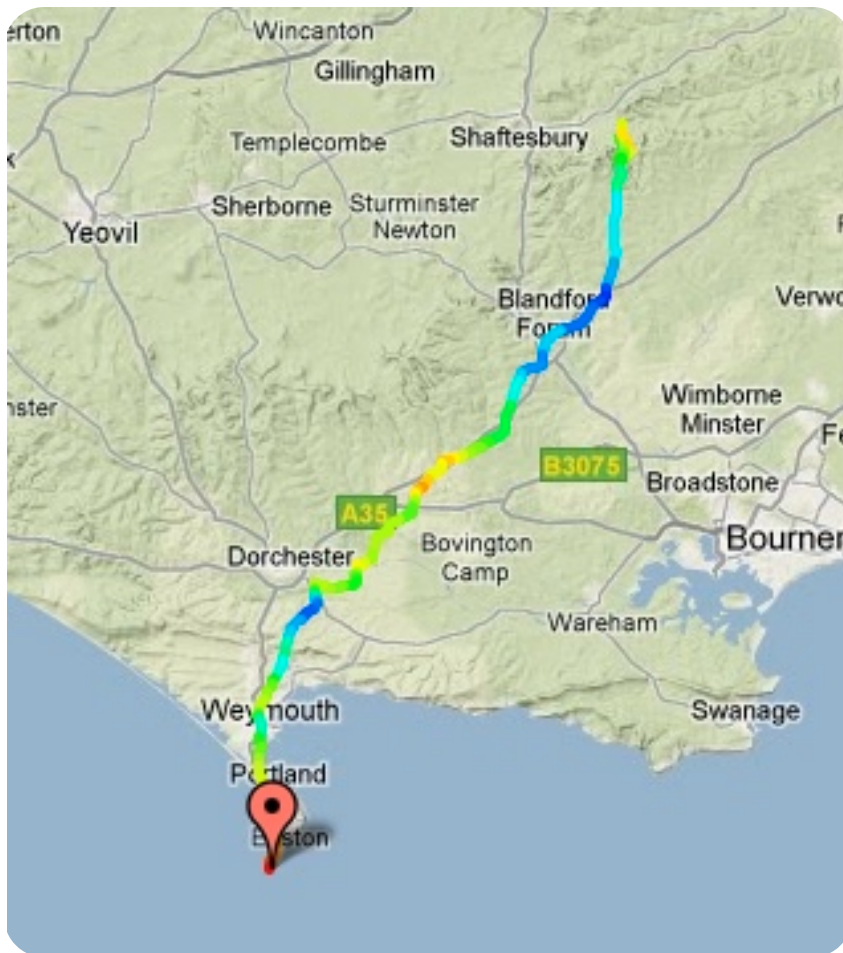


V2.1, MAY 2016

# CROSS COUNTRY RECORDS

WESSEX



"Eventually I found a good climb to 4000 ft again, south of Dorchester, which gave me the idea of trying something never achieved before – to land at Portland Bill."

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"Salisbury cathedral was discernible through the haze to the north, and a large red ship sailing out of Southampton took centre stage amongst the activity on display there."

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"Okeford is an unpleasant little site not worthy of anyone's attention. The guy that got away from it this year was incredibly skilled and should be worshipped, the site closed and his record memorialised by a grand monument."

## Welcome to Record Flight Club

The first rule of Record Flight Club is: You TALK ABOUT Record Flight Club.

The second rule of Record Flight Club is: You TALK ABOUT your record flight.

Third rule of Record Flight Club: You launch, hook a thermal, climb out, go further than anyone else, IT'S A RECORD.

Fourth rule: You TELL SOMEONE about your record flight.

Fifth rule: One flight can count for more than one record.

Sixth rule: No UK XC League entry, NO FLIGHT.

Seventh rule: Records will be as long as the UK XC League says they are.

Eighth and final rule: If you beat a record in Record Flight Club, TELL SOMEONE about it.

Someones to TELL ABOUT your record flight

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## The Rules

The sensible thing to do is to keep the club record rules in line with the rules defined for the National League, using the minimum distances for club flights. Those rules are pretty stable now with just the occasional, subtle change over time. If you enter a flight on the National League website and it is accepted as a flight of the type for which you want to claim the record, then you have the record, assuming verification does not cause it to be rejected for airspace infringement or other offence. The rules and definitions of acceptable flights can be found in their full detail here

<http://www.xcleague.com/xc/info/rulesflights.html>

I have extracted the minimum scoring distances for club flights and put them in the handy table below. In the previous version of this document I hadn't included all the flight types in each hill's section, but as this new format has room for them, and looks better for having them, they have been included. This makes an easy reference for determining what records haven't been bagged yet, so go get 'em.

Be aware that a single flight can potentially count for more than one record. For example, a large triangle from a hill may well beat the standing out and return record as well. Conversely, a meandering turn point flight may not end up further from the hill than the current open distance record.

### Minimum Scoring Distances

Open Distance	5 km
Turn Point	5 km
Flight to Goal	25 km
Out & Return	5 km
Declared Out & Return	35 km
Flat Triangle	5 km
FAI Triangle	5 km
Declared FAI Triangle	25 km

Finally, and you may be getting bored with hearing this now (actually a good thing as that means it's sunk in), please do TELL SOMEONE if you think you have done a record breaking flight. A lot of this document has been put together by trawling through the XC Leagues and checking out likely flights; a long and fiddly process. It's much easier to keep up-to-date if you email us to let you know you've done a new record, and we will thank you for it.

## Update v2.3

12 Feb 2018

**This update has, for a change, been short. It seems the spate of records has abated, perhaps a sign that PG tech development is back in the doldrums – has it jumped the shark nose? – or maybe it was just not a great year for coordinating pilots' skives with good XC days.**

The changes on the PG front are minor. Grant O has extended the Monk's Flight to Goal with another run down to Portland Bill, though to pass Richard W's OD and TP records a he'll need to put a few detours into his routes. Grant and Seb L also repeated the run from Ringstead to Swanage, this time with those detours to extend the distance a little. And Dave M has given us a blast from the past with a write of his still standing 2000 trip from Bulbarrow to Salisbury.

I am pleased to note that we have a new hang glider record. Richard M has shown that it's all very well for the PGs to show off going from Ringstead to Swanage, but how about trying it the other way around? In September he took a westward jaunt from Ballard Down and, via some inland ridges and a bit of coast, made it to a landing at Weymouth White Horse. 40 km from a coastal site with nowt behind it; that's the way to do it.

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## Update v2.2

21 Nov 2016

**It may only be six months since this document was last updated, but a flying season of successful XCs has already rendered it redundant. One member took full advantage of conditions to nab himself a total of six records, including some previously unclaimed. Well done that Hobbis. He was not alone though, Grant Oseland succumbed to temptation and took a cheeky trip over the back of Maiden Castle, making it to Portland, and cemented his place as King of Ringstead with a run down past Kimmeridge and back to Bowleaze Cove for two more records.**

Peter Robinson had a rummage through his ancient logs to excavate the longest UK flight by a Wessex hang glider – 184 km

from Merthyr Common to Tring, Herts. He did this epic flight way back in 1986, making it a flight older than some of our members.



THERE WERE THOSE WHO FELT THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOBBI'S FLIGHT DECK WERE JUST A SHADE EXCESSIVE

Well, maybe a couple of them. Peter recalls that it was an almost dead easterly course and tells us, 'I came home from London on the "milk train" (which no longer runs) arriving in Dorchester about 4a.m. and having to walk the four miles home. Fortunately I had gone to Merthyr with someone else, but had to drive up to Tring a few days later to collect the glider.' It turns out that this is the furthest any club member has flown in the UK. Now there's a thrown gauntlet.

Proving once again the quality of Hambledon Hill, Ian Hobbis beat his own records to add 7 km to the open distance and 9 km the turn point. This flight also nudged Martin Foley's epic from Telegraph into second place to take the Longest Ever Wessex PG Open Distance (by a member), but not the longest turn-point flight, which Martin retains courtesy of his skilful navigation around Southampton airspace. That wasn't Ian's only good Hambledon flight of 2016. On August 14 he flew down to Piddletrenthide and back to claim not one, not two, but three records – flat and FAI triangles and the out & return. Not bad for a day's wafting.

Monk's provided Ian another new record, the Flight to Declared Goal. He actually ended up at Portland Bill, emulating Richard Westgate's first crossing to Portland, but looking at his score I am guessing that he overflew his goal of Weymouth Beach.

*Roger Edwards*

## Update v2.1

18 May 2016

**Given all the years taken to build up this many club records, how many can be broken when you turn your back on a document for a mere eighteen months? Fifteen, that's how many. You lot have been busy. As you are probably aware, 2015 turned out to be the best year ever recorded for XC flying in the UK, and it was no different for the Wessex region.**

To make it easy to find the new records, and if you want to jump straight there rather than read my waffle, I have put a green dot by them all on the summary list. The sharp among you may notice only twelve dots, not fifteen. Some of the records were broken more than once. My apologies to those who didn't get their full page of glory in this 'ere tome.

Ian Hobbis has turned another site of ours into a 100ker: Whitesheet. Grant achieved the goal of many, to get from Ringstead to Durlleston Head, a task often blocked by the push into wind at St Aldhem's. This trip was first done on a hang glider back in 1980, by Peter Robinson – it's only taken the floppies thirty-five years to catch up. Joking aside, that's a good marker for the performance of modern paragliders, something which has contributed to the spate of record breaking over the last few years.

But let's not forget that these high performance wings still have to be taken advantage of, and that's being done with

ambition. There are more attempts at out & returns and triangles these days. On a light-wind day at Bell or Monk's you'll see a lot more people pushing forwards and going off to the east or west, which I prefer to think is an attempt to put in a triangle rather than to avoid the hassle of a retrieve.

There's more bold goals being set too – but for 1 km, Ian would have taken the Whitesheet flight to goal to over 100 km as well. But be careful when setting those goals, it's easy to slip up with our more complex instruments, as Sean Staines discovered to his chagrin. Sean made goal on his flight home from Swallowcliffe, but he included an intermediate turn point as a navigation aid, causing his instrument to record an IGC file with start, end and intermediate points. The three points resulted in its rejection as a flight to goal. Bad luck, Sean.

I shall repeat, if you think you've achieved a record, please do let myself, Gary or the committee know. A case in point is that Martin Foley had a rummage through some old tracks and now lays claim to the flight to goal, out & return and FAI triangle for Telegraph. Take a look at the Telegraph records. Yep, Martin owns it. Also note that embedded in your triangle may be an out & return; Ian has sneaked in one for Bell.

We should acknowledge that Martin also beat the Whitehorse record last year, landing at Mere for 51.3 OD, 56.0 TP, but unfortunately for Martin it won't stand. A couple of hours later Grant landed at Stonehenge to take the direct SW route

from the Horse to its limit, almost literally bouncing off the Salisbury Plain Prohibited Zone. If there was a club prize for the coolest picture of a landing field, it would have been Grant's.



There's still some low hanging fruit among the records, mostly from some of our lesser-flown sites and likely needing the surrender of a longer flight from a better site. I'll leave you to find them, if you fancy getting away from the crowds and claiming some record breaking kudos.

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## **Editor's Introduction v2.0** *13 December 2014*

**Welcome to the Wessex XC Records Archive 2.0, updated, upgraded and just a teensy bit bigger than before. OK, much bigger than before. Every site now has it's own summary and each of its records that's been claimed a page all to itself. The cunning behind what might seem a crazy plan is to make this almighty record of records future proof, at least as far as easily changing and entering new records goes. Having spent the last few days updating it I can confirm the mission accomplished.**

Since the last edition, in July 2011, there has been a jump in glider performance and pilot skill, a jump that has tumbled many records, most notably Jacek's 1999 longest Wessex paraglider flight. Well done all you record breakers, you must have had dedication for breakfast on those days you beat the rest.

