

The Club has a very tenuous hold on some sites and is almost totally reliant upon the continuing goodwill of farmers and landowners. Please ensure that the individual site rules in this guide are adhered to. They are all there for good reason!

In addition, the following general rules should always be followed:

1. BHPA membership is mandatory.
 - Membership cards should be carried at all times whilst on Wessex flying sites.
 - Visiting foreign pilots of IPPI grade SAFE PRO Stage 2 (Hang gliding) or Para Pro Stage 3 (Paragliding) may fly Wessex open sites provided that they have third party insurance and seek a briefing from local pilots where appropriate.
2. Any flying accident must be reported to the safety officer as soon as possible. Any serious accident or incident must be reported to the BHPA.
3. Any damage to crops, property or animals must be reported to the sites officer immediately.
4. Follow the country code. Do not leave litter. Do not climb over fences or walls and always shut gates behind you. No barbeques on any of our sites.
5. Park in designated parking places. Do not obstruct roads, gates or tracks.
6. Drive considerately.
7. Be courteous to anyone you meet. After all, they may be the landowner.
8. Do not bring dogs onto club sites that are privately owned.
9. Avoid landing in crops and near livestock. Never over-fly sheep during lambing season.
10. No Loud Music on the ground or in the air.
11. No deliberate freefall.
12. No deliberate reserve or base deployments.
13. No learning or teaching of SIV. If the site and conditions are suitable then pilots may reinforce, through practice, the skills they have already mastered. This must be performed with sufficient height and well clear of other pilots. Pilots unfamiliar with rapid descent techniques, stall, spin and collapse recovery should not try and learn them on Wessex sites.
14. Adhere to Air-Law and BHPA rules and advice.
15. No acro within 500 ft of anything or anyone in the air or on the ground.
16. No commercial use of any Wessex site without written consent of the club.

Finally, please remember that (with the exception of Bell Hill) these are not 'our' sites! We have no unqualified right to use them. It is up to everyone to marshal the sites effectively to ensure that we don't outstay our welcome.

Acro and SIV Advice

Acrobatic or deliberate collapse manoeuvres that are unfamiliar or push a pilot into an untrained flight path/cascade, are strongly discouraged, except in a suitable training environment, such as an SIV course.

Learning and practice of SIV and Pilotage is strongly encouraged. It should be considered a normal part of pilot development. It should only be performed under professional guidance and at suitable locations.

It is strongly advised that all acrobatic manoeuvres be taught, learnt and practised under guidance in suitable locations abroad such as Annecy, Oludeniz, Gerlitz or Organya. Currently, there are no suitable locations in the UK. See <https://justacro.com/startplaces>

Acro should only be performed with altitudes greater than 1000ft agl and should also allow for drift within dynamic lift bands. Always return to stable flight before cliff height or 500ft, whichever is the higher.

Intentional deployment of safety equipment (i.e. Acrobases, standard paragliding reserves) and freefall are strongly discouraged. However, forward planning should allow for maximum mitigation of any flight outcome at all times. Always advise everyone in the area of your intentions to avoid misunderstanding, concern and possible unnecessary emergency service callouts.



General site/Club rules