Gliding Club

Covid 19 Update July 2021

With the government's lifting of most COVID 19 related restrictions from 19 July 2021, we hope that life will rapidly return to normal at the gliding club. The pandemic is not however over and in accordance with government guidance we will maintain some measures to ensure that we do not become a source of infection to members or the wider community.

Principles

1. We will lift most restrictions on use of the club and its facilities however we will continue to urge members and visitors to be cautious and to maintain social distancing where possible
2. We will continue to provide cleaning materials and encourage the use of masks where individuals wish to do so
3. We recognise that members have very different experiences of the pandemic and we will at all times respect and comply with an individual's preferences on the use of masks and social distancing

Club Facilities

1. The bar, clubroom and all club facilities will be open from 19 July. The bar and club room must be used with doors and windows open to maintain through ventilation and members are asked to use the outside area in preference to the club room wherever possible.
2. The briefing room is available for use but is restricted to a maximum of 4 people with windows and doors open
3. The kitchen is available for use, but members are asked not to congregate in the kitchen as it is difficult to ventilate fully
4. The one way system through the club house will no longer be used

Caravan and Launch Point

1. The caravan can be used more normally but you are asked not to congregate inside it. Briefings, lunch and chats should be outside wherever possible.
2. Hand and equipment cleaning materials will continue to be made available at the launch point for the use of members

Hangar and Maintenance Area

Use of the hangar and maintenance area will no longer be restricted, however the hangar doors should be kept open as much as possible for ventilation and members may wish to continue to use masks when working closely with others. Private use of the hangar area should continue to be booked on-line

Flying

1. Bacoban should continue to be used on all gliders and vehicles while stocks last.

2. Members may decide for themselves whether they are happy to share parachutes or wish to use their own or keep a club parachute for their personal use on the day. Parachutes will be stored in the parachute cupboard
3. Instructors will continue to make a personal decision on whether they are prepared to fly with students and if so under what conditions. Instructors or students may wish to ask whether the other has been double vaccinated, and we expect members to answer the question. When using a Puchacz either the instructor or student may request that masks be used, and such a request must be complied with.

Visitors

1. Visiting gliders will be welcome. We will reopen the airfield to non-glider visitors cautiously. We will no longer restrict the numbers accompanying visitors, but all visitors should have their temperature checked on arrival at the airfield
2. Those undertaking trial flights will be asked whether they have been double vaccinated and the pilot flying the visitor will be able to make a decision on what restrictions to place on the flight .

Track and Trace

In accordance with Government guidelines we continue to run the track and trace system at the club and members will be expected to log in as usual.

Martin Davidson

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