There is a new section to this document that didn't make it into the 1.0 version: hang glider records. There's sparse information on these, just what can be gleaned from an old record list and early editions of Airmail. The latter have not been trawled through thoroughly and I have done what I can with the available information. It would be great to flesh out the hangie records but I confess I have neither the time nor, frankly, the

inclination. If you know any more info or want to do the research get in touch and I will point you in the right direction.

You will notice a couple of sites missing that appear on the league tables: Southbourne and Barton on Sea. This is because there are limits to what can be achieved there. If you've flown from Southbourne to Sandbanks and back then consider yourself to have achieved the record, along with many others. If anyone ever picks up a thermal at Sandbanks and leapfrogs the ferry onto Studland and the Purbecks then a page for that will be well deserved, but not for the moment. The full Barton circuit is harder to achieve, needing a trip down to Milford then back past launch, across Chewton Bunny, past Highcliffe Castle to Mudeford and – technically with only one coastal turn point – back to Milford. Most, though, consider it done if you get back to launch. Other coastal records are recorded here as such, especially where there's chance that someone might do a thermal flight back, inland. Ringstead is a likely candidate, though no one has yet turned their back on the cliffs with Dorchester and beyond in mind. The intention is to keep the coastal records as separate entries if this ever happens.

I will reiterate a couple of points, though they are mentioned elsewhere. Firstly, to avoid any arguments, your flight will only score the same as its entry in the National League – what they have accepted within their rules stands. And secondly, please please tell someone if you think you have broken a record –

trawling through the league tables to find likely candidates is no fun. Use one of the emails on page 2. Thanks.

Given the fiddliness of this document I don't doubt there are some errors and typos in it, and maybe even one or two contentious things. If you spot anything do please let me know so that it can be corrected: [wessex@blue64.co.uk](mailto:wessex@blue64.co.uk)

All you have to do now is find the blanks and make a new year's resolution to fill some of them.

*Roger Edwards*

## **Editor's Introduction v1.0**

*31 July 2011*

**Welcome to the Wessex Site Records Archive, or whatever fancy name we want to call it. It's about three years since I updated the last record list and there have been requests for me to do so again as there's been a fair few records set since then. The problem was that every time I looked at it it seemed inadequate, showing only open distance records, and then only as a simple list that captured nothing of the stories of the flights nor the history of past derring-do. It needed to be bigger and better and more inspiring. Of course, this meant more work, more time and more procrastination.**

In the old days open distance records were the only ones that made sense. People generally didn't fly with a GPS that recorded their every move and, as far as I can tell, turn point flights weren't recorded in the National League until the 21st century. Now when you look at the National League Rules you find that a lot more flight types are recognised, and we also have funky tools like GPS Dump to analyse our 3D GPS tracks and work out which type will maximise our score. There's also the advances in glider technology and performance that are making previously unthinkable out-and-return and triangle flights possible. There are six flight types, and though the National League doesn't recognise turn point flights as a record class I have decided to count them. They give a reasonable measure of the ground covered after leaving a site rather than simply the distance from it, and they add another target to go for, especially as many are not yet claimed.

With all that in mind I have designed this document to allow for the recording of these new record types, whether they have been achieved from a site yet or not. The hardest part of the design was working out how to present the all the necessary information in a clear format, including historical record holders, and not end up with a dry list of dates and numbers. It has taken some trawling through ancient Airmails and old online XC leagues, but I think that those goals have been achieved, and

there is space for it to grow without too much pain for future editors.

What you are reading is a first draft and you will notice that it is missing some information. It does not contain the hang glider records. For that I apologise, hangies. The intention is to include them at a later date. To have included them in the this first draft in the same depth as the paraglider flights would have added a lot more work and delayed the release of the paraglider records. I figured that they can wait as there is not much enthusiasm amongst the club hangies for going XC. I will endeavour to get a simple list added soon, even if the full detail has to wait until later. If anyone wants to accelerate this by doing the research work I will gratefully hand over the task. Also, I have not recorded any tandem flights as I simply don't know of any. I know that there have been some, so if you want to claim one please tell me about it. The same goes for any unclaimed flight types or any disputes you may have with the records presented. This is not a perfect document and I expect it to contain errors; if you find any please do let me know.

On a more positive note, some of you will find your name unexpectedly up in lights or be reminded of a past glory. If there's some blank space by your record please send me something to flesh out the flight. Track maps really help to put a flight in context and some words of description help to capture its spirit.



**Stuart finally sees his big chance.**

There's plenty in here and emerging from the data that you won't have been aware of before, and it reveals a host of records ripe for their first plucking. It's time to start thinking outside of the drift, thinking about what opportunities a site offers for going

forwards and sideways as well as just over the back. It was only a few days before writing this that Richard Westgate set the first recorded out-and-return record for Bell Hill by flying to the Bulbarrow aerals and back. It might not be the highest scoring flight, but it is the first recorded as an out-and-return. It is also a good example of a flight that may have you shouting, 'But I've done that.' You may have, but did you enter it and thereby claim it? In 2008 Adrian Coombe made a bold attempt to ride the sea-breeze front back from Durlston Head, getting to Corfe. It didn't get him an out-and-return, but it did bag him the turn point record. Stuart Martin threw that gauntlet down by saying he believes that it is possible to ride the sea breeze front all the way back to Bell. On a still day in 2009 Andy Dawson thought to fly a triangle from Bell; the flat triangle record is now his. Have a rummage, apply a little imagination and see if you can fill one of the blanks or extend one of the long standing records that was flown using gear we wouldn't even contemplate selling on eBay these days.

I hope you find it an interesting read, and if it inspires you to get out to a different hill and go for some of the more obscure records that are begging to be claimed, then it's done its job.

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# BEST FLIGHTS BY WESSEX MEMBERS, PARAGLIDER AND HANG GLIDER

This table needs development. The initial focus for this document has been on Wessex site records, national and international records being harder to track down. If you have any info on such records that isn't here do please let me have it. The flights on this table are open distance unless otherwise stated. They are also flights made by club members unless otherwise stated.

## **Longest Flight from a Wessex Site (Non-member), Hang Glider or Paraglider**

163.1 km	Tim Pentreath	5 Jun 2013	Hambledon Hill NE	Nr Welcombe
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## **Longest Flight from a Wessex Site (Member), Hang Glider or Paraglider**

118.1 km	Rob Dowdell	3 May 2009	Corton Denham	Abingdon
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## **Longest Paraglider Flight from a Wessex Site (Non-member)**

163.1 km	Tim Pentreath	5 Jun 2013	Hambledon Hill NE	Nr Welcombe
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## **Longest Paraglider Flight from a Wessex Site (Member)**

113.8 km	Martin Foley	26 May 2013	Telegraph Hill	Liss
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**Longest Hang Glider Flight from a Wessex Site**

118.1 km	Rob Dowdell	3 May 2009	Corton Denham	Abingdon
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**Longest UK Paraglider Flight by a Wessex Member**

171.2 km	Richard Westgate	24 Jul 2004	XClent	Dasham nr Newmarket
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**Longest UK Hang Glider Flight by a Wessex Member**

184.0 km	Peter Robinson	29 Apr 1986	Merthyr Common SO076042	Buckland Wood Farm nr Tring, SP916074	Airmail July '86
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**Best UK Paraglider Out and Return Flight by a Wessex Member**

68.3 km	Richard Westgate	26 Apr 2011	Bein Toaig	n/a
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**Best UK Paraglider FAI Triangle Flight by a Wessex Member**

90.1 km	Richard Westgate	26 Apr 2011	Ben Toaig	n/a
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### **UK Height Gain Record - Current National Record**

1903 m	Richard Westgate, Gary Puhl	8 Aug 2007	Sarn	n/a
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# PARAGLIDER SITE RECORDS

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New Entries 

<i>Site / Flight Type</i>	<i>km</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Landing</i>	<i>Comment</i>
<b>BALLARD DOWN</b>					
Open Distance	4.4	Ali Florence	17 Apr 2005	Studland Beach	
Turn Point	15.3	Ali Florence	31 Jul 2007	Corfe Castle	
<b>BELL HILL</b>					
Open Distance	71.3	Peter Robinson	25 Jun 2004	nr Sutton Scotney	
Turn Point	56.4	Gary Puhl	3 May 2016	nr Lockerly	
Flight to Goal	39.7	Gary Puhl	13 Apr 2014	Durliston Head	
Out and Return	20.8	Ian Hobbis	7 Aug 2014	n/a	
Flat Triangle	33.1	Andy Dawson	14 Jun 2009	n/a	
FAI Triangle	23.9	Gary Puhl	21 Jun 2014	n/a	
<b>BINCOMBE Hill Closed</b>					
Open Distance	3.6	Dave Moores	11 Oct 1998	Broadmayne	Hill now closed

<i>Site / Flight Type</i>	<i>km</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Landing</i>	<i>Comment</i>
<b>BULBARROW</b>					
● Open Distance	48.8	Dave Moores	27 Jul 2000	Salisbury	New write up form Dave
Turn Point	8.1	Will Palmer	16 Apr 2012	Okeford Fitzpaine	
<b>CORTON DENHAM</b>					
Open Distance	33.8	Shamus Pitts	13 May 2012	Nr Upton Scudamore	
Turn Point	39.4	Shamus Pitts	13 May 2012	Nr Upton Scudamore	
<b>COWDOWN</b>					
Open Distance	89.8	Jacek Generowitz	25 May 1999	Winchester	
Turn Point	48.9	Shamus Pitts	17 Jul 2010	Swanage	
<b>FRIAR WADDON</b>					
Open Distance	36.5	Paul Hawkins	16 Aug 2009	Henstridge	
Turn Point	37.7	Paul Hawkins	16 Aug 2009	Henstridge	
<b>HAMBLEDON HILL NE</b>					
Open Distance	163.1	Tim Pentreath	5 Jun 2013	Nr Welcombe	Non-member
Open Distance	119.5	Ian Hobbis	24 May 2016	Nr Wembworthy	Member

<i>Site / Flight Type</i>	<i>km</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Landing</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Turn Point	166.4	Tim Pentreath	5 Jun 2013	Nr Welcombe	Non-member
Turn Point	123.6	Ian Hobbis	24 May 2016	Nr Wembworthy	Member
Flight to Goal	101.3	Ian Hobbis	5 Jun 2013	Nr Chawleigh	
Out & Return	35.5	Ian Hobbis	14 Aug 2016		
Flat Triangle	39.5	Ian Hobbis	14 Aug 2016		
FAI Triangle	36.2	Ian Hobbis	14 Aug 2016		
<b>HAMBLEDON HILL W</b>					
Open Distance	50.5	Gary Puhl	26 Jul 2013	nr Broughton	
Turn Point	53.1	Gary Puhl	26 Jul 2013	nr Broughton	
<b>KIMMERIDGE</b>					
Open Distance	4.8	Dave Moores	29 Aug 2000	Corfe	
Out & Return	33	Dave Moores Gary Puhl Stuart Martin	22 Oct 2000	White Nothe – Corfe	Coastal flight
<b>KNITSON HILL</b>					
Open Distance	3.4	Dave Moores	1 Jul 0200	Studland Beach	

<i>Site / Flight Type</i>	<i>km</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Landing</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Turn Point	24.3	Ali Florence	17 Apr 2008	Knitson Hill	Coastal flight
Out & Return	13.6	Ali Florence	17 May 2008	n/a	Coastal flight
<b>MAIDEN CASTLE</b>					
Open Distance	15.2	Grant Oseland	29 May 2016	Fortuneswell	
Turn Point	17.5	Grant Oseland	29 May 2016	Fortuneswell	
<b>MARLEYCOMBE</b>					
Open Distance	14.7	Dave Moores	30 Jun 1998	Fordingbridge	
<b>MONK'S DOWN</b>					
Open Distance	59.9	Richard Westgate	13 Jul 2010	Portland Bill	First PG crossing from mainland to Portland
Turn Point	65.8	Richard Westgate	13 Jul 2010	Portland Bill	
● Flight to Goal	57.8	Grant Oseland	10 Aug 2017	Portland Bill	
Out & Return	8.5	Shamus Pitts	13 Jul 2013	n/a	
Flat Triangle	9.5	Shamus Pitts	13 Jul 2013	n/a	
FAI Triangle	8.3	Marcus Webster	13 Jul 2013	n/a	

