

Coaching in the Wessex Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club *Welcome to the Wessex.*

Congratulations on getting your CP license – now the sky really is the limit!

The club's coaching scheme is here to help you make the transition from graduate to pilot. New sites and busy skies can be a daunting prospect, especially if you only have a couple of hours of airtime, so making contact with the coaching team is a great way to build your confidence.

Our coaches are all listed on the club's website, complete with brief details about where and when they're likely to be out flying and a contact number or email address. Get in touch with them and have a chat (we're a friendly lot!) and hopefully you can arrange to meet them on the hill. If this isn't immediately possible, at least you'll have someone to talk to constructively about your flying, and later on they'll be able to help you with the preparation for your Pilot rating.

Our club has an excellent selection of sites to fly that take in most wind directions, including coastal cliff flying and inland sites for soaring, many with the potential to go cross-country. There are some good sites for beginners to get some practice – for example: Bell Hill and White Horse. Have a read of our excellent Site Guide to familiarise yourself with all of our sites and maybe even check them against Google Earth to see the satellite view.

There's plenty of other preparation that you can do when it's not flyable too, from checking over your equipment and understanding your instruments to reading reference books on the sport and mentally rehearsing your pre-flight routines and flying techniques. This will help you arrive at the hill properly prepared and ready to go!

The club also has an online forum with a section dedicated to coaching – this is a good resource to share information, tips and techniques. Elsewhere on the site you can find details of people's imminent flying plans.

I look forward to meeting you and flying with you. I wish you many years of happy and safe flying.

Kind regards

Neil McCain
Chief Coach