<i>Site / Flight Type</i>	<i>km</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Landing</i>	<i>Comment</i>
<b>OKEFORD HILL</b>					
Open Distance	11.4	Neil McCain	25 Apr 2011	Milborne St Andrew	
Turn Point	13.1	Neil McCain	25 Apr 2011	Milborne St Andrew	
<b>RINGSTEAD</b>					
● Open Distance	27.7	Grant Oseland, Seb Lee	20 May 2017	Ballard Green	Coastal flight
Turn Point	41.7	Grant Oseland	23 Sep 2016	Ringstead	Coastal flight
Out & Return	36.2	Grant Oseland	23 Sep 2016	n/a	Coastal flight
<b>ST ALDHELM'S HEAD</b>					
Open Distance	5.1	Ali Florence	26 May 2013	Acton	
Turn Point	9.5	Mike Drew	19 Sep 2005	Langton – Acton	
<b>SWALLOWCLIFFE</b>	<b>Hill re-opened 2012</b>				
Open Distance	39.5	Sean Staines	15 May 2016	Brockenhurst	
Turn Point	42.2	Sean Staines	15 May 2016	Brockenhurst	
<b>TELEGRAPH HILL / BATCOMBE</b> <b>Actually a Condors hill, but in the Wessex region and counts for our leagues</b>					
Open Distance	113.8	Martin Foley	26 May 2013	Liss	

<i>Site / Flight Type</i>	<i>km</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Landing</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Turn Point	125.6	Martin Foley	26 May 2013	Liss	
Flight to Goal	40.5	Martin Foley	14 May 2014	Langton Matravers	
Out & Return	7.9	Martin Foley	1 Jul 2011		
Flat Triangle	6.1	Grant Oseland	19 Apr 2013		
FAI Triangle	8.3	Martin Foley	19 May 2011		
<b>WHITE HORSE</b>					
Open Distance	71.3	Grant Oseland	31 Jul 2015	Stonehenge	
Turn Point	74.2	Grant Oseland	31 Jul 2015	Stonehenge	
<b>WHITESHEET</b>					
Open Distance	101.3	Ian Hobbis	30 May 2015	nr Guildford	
Turn Point	102.9	Ian Hobbis	30 May 2015	nr Guildford	
Flight to Goal	54.6	Marcus Webster	26 May 2013	Sutton Scotney	
<b>WINKLEBURY</b>					
Open Distance	37.8	Richard Westgate	9 May 1995		
Turn Point	28.3	Colin Davies	26 Jul 2007	Bere Regis	

# HANG GLIDER SITE RECORDS summary

<i>Site / Flight Type</i>	<i>km</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Landing</i>	<i>Comment</i>
<b>BALLARD DOWN</b>					
● Open Distance	35.5	Richard Mosely	23 Sep 2017	White Horse (Wey)	
● Turn Point	40.4	Richard Mosely	23 Sep 2017	White Horse (Wey)	
<b>BELL HILL</b>					
Open Distance	112.8	Peter Robinson	1 May 1985	Bognor Regis	Class D used
Open Distance	58.5	Grant Crossingham	11 Apr 1999	Beaulieu	Class D closed
<b>BINCOMBE Hill Closed</b>					
None claimed					
<b>BULBARROW</b>					
None claimed					
<b>CORTON DENHAM</b>					
Open Distance	118.1	Rob Dowdell	3 May 2009	Nr Radley College	
Turn Point					



<i>Site / Flight Type</i>	<i>km</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Landing</i>	<i>Comment</i>
<b>HAMBLEDON HILL NE</b>					
Open Distance	81.1	Peter Robinson	17 Apr 1981	Colaton Raleigh	
<b>HAMBLEDON HILL W</b>					
None claimed					
<b>KIMMERIDGE</b>					
None claimed					
<b>KNITSON HILL</b>					
None claimed					
<b>MARLEYCOMBE</b>					
None claimed					
<b>MONK'S DOWN</b>					
Open Distance	57.7	Tony King	18 Jun 1988	Portland	
<b>OKEFORD HILL</b>					
None claimed					

<i>Site / Flight Type</i>	<i>km</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Landing</i>	<i>Comment</i>
<b>RINGSTEAD</b>					
Open Distance	27.0	Peter Robinson	1980	Durlston Head	Coastal flight
<b>WHITE HORSE</b>					
None claimed					
<b>WHITESHEET</b>					
Open Distance	82.8	Tony Stephens	16 Aug 2009	nr Petersfield	
Turn Point	95.6	Tony Stephens	16 Aug 2009	nr Petersfield	
<b>WINKLEBURY</b>					
Open Distance	112.3	Steve Adams	5 Jun 1994	Worthing	Class D used

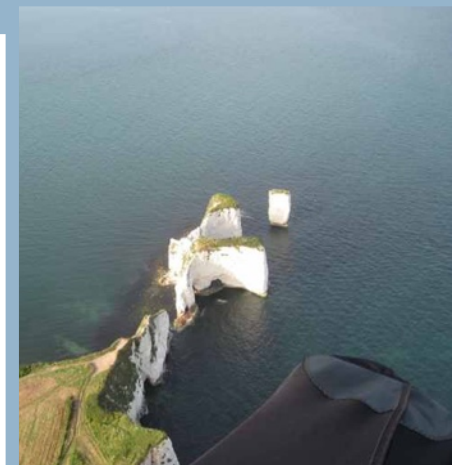
# PARAGLIDER RECORDS



# BALLARD DOWN

SZ041812

Open Distance	4.4	17 Apr 2005	Ali Florence
Turn Point			not claimed
Turn Point, Coastal	15.3	31 Jul 2007	Ali Florence
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## OPEN DISTANCE

# BALLARD DOWN

**4.4 km**

**Ali Florence**

**17 Apr 2005**

After about half an hour averaging 200 ft ATO some decent thermic bits started to blow through, and by 0915 hrs I was comfortable at 400—600 ft ATO with the odd climb higher and pushing out well in front. I had my airmap with me and when I hit 900 ft something possessed me to go XC. I suppose not many people bother from here for two good reasons

Studland Beach

- Max distance to airspace or Poole harbour is about 7 km
- After the effort of walking up the hill you would have to be stupid to fly off of it.

Gin Bandit (DHV 2)

There were no clouds forming behind me so I guessed I wasn't going to gain much height over the back. I peaked out at about 1384 ft AMSL and from there took a glide toward the chain ferry which ended just north of the nudist colony on Studland beach. I was even more surprised when my wife offered to come and retrieve me.

Not entered in league

Not recorded in Airmail

## History

## TURN POINT

# BALLARD DOWN

15.3 km

Ali Florence

31 Jul 2007

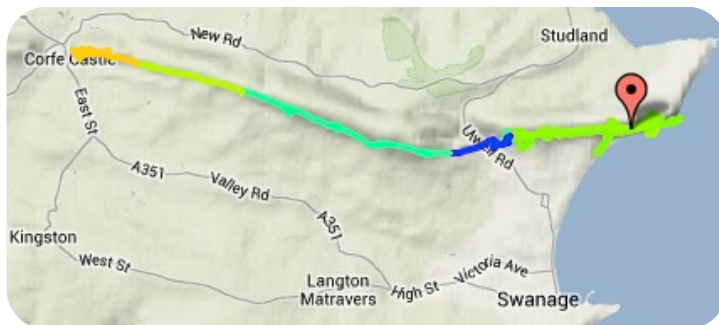
Corfe Castle

XIX Form 3 (DHV 2)

[National League link](#)

Not recorded in Airmail

Soon I got bored and decided to try to win my whiskey again by running to the ranges and back. Arrived at Corfe at ridge top height and proceeded to try to build height to jump the Castle. I spent about 10 mins or so being Yo-yo'd in fierce lify and sinky bits, but couldn't get more than 100 ft over the hill.

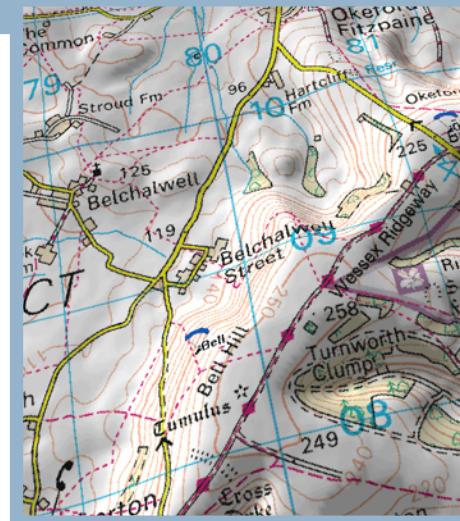


## History

# BELL HILL

ST797086

Open Distance	71.3	25 Jun 2004	Peter Robinson
Turn Point	56.4	3 May 2016	Gary Puhl
Flight to Goal	39.7	13 Apr 2014	Gary Puhl
Out & Return	20.4	7 Aug 2014	Ian Hobbis
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle	33.1	21 Jun 2009	Andy Dawson
FAI Triangle	23.9	21 Jun 2014	Gary Puhl
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## OPEN DISTANCE



**71.3 km**

**Peter Robinson**

**25 Jun 2004**

Nr Sutton Scotney

Gin Bandit (DHV 2)

[National XC League Link](#)

Not recorded in Airmail

## History

39.3	Peter Robinson	24 May 1998	Durlston Head		
37.7	Mark Russell	5 Oct 1994	Swanage Beach		
24.2	Mark Russell	4 Oct 1994	Wareham		
32.5	Mike Richards	28 Jul 1994	Kimmeridge		
24.0	Neil Hutchison	19 May 1993	Merley (Class D open)	Voodoo	Airmail June 1993



## TURN POINT

56.4 km

Gary Puhl

3 May 2016

Nr Lockerly

Ozone Mantra Mc (EN D)

[National XC League Link](#)

Not recorded in Airmail



## History

51.4	Adrian Coombe	7 Jun 2008	Stoborough	Nova Mamboo (DHV 1/2)	<a href="#">National XC League Link</a>
45.1	Adrian Coombe	8 Aug 2006			
42.3	Ali Florence	6 Aug 2006			
39.1	Peter Robinson	30 May 2005	Durlston Head		

## FLIGHT TO GOAL

BEAUFORT

39.7 km / 53.5 points

Gary Puhl

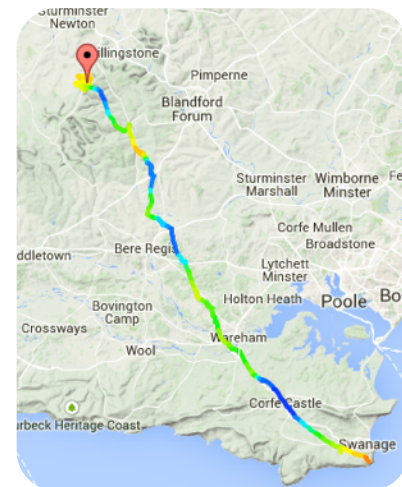
13 Apr 2014

Durlston Head, Swanage

Ozone Mantra M4

[National League link](#)

Not in Airmail



## History

39.2 / 51.9	Gary Puhl / Ian Hobbis	18 May 2013	Durlston Head	Gradient XC3 (EN D) / Apco Zafira (EN C)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
39.1 / 51.6	Gary Puhl	14 Jun 2013	Durlston Head	Gradient XC3 (EN D)	<a href="#">National League link</a>

## OUT & RETURN

20.4 km / 26.5 points

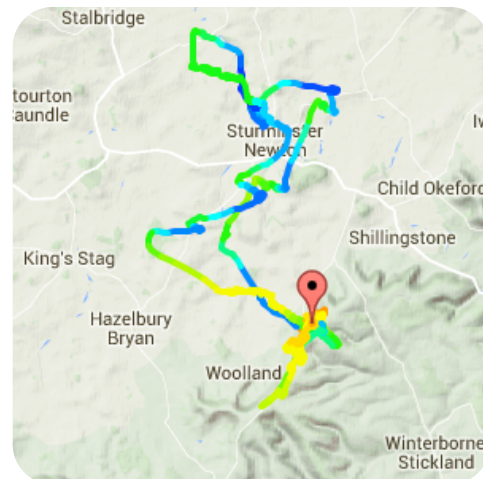
Ian Hobbis

7 Aug 2014

n/a

Apco Zafira

[National League link](#)



## History

12.6 / 16.4	Gary Puhl	21 Jun 2014	Ozone Mantra M4 (EN D)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
7.6 / 9.9	Ali Florence	10 Mar 2012	Ozone Mantra M3 (EN D)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
7.0 / 9.2	Richard Westgate	25 Jul 2011	Ozone Mantra M4 (EN D)	<a href="#">National League link</a>

## FLAT TRIANGLE

33.1 km

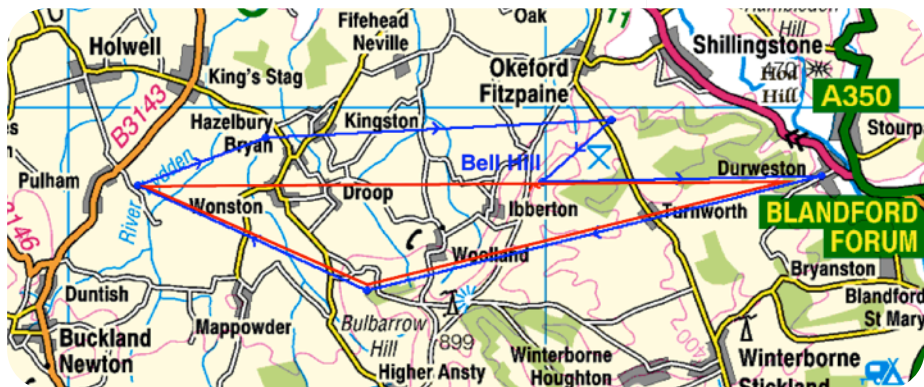
Andy Dawson

14 Jun 2009

Wing not known

Not entered in league

Airmail August 2009



## History

9.4 Pete Chalmers

2 Mar 2009

Gradient Aspen 2

Airmail June 2009

## FAI TRIANGLE

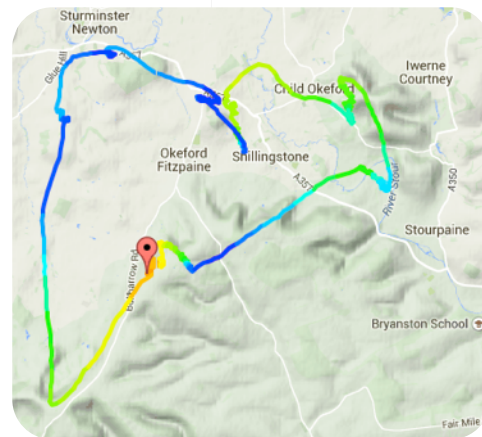
23.9 km / 47.7 points

Gary Puhl

21 Jun 2014

Ozone Mantra M4

[National League link](#)



## History

16.1 / 32.0	Ian Hobbis	14 Jul 2013	Apco Zafira (EN C)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
7.8 / 12.4	Neil McCain	19 Apr 2013	Aircross USport (EN D)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
5.4 / 8.7	Gary Puhl	23 May 2012	Gradient Arvax XC3 (EN D)	<a href="#">National League link</a>

# BINCOMBE HILL

SY685846

Open Distance	3.6	11 Oct 1998	Dave Moores
Turn Point			not claimed
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed

**SITE CLOSED**



## OPEN DISTANCE

BINCOMBE HILL

3.6 km

Dave Moores

11 Oct 1998

Broadmayne

Airwave Alto XM (Comp rated)

Not entered in league

Not recorded in Airmail

## History

SITE CLOSED

# BULBARROW

ST771058

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>27 Jul 2000</b>	<b>Dave Moores</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>16 Apr 2012</b>	<b>Will Palmer</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>





## OPEN DISTANCE

48.8 km



I've had some nice flights at Bulbarrow, but this wasn't one of them. Flying here is normally a fairly fraught experience (I once saw Andy Dawson loop here, years before it was invented officially) and this was one of those days. I took off, did about four turns in a scrappy climb and got blown over the back! I turned and ran for the valley, waving at Gary Puhl as I flew over his car and then focused on keeping the wing inflated. Two minutes later I'm about 60 feet above the gate at Bell, in a climb and starting to do 360's that nearly put me in the ground every time. I climb along the track, never more than 40–50 feet up until I reach the bowl and then it pings off and away I go. I even get to see Gary arrive at the gate in his car just in time to see me climb out.

Dave Moores

27 Jul 2000

Salisbury

Gin Bonanza (DHV 2/3)

[National League link](#)

Not recorded in Airmail

Easy flying at base and another very low save saw me climb out of the wrong side of Bowerchalke, and after flying right over Salisbury cathedral I tried to run a blue hole and that was that. Gary had chased me all the way, so after a short bus ride I was collected and beer was had.

## History

## TURN POINT

8.1

**Will Palmer**

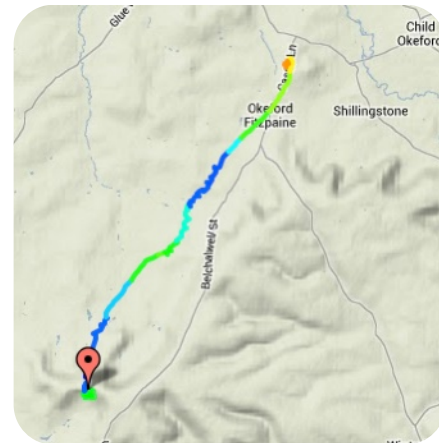
**16 Apr 2012**

Okeford Fitzpaine

Ozone Addict 2

[National League link](#)

Not recorded in Airmail

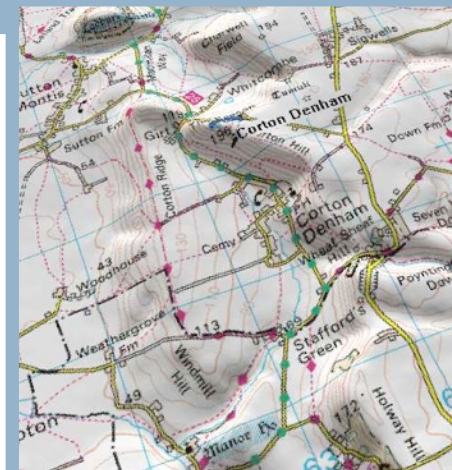


## History

# CORTON DENHAM

ST634233

Open Distance	33.8	13 May 2012	Shamus Pitts
Turn Point	39.4	13 May 2012	Shamus Pitts
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## OPEN DISTANCE

# CORTON DENTHAM

33.8

**Shamus Pitts**

**13 May 2012**

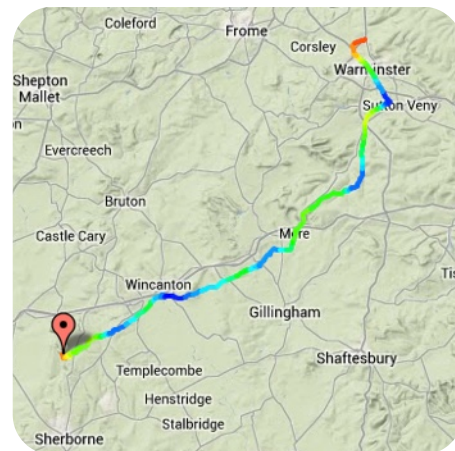
Nr Upton Scudamore

Skywalk Cayenne 3 (LTF2)

[National League link](#)

Airmail November 2012

I went on a glide and picked up a booming climb near Bourton. I was starting to realise that I would have to decide which side of Westbury danger area to go – I decided to try to go north of it because I thought that the potential might be better, so I started to push more to the north and headed towards Mere.



## History

33.8 Guy Anderson

10 Jun 2000 Salisbury

Gin Bonanza (DHV 2/3)

[National League link](#)

## TURN POINT

# CORTON DENTHAM

39.4

**Shamus Pitts**

**13 May 2012**

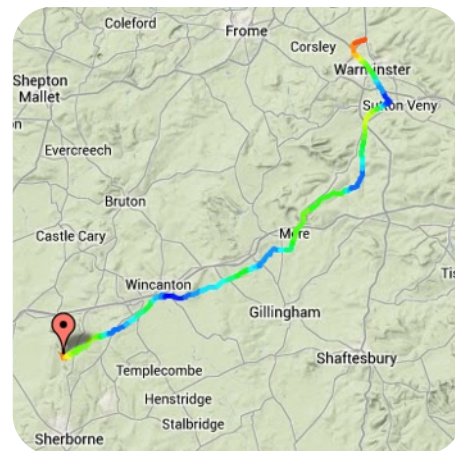
Nr Upton Scudamore

Skywalk Cayenne 3 (LTF2)

[National League link](#)

Airmail November 2012

I'd drifted too far east to make it easy to get around Westbury danger area, so I turned northwest and pushed on the bar, hoping to get to the top left corner of the danger area without losing all my height. I sank and sank and I was well below 1000 ft when I got to the corner. It felt quite windy now and I scratched about for lift, but there was nothing useable so I ended up landing in a field just north of the A350 outside Westbury.

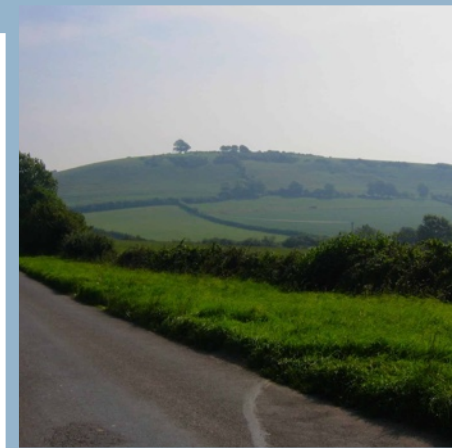


## History

# COWDOWN

SY639997

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>89.8</b>	<b>25 May 1999</b>	<b>Jacek Generowitz</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>17 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Shamus Pitts</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>



## OPEN DISTANCE

89.8 km

Jacek Generowitz

25 May 1999

Winchester

Advance Sigma 4 (DHV 2)

[Old Wessex League Link – story of the flight](#)

Airmail June 1999

Soon the clouds were getting very thin and ill-defined. I had not seen Adrian since Blandford, and while Peter was disappearing off into the distance it seemed to me that the day was dying off, and a landing north of Verwood looked likely until the arrival of an odour of manure accompanied by the singing of my vario suggested otherwise. Fordingbridge was easily identifiable to the SE with the Avon meandering past it, Salisbury cathedral was discernable through the haze to the north, and a large red ship sailing out of Southampton took centre stage amongst the activity on display there. A small aeroplane came from Compton Abbas to have a look at me, circling around me a few times as I thermalled, before going back. He was probably a mate of the one who expressed an interest over Blandford, earlier.

## History

39.6	Peter Robinson	21 Jun 1998	Horton
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## TURN POINT

**48.9 Km**

**Shamus Pitts**

**17 Jul 2010**

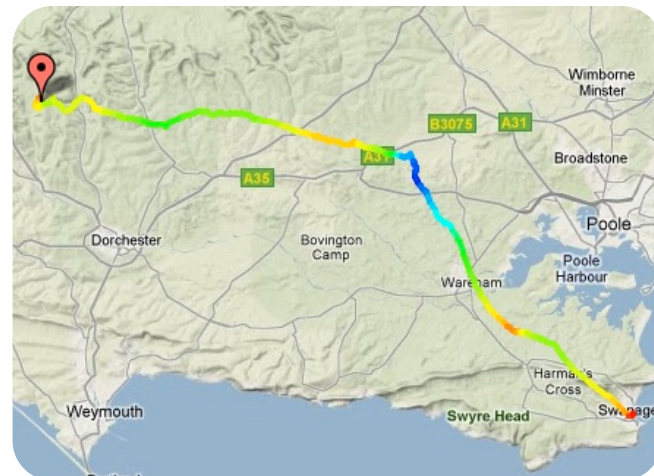
Swanage

Gradient Golden 2 (DHV 1/2)

[National League link](#)

Not recorded in Airmail

...my descent rate increased, depositing me on the path from the esplanade to the green. I think if I was a cat I would have eight lives left now. As I pulled my wing off the bench by the path I discovered an elderly couple on the bench. They seemed friendly and informed me that the brass band I could hear was the jazz festival on the green and the applause was for the Swanage marathon runners, and not for me.



## History



# FRIAR WADDON

SY642854

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>16 Aug 2009</b>	<b>Paul Hawkins</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>16 Aug 2009</b>	<b>Paul Hawkins</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>



## OPEN DISTANCE

# FRIAR WADDON

36.5 km

Paul Hawkins

16 Aug 2009

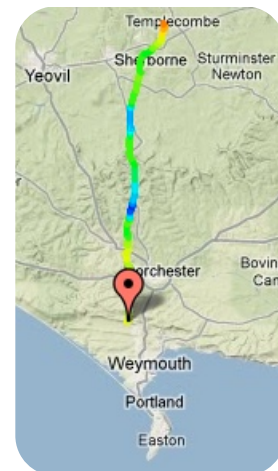
Henstridge

Gradient Aspen 2 (DHV 2)

[National XC League link](#)

Airmail October 2009

Then... WOMP, WOMP, WOMP, WOMP, WOMP... Fuck me! A helicopter somewhere east of me and fucking loud, so I assumed very close. I spiral dived out of the cloud, looking around trying to see my tormentor, still spiraling, only to see a Chinook way below pass virtually underneath me. Those Chinooks are seriously loud and it sounded to me like it was very close. At that point I was laughing out loud, I think with relief or adrenaline.



## History

11.8	Paul Hawkins	20 May 2009	Charlton Down	Gradient Aspen 2	<a href="#">National XC League link</a>
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## TURN POINT

# FRIAR WADDON

37.7 km

Paul Hawkins

16 Aug 2009

Henstridge

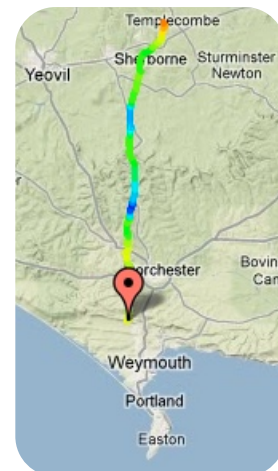
Gradient Aspen 2 (DHV 2)

[National XC League link](#)

Airmail October 2009

My flight was cranking along nicely as I came closer to the MATZ; I decided to cut cross wind as I really did not fancy going through it. This act put me on the ground north of Henstridge.

My best flight yet and I am 100% certain it would have been a lot better distance had I gone straight through the pan handle. Maybe next time, if I'm feeling brave, I will.



## History

# HAMBLETON HILL NE

ST845126

Open Distance (Non-member)	163.1	5 Jun 2013	Tim Pentreath
Open Distance (Member)	119.5	24 May 2016	Ian Hobbis
Turn Point (Non-member)	166.4	5 Jun 2013	Tim Pentreath
Turn Point (Member)	123.6	24 May 2016	Ian Hobbis
Flight to Goal	101.3	5 Jun 2013	Ian Hobbis
Out & Return	35.5	14 Aug 2016	Ian Hobbis
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle	39.5	14 Aug 2016	Ian Hobbis
FAI Triangle	36.2	14 Aug 2016	Ian Hobbis
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



163.1

**Tim Pentreath****5 Jun 2013**

Nr Welcombe

Advance Sigma 8 (EN C)

[National XC League link](#)

Airmail August 2013

**History**

I took off at 12:47 and landed almost six hours later in a tiny hamlet called Mead (near Welcombe) pretty much as close to the Atlantic Ocean as I could go without getting damp. I'd flown from Dorset, through Somerset, and all the way across Devon, and if I'd carried on over the wooded valley [to the south] as I was originally planning to, I would have landed in Cornwall.

Wow! Wow! Wow! Almost six hours in the air and 163 km on the GPS, that has to be over 100 miles – I'd done it. What an amazing feeling.

**LONGEST  
EVER  
FLIGHT  
FROM A  
WESSEX SITE  
PG or HG**

**LONGEST  
PARAGLIDER  
FLIGHT  
FROM A  
WESSEX SITE**



## OPEN DISTANCE, MEMBER

# HAMBLEDON HILL NE

119.5

Ian Hobbis

24 May 2016

Nr Wembworthy

Apco Zefira (EN C)

[National XC League link](#)

No Airmail entry



**LONGEST  
PARAGLIDER  
OPEN DISTANCE  
FLIGHT FROM A  
WESSEX SITE  
BY A WESSEX  
MEMBER**

## History

112.5	Ian Hobbis	5 Jun 2013	Nr Chawleigh	Apco Zefira (EN C)	<a href="#">National XC League link</a>
90.2	Ali Florence	1 Sep 2012	Tiverton	Ozone Mantra M4 (EN D)	<a href="#">National XC League link</a>
69.1	Jacek Generowicz	16 May 1998	Honiton	Nova Xyon	
28.6	Richard Westgate	30 Mar 1996	Frampton		

**166.4 km****Tim Pentreath****5 Jun 2013**

Nr Welcombe

Advance Sigma 8 (EN C)

[National XC League link](#)

Airmail August 2013

This time it was only 6km before I found another climb up to 4000 ft and at 17:30 I passed 124 km straight line distance meaning that this flight was now going to be a new PB. By now I could see the sea and just about make out the golden beaches at Westward Ho and Saunton some 25 km away, and I allowed myself a brief thought that I might just make it all the way to the coast.

By now the sea was only 20 km away and clearly visible glinting in the late afternoon sunshine. If ever there was an incentive to keep going that was it, despite there being a distinct lack of seaside towns round there to find an ice cream vendor

## History



## TURN POINT, MEMBER

# HAMBLEDON HILL NE

123.6

Ian Hobbis

24 May 2016

Nr Wembworthy

Apco Zefira (EN C)

[National XC League link](#)

No Airmail entry



## History

114.3	Ian Hobbis	5 Jun 2013	Nr Chawleigh	Apco Zefira (EN C)	<a href="#">National XC League link</a>
92.0	Ali Florence	1 Sep 2012	Tiverton	Ozone Mantra M4 (EN D)	<a href="#">National XC League link</a>
51.2	Peter Robinson	12 Apr 2007	Cudworth	Gradiant Aspen 2 (DHV 2)	<a href="#">National XC League link</a>



## FLIGHT TO GOAL

101.3 km / 135.4 points

Ian Hobbis

5 Jun 2013

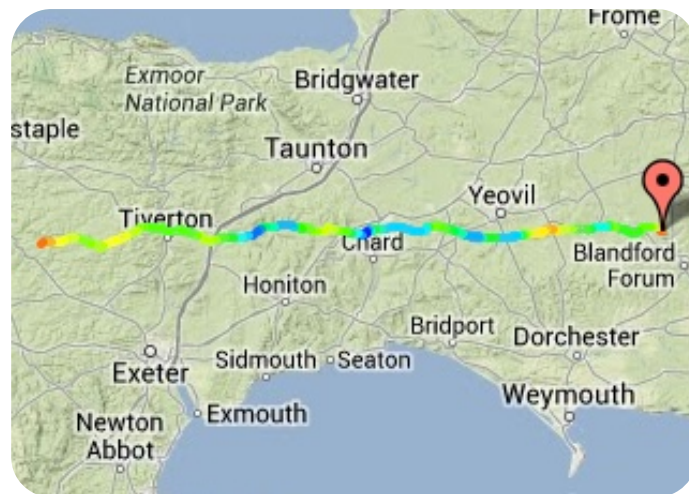
Nr Chawleigh

Apco Zefira (ENC)

[National XC League link](#)

Airmail August 2013

# HAMBLEDON HILL NE



## History

## OUT & RETURN

35.5 km / 63.9 points

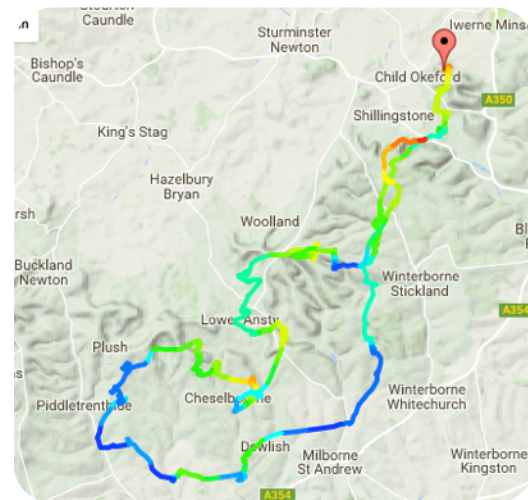
Ian Hobbis

14 Aug 2016

Apco Zafira (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Not in Arimail



## History

## FLAT TRIANGLE

39.5 km / 71.1 points

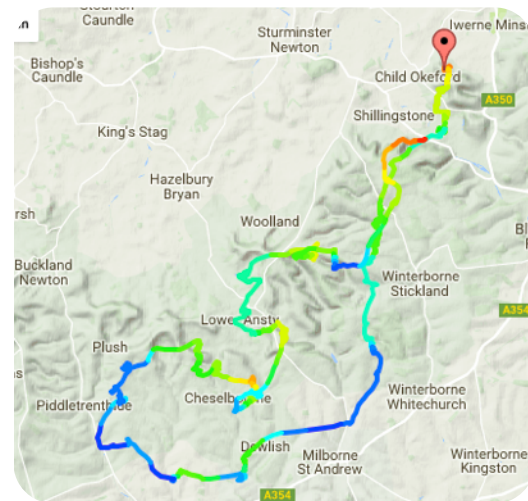
Ian Hobbis

14 Aug 2016

Apco Zafira (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Not in Airmail



## History

## FAI TRIANGLE

36.2 km / 83.3 points

Ian Hobbis

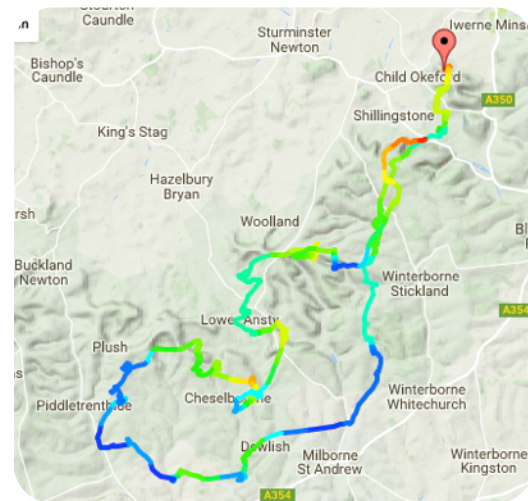
14 Aug 2016

Apco Zafira (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Not in Airmail

## HAMBLEDON HILL LINE

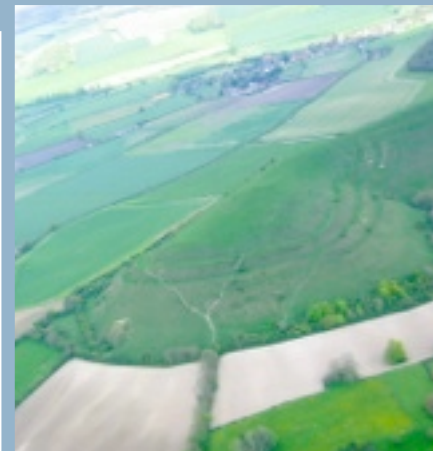


## History

# HAMBLETON HILL W

ST845126

Open Distance	50.5	26 Jul 2013	Gary Puhl
Turn Point	53.1	26 Jul 2013	Gary Puhl
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## OPEN DISTANCE

# HAMBLEDON HILL W

50.5 km

Gary Puhl

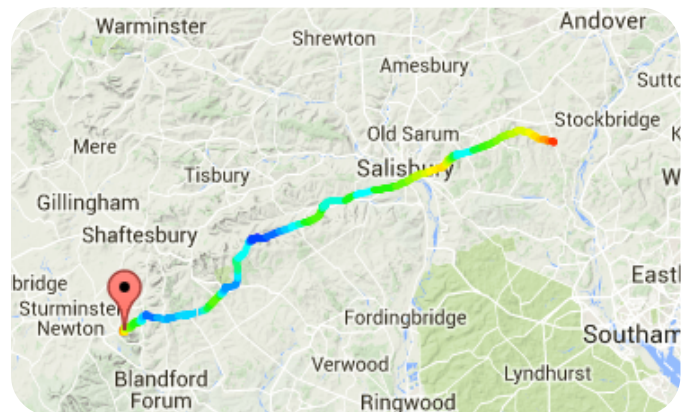
26 Jul 2013

nr Broughton

Ozone Mantra M4

[National XC League link](#)

Airmail November 2013



## History

42.4	Shamus Pitts	22 Jun 2010	Whiteparish	Gradiant Golden 2 (DHV 1/2)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
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## TURN POINT

53.1 km

Gary Puhl

26 Jul 2013

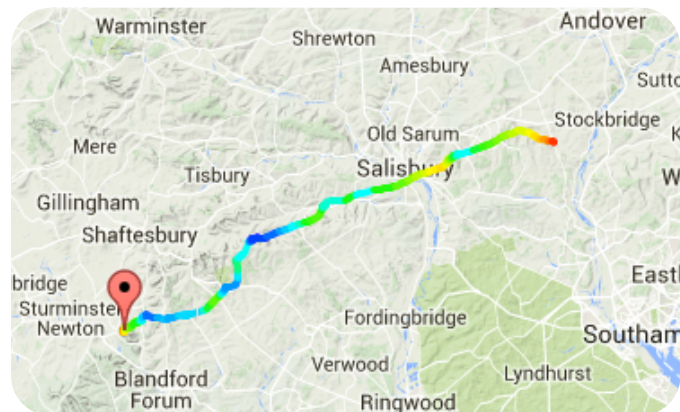
nr Broughton

Ozone Mantra M4

[National XC League link](#)

Airmail November 2013

## HAMBLETON HILL W



## History

45.7	Shamus Pitts	22 Jun 2010	Whiteparish	Gradiant Golden 2 (DHV 1/2)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
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# KIMMERIDGE

SY926795

Open Distance	4.8	29 Aug 2000	Dave Moores
Turn Point			not claimed
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return	33	22 Oct 2000	Dave Moores Gary Puhl Stuart Martin
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed





**OPEN DISTANCE****4.8 km****Dave Moores****29 Aug 2000**

Corfe

Gin Bonanza (Comp rated)

No active National XC League link

No Airmail article

**History**

3.0	Jane Ellis	8 May 1994	Church Knowle
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## OUT & RETURN

KIMMERIDGE

**33 km**

**Gary Puhl, Stuart Martin, Dave Moores**

**22 Oct 2000**

I was getting kicked about on the ridge behind Gadd Cliffs. I didn't realise it was rotor, I thought it was a thermal so I turned around and went back for some more.

*Gary Puhl, Stour Inn, July 2011*

White Nothe – Corfe Coastal flight

Gary: Airwave XXX (DHV 2/3), Stuart: Advance Sigma 4 (DHV 2), Dave: Gin Bonanza (Comp rated)

No active National XC League link

No Airmail article

## History

# KNITSON HILL

SZ006812

Open Distance	3.4	1 Jul 2000	Dave Moores
Turn Point			not claimed
Turn Point, Coastal	24.3	15 Apr 2008	Ali Florence
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Coastal	13.6	15 Apr 2008	Ali Florence
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## OPEN DISTANCE

KNITSON HILL

3.4 km

Dave Moores

1 Jul 2000

Studland

Gin Bonanza (Comp rated)

No active National XC League link

No Airmail article

## History

**24.3 km**

**Ali Florence**

**15 Apr 2008**

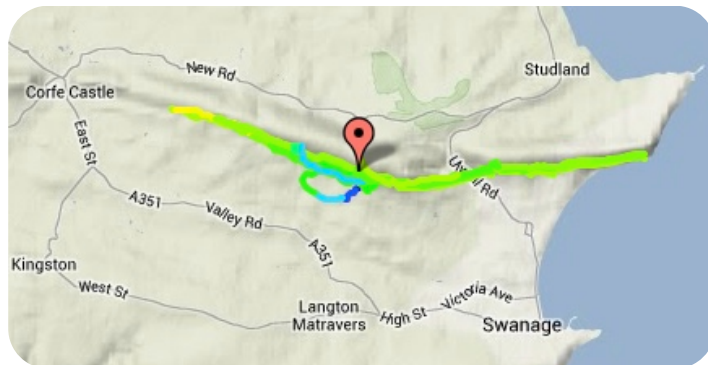
Knitson Hill

XIX Form 3 (DHV 2)

[National XC League link](#)

No Airmail article

I plucked up courage to launch and started a cracking 2¼ hour battle with the elements. Twas a little bumpy at times, but as they say 'there's no gain without a bit of turmoil in the underwear,' if you know what I mean.



## History

13.6 km / 17.6 points

Ali Florence

15 Apr 2008

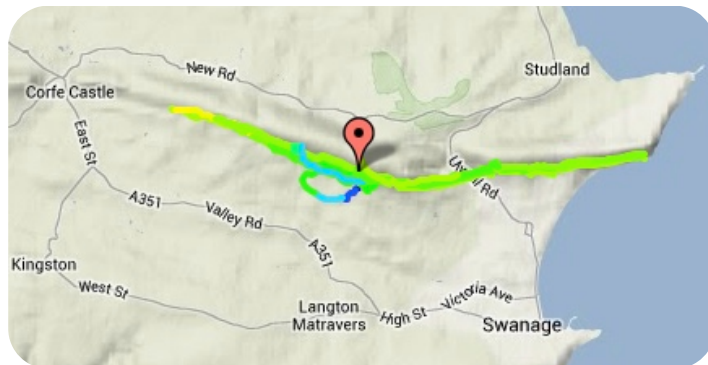
Knitson Hill

XIX Form 3 (DHV 2)

[National XC League link](#)

No Airmail article

Peaked out at over 800 ft ATO and decided to go ridge running. Got  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way to Corfe, but it became unrealistically rough so I turned tail and took the kicking, then flew over Ulwell gap to the tip of Ballard, then back over Ulwell gap and  $\frac{2}{3}$  back toward Corfe again.



## History

# MAIDEN CASTLE

SY669884

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>29 May 2016</b>	<b>Grant Oseland</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>29 May 2016</b>	<b>Grant Oseland</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>



## OPEN DISTANCE

**15.2 km**

**Grant Oseland**

**29 May 2016**

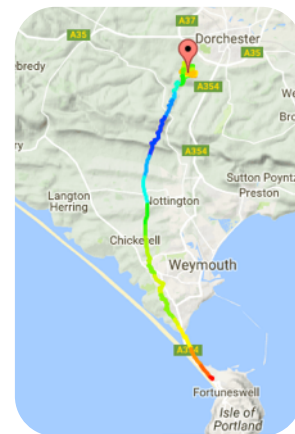
Fortuneswell, Portland

Advance Omega X-Alps

[National XC League link](#)

No Airmail article

It was a bit windy today at the old Maiden Castle, some say it was rougher than a Rhino's dangly bits in the air. After two separate thermic cycles had taken me to over a 1000 ft and back down again in the sink, I decided to go with the third cycle. There is not really very far to go downwind from Maiden Castle before the option of getting wet in the sea presents itself.



## History



## TURN POINT

# MAIDEN CASTLE

17.5 km

Grant Oseland

29 May 2016

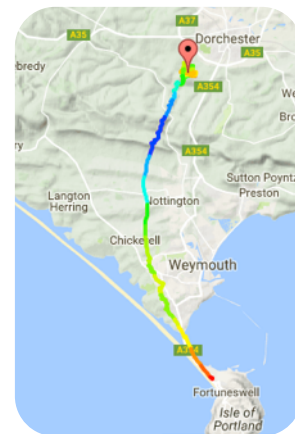
Fortuneswell, Portland

Advance Omega X-Alps

[National XC League link](#)

No Airmail article

Maiden Castle... has a reputation for being active in the air at the best of times. Today was no different. Thermals smashed by strong wind making it difficult to core, until up high and away from the hill. Still enjoyable all the same



## History

# MARLEYCOMBE

SU023226

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>30 Jun 1998</b>	<b>Dave Moores</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>



## OPEN DISTANCE

MARLEYCOMBE

14.7 km

Dave Moores

30 Jun 1998

Fordingbridge

Airwave Alto XC

No active National XC League link

No Airmail article

## History

7.8	Andy Dawson	12 Apr 1998
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# MONK'S DOWN

ST939208

Open Distance	59.9	13 Jul 2011	Richard Westgate
Turn Point	65.8	13 Jul 2011	Richard Westgate
Flight to Goal	46.0	14 May 2016	Ian Hobbis
Out & Return	8.5	13 Jul 2013	Shamus Pitts
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle	9.5	13 Jul 2013	Shamus Pitts
FAI Triangle	8.3	13 Jul 2013	Marcus Webster
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## OPEN DISTANCE

# MONK'S DOWN

59.9 km

Richard Westgate

13 Jul 2011

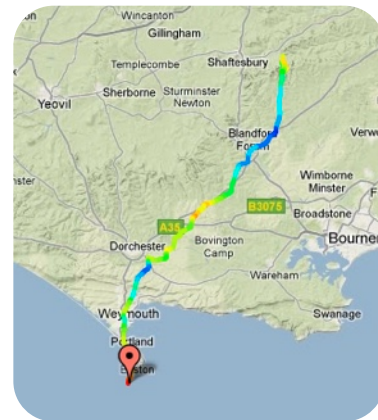
Portland Bill

Ozone Mantra M4 (EN D)

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail August 2011

Eventually I found a good climb to 4000 ft again, south of Dorchester, which gave me the idea of trying something never achieved before – to land at Portland Bill. A large mass of cloud over Weymouth gave a 400 fpm climb to 3000 ft. There were no whitecaps on the water and the only sea breeze evidence was a cu a long way out to sea – the game was on. I made another assessment, drifting in weak lift at the end of Chesil Beach, and then went on final glide down the island, landing in a 20 kph southerly sea breeze at the end.



## History

51.9	Peter Robinson	27 Aug 2007	Abbotsbury	Gradient Aspen 2	<a href="#">National XC League Link</a>
51.7	Peter Robinson	3 Sep 2000	nr Langton Herring	Ozone Proton	
51.5	Richard Westgate	14 Apr 1997			
44.4	Neil Hutchison	13 Aug 1994	Durlston Head		
24.0	Mike Richards	11 Jun 1994	Wimborne (Class D open)		
16.0	Neil Hutchison	21 Jun 1993	Blandford Forum		

## TURN POINT

# MONK'S DOWN

65.8

Richard Westgate

13 Jul 2011

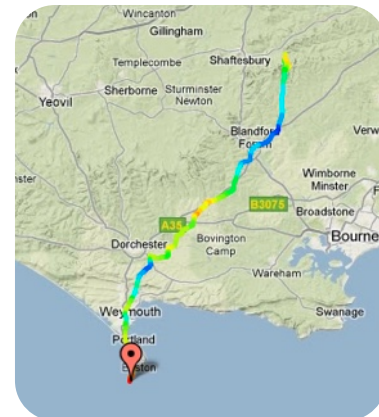
Portland Bill

Ozone Mantra M4 (EN D)

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail August 2011

I learnt to fly on Wessex hills, so it was great to explore Dorset from the air again. A moderate northerly breeze on the hill with large cu but almost 100% upper level spread-out. I took off into a great cycle and climbed to 3000 ft above the hill and decided to try a triangle, heading north to the Whitesheet ridge and along to Salisbury. At the foot of the ridge I realised that I wasn't going to make the front and turned back to the hill. I found a surprisingly good climb under a dark base with no sun on the ground and followed a street to the south, topping out at 4000 ft.



## History

56.5	Peter Robinson	27 Aug 2007	Abbotsbury	Gradient Aspen 2	<a href="#">National XC League Link</a>
49.3	Neil Hutchison	29 Apr 2006	Weymouth	Ozone Mantra (DHV 2/3)	<a href="#">National XC League Link</a>

## FLIGHT TO GOAL

# MONK'S DOWN

57.8 km / 72.3 points

Grant Oseland

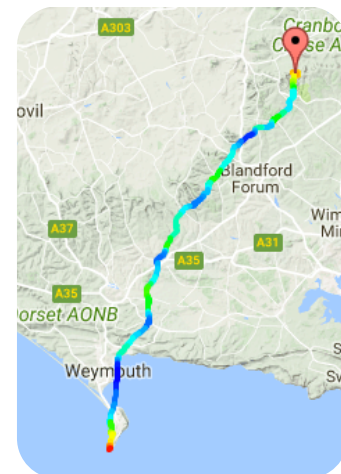
10 Aug 2017

Portland Bill

Advance Omega X-Alps (EN D)

[National XC League Link](#)

Not in Airmail



## History

46.0 / 59.7	Ian Hobbis	14 May 2016	Portland Bill	Apco Zafira (EN C)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
43.8 / 59.2	Ian Hobbis	24 Jun 2014	Swanage	Apco Zafira (EN C)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
42.7 / 56.6	Marcus Webster	1 May 2013	Weymouth	Advance Sigma 8	<a href="#">National League link</a>

## OUT AND RETURN

8.5 km / 11.1 points

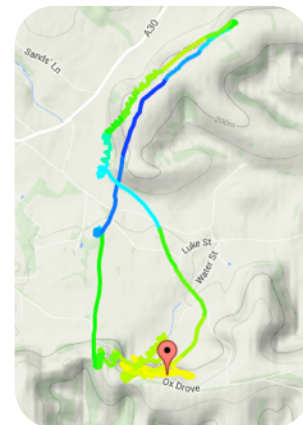
Shamus Pitts

13 Jul 2013

Skywalk Cayenne (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail Nov 2013



## History



## FLAT TRIANGLE

9.5 km / 12.3 points

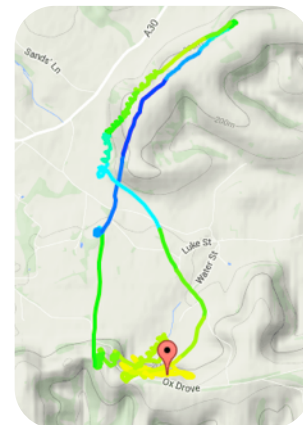
Shamus Pitts

13 Jul 2013

Skywalk Cayenne (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail Nov 2013



## History

## FAI TRIANGLE

8.3 km / 13.3 points

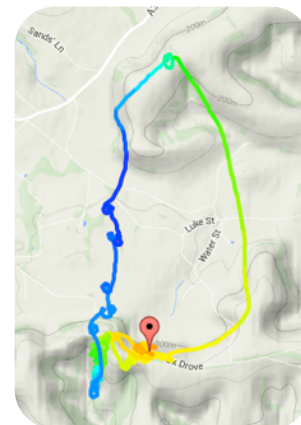
Marcus Webster

13 Jul 2013

Advance Sigma 8 (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail Nov 2013



## History

# OKEFORD HILL

ST813095

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>25 Apr 2011</b>	<b>Neil McCain</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>25 Apr 2011</b>	<b>Neil McCain</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
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OPEN DISTANCE

11.4 km

Neil McCain

25 Apr 2011

Milbourne St Andrew

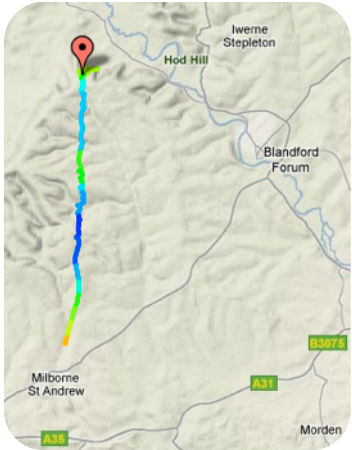
Sky Antera (DHV 2)

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail June 2011

When the editor questioned Neil's ego about this flight, it had this to say

*Okeford is an unpleasant little site not worthy of anyone's attention. The guy that got away from it this year was incredibly skilled and should be worshipped, the site closed and his record memorialised by a grand monument.*



History

5.0	Neil Hutchison	8 Apr 1995	Bulbarrow	Wing not known	No link
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## TURN POINT

# OKFORD HILL

13.1 km

Neil McCain

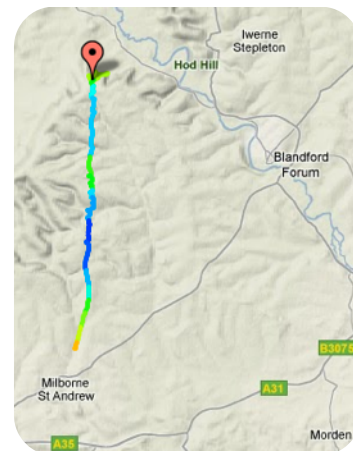
25 Apr 2011

Milborne St Andrew

Sky Antera (DHV 2)

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail June 2011



## History

# RINGSTEAD

SY761822

● Open Distance, Coastal	27.7	20 May 2017	Grant Oseland, Seb Lee
Turn Point, Coastal	41.7	23 Sep 2016	Grant Oseland
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return, Coastal	36.2	23 Sep 2016	Grant Oseland
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## OPEN DISTANCE, Coastal

27.7 km

Grant Oseland, Seb Lee

20 May 2017

Ballard Green

Advance Omega X-Alps (EN D)

[National XC League link](#)

...a very large cloud had just passed over head by Gadd cliff and lowered the wind speed a tad at first, when it was out to sea presumably sucking air, then by the time we had all made Kimmeridge... the cloud was setting up behind the ridge and sucking hard making forward transit slow....

Russell and Nigel started to struggle with forward penetration even on bar

and eventually got blown back over the top of Kimmeridge and made the dash down wind to land safe.

...Height gains were plentiful due to the wind strength over St A and it was clear that a glide to Durlston head would be relatively easy. ...Dancing ledge produced good lift, so good that a glide over the back and past Swanage and onto Ballards looked possible, and indeed it was with Seb and I both making it just past the green on the Ballards estate.



## History

27.5	Grant Oseland	13 Dec 2015	Durleston Castle	Advance Omega X-Alps (EN D)	1st PG to reach Durlston. <a href="#">National XC League link</a>
21.3	Nigel Rendell	14 Aug 2013	St. Aldhelms Head	Sky Antea (DHV 2)	<a href="#">National XC League link</a>
20.5	Richard Mosley	27 Aug 2005	St. Aldhelms Head	Gin Zoom (DHV 2)	Coastal Flight
14.0	Nigel Smith / Mike ?	4 Mar 1995			

41.7 km

Grant Oseland

23 Sep 2016

Ringstead

Advance Omega X-Alps (EN D)

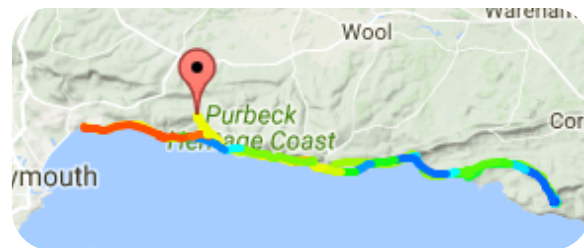
[National XC League link](#)

No Airmail article

Bank holiday weekend with a SSW wind, ranges shut down, Gadd cliff run on the cards. Once in the air the wind picked up and white horses appeared on the sea, but penetration was not a problem. I took the opportunity to pop down to Gadd cliff, and once there had difficulty

deciding what way to go next, in the end

coming up with the plan to reverse course and see if Bowleaze cove would be possible in the other direction. Turns out it was. A very nice Sunday morning taking in some of the Jurassic coast views from the air.



## History

29.2 Shamus Pitts

27 Dec 2011 Ringstead

Skywalk Cayenne 3 (LTF 2)

[National XC League link](#)



36.2 km

Grant Oseland

23 Sep 2016

Ringstead

Advance Omega X-Alps (EN D)

[National XC League link](#)

No Airmail article

An early start for a Sunday at Ringstead, the forecast was for it to blow out quickly and be SW. On arriving at launch one or two paragliders were already on the cliffs, early bird catches the worm and all that. The wind was already top end and by the time I had unpacked, wings were already around the corner of the White Nothe showing that there must be south in the wind.



## History

28.4	Shamus Pitts	27 Dec 2011	Ringstead	Skywalk Cayenne 3 (LTF 2)	<a href="#">National XC League link</a>
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# ST ALDHELM'S HEAD

SY959771

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>26 May 2013</b>	<b>Ali Florence</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>19 Sep 2005</b>	<b>Mike Drew</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>



## OPEN DISTANCE

# ST ALDHELM'S HEAD

**5.1 km**

**Ali Florence**

**26 May 2012**

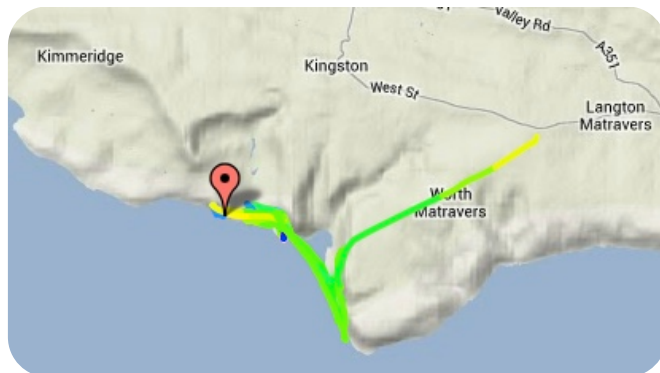
Acton

Ozone Delta 2 (EN C)

[National XC League link](#)

Airmail August 2013

Loads of height and lovely clear air. The transition to Houns Tout was one of the easiest I have ever had so did it a couple of times. I tried to push on toward Kimmeridge but there was just too much West in it. After a couple of hours I had kind of had enough so thought I would wind up a bit of height (900ft ato) and fly back to the Square 'n' Compass for a beer. In the event I overshot and landed at Acton.



## History

## TURN POINT

# ST ALDHAMS HEAD

**9.5 km**

**Mike Drew**

**19 Sep 2005**

Langton Matravers – Acton (One turnpoint)

Airwave Sport 2 (DHV 1/2)

No active National XC League link

No Airmail article

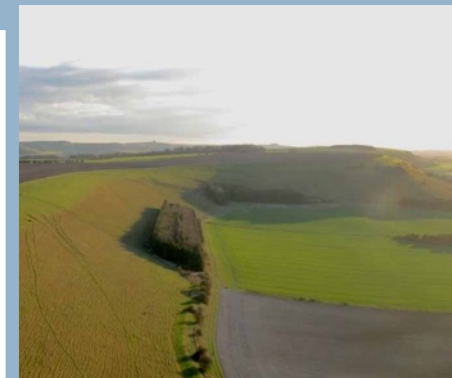
I went to St Aldhems early afternoon to find no one there. Not surprised as it was off to the south and there are far more sensible places to be flying in that wind direction. I decided to give it a go, but found it difficult until I got around the corner on to the SW cliffs. This was fine for a while but I decided to land to change to a better site. I was just about to turn and run for the car park when I got in to a nice piece of lift. I stayed with this to make sure I had plenty of height for the car park, but by the time I was at the car park I was over 800 ft. OK, so I will land by the pub then. By the pub I was over 1200 ft so just kept going. Found loads of lift over the other side of Langton and stayed for a while as I work there and it was great to see it from the air. Realising I had no water or money I tried to get back as close to take off as I could but only made it as far as Acton, so still had a bit of a sweaty hike. Probably one of the most bizarre flights I have ever had and I was still laughing when I got to the car. Great fun.

## History

# SWALLOWCLIFFE

ST980260

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>15 May 2016</b>	<b>Sean Staines</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>15 May 2016</b>	<b>Sean Staines</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
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## OPEN DISTANCE

39.5 km

Sean Staines

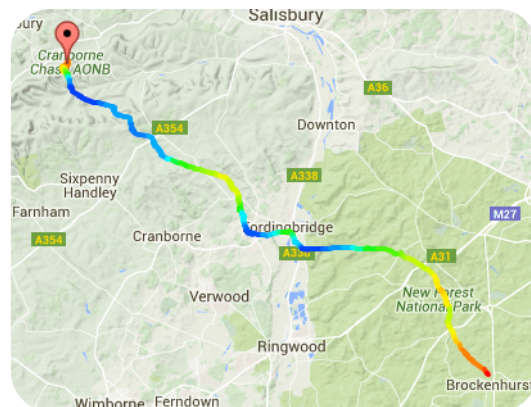
15 May 2016

Brockenhurst

777 Rook 2

[National XC League Link](#)

I arrived on the edge of the 2500ft airspace a little high for comfort and flew around in some sink to get down and crossed the 2500ft boundary just below 2000ft. The glide across the dual carriageway in the direction of Lyndhurst had me down to 1750ft at the 2000ft boundary. I have reconnoitred this route using the paramotor and knew that it was just about possible to keep an emergency landing option open using the few patches of open ground between the trees.



## History

34.5	Martin Butcher	2 Jun 2013	Bere Regis	Ozone Delta 2 (EN C)	<a href="#">National XC League Link</a>
18.4	Sean Staines	27 Jul 2012	Cripplestyle	Sky Atis 3 (EN B)	<a href="#">National XC League Link</a>
10.2	Dave Moores	30 Jun 1999	Stratford Tony	Nova Vertex (DHV 2/3)	No XC league link

## TURN POINT

# SWALLOWCLIFFE

42.2 km

Sean Staines

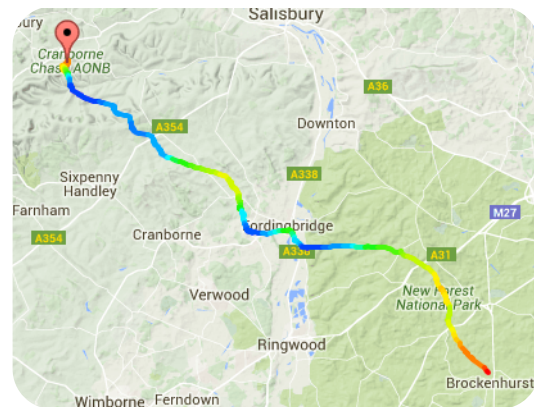
15 May 2016

Brockenhurst

777 Rook 2

[National XC League Link](#)

I was pretty low at Damerham, down to 1600ft, before I found a very weak climb. Twenty minutes of continuous thermaling eventually got me back up to base near Alderholt. I glided to a lovely cloud above Fordingbridge which allowed me to top back up with what looked like enough height to get to Stoney cross. I was into the new forest now and had a pretty buoyant glide in the direction of Fritham. It has long been an ambition of mine to make this flight and was amazing to achieve it.



## History

37.0	Martin Butcher	2 Jun 2013	Bere Regis	Ozone Delta 2 (EN C)	<a href="#">National XC League Link</a>
20.0	Sean Staines	27 Jul 2012	Cripplestyle	Sky Atis 3 (EN B)	<a href="#">National XC League Link</a>

# TELEGRAPH HILL

ST642050

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>26 May 2013</b>	<b>Martin Foley</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>26 May 2013</b>	<b>Martin Foley</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>14 May 2014</b>	<b>Martin Foley</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>1 Jul 2011</b>	<b>Martin Foley</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>14 Mar 2013</b>	<b>Grant Oseland</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>19 May 2011</b>	<b>Martin Foley</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>



Technically Telegraph Hill, aka Batcombe, is not a Wessex Site. As far as I can gather the Wessex never got around to claiming it originally, it was then managed by Andrew Pearse of Flying Frenzy and finally the Dorset and Somerset Condors registered it in their name, which, unless anything has changed lately, it still is.

Historically, flights from Telegraph have been considered eligible for the Wessex League for many years. There was more recently some dispute about its eligibility for the Wessex leagues, it not actually being one of our official sites, but an outcry from

the membership and a subsequent vote put it back on the list. As a side effect of this polite fracas we now have a defined Wessex region and flights from any launch within it, official or not, are now considered valid.

As it stands now, it is a popular launchpad for our more westerly members. It's also a good alternative to Bell on a busy day, with the promise of a greater distance before downing at Swanage. And there's the added bonus that once over the back you're likely to fly over the Cern Abbas Giant.



## OPEN DISTANCE

113.8 km

Martin Foley

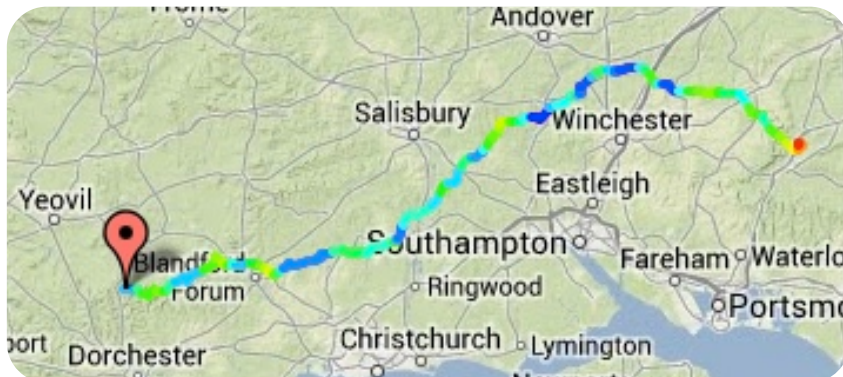
26 May 2013

Liss

Gradient Aspen 3 (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail August 2013



## History

## TURN POINT

125.6 km

Martin Foley

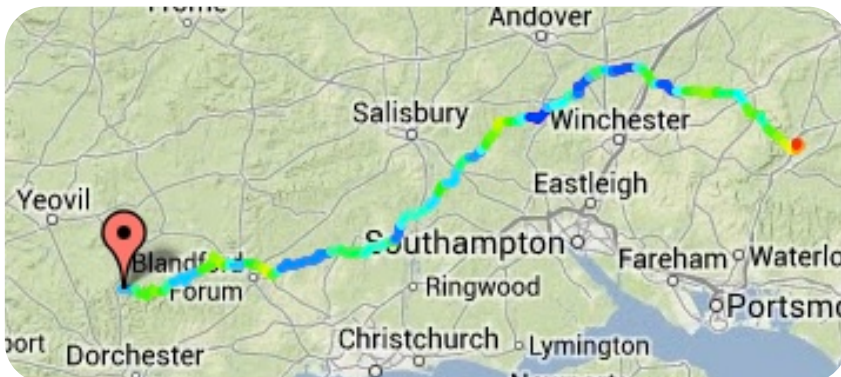
26 May 2013

Liss

Gradient Aspen 3 (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail August 2013



## History



## FLIGHT TO GOAL

40.5 km / 53.6 points

Martin Foley

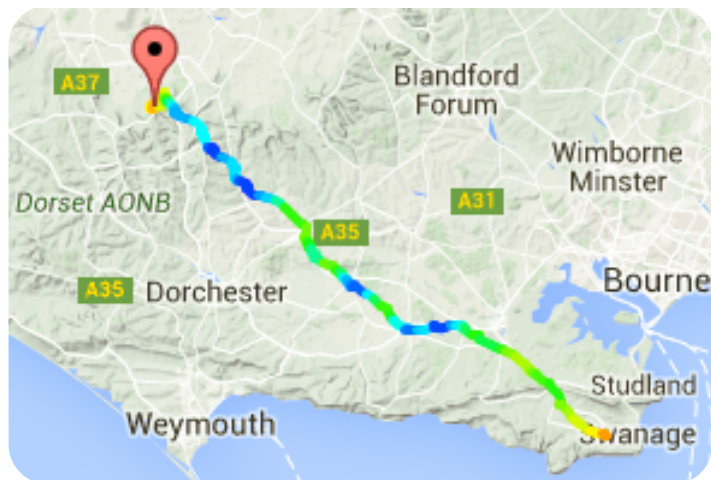
14 May 2014

Langton Matravers

Gradient Aspen 3 (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Not in Airmail



## History

## OUT & RETURN

7.9 km / 10.2 points

Martin Foley

1 Jul 2011

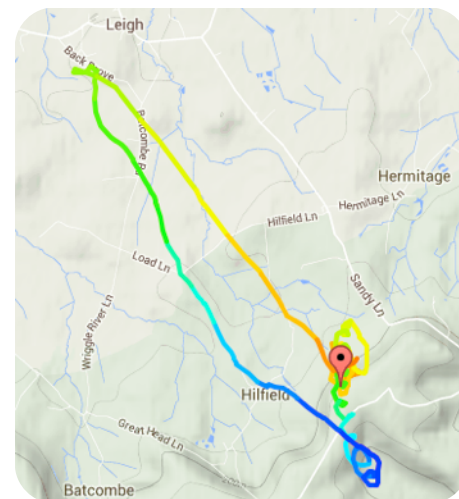
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Gradient Aspen 3 (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Not in Airmail

# TELEGRAPH HILL



## History

## Flat Triangle

6.1 km / 8.0 points

Grant Oseland

14 Mar 2013

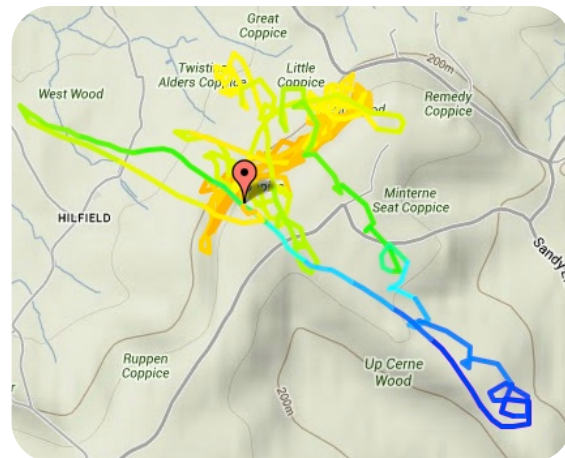
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Advance Omega 8 (EN C)

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail August 2013

A very good day for most pilots that could make it out today in the Wessex area. The thermals were consistent and punchy when they came through, although a few did get caught out in the lulls and bottom land. Telegraph was my choice as I thought Bell might be a bit congested. The air was extremely cold once up near base with my vario showing -8.



## History

## FAI Triangle

8.4 km / 13.4 points

Martin Foley

19 May 2011

n/a

Gradient Aspen 3

[National XC League Link](#)

Not in Airmail

# TELEGRAPH HILL



## History

# WHITE HORSE

SY715843

Open Distance	71.3	31 Jul 2015	Grant Oseland
Turn Point	74.2	31 Jul 2015	Grant Oseland
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## OPEN DISTANCE

71.3 km

Grant Oseland

31 Jul 2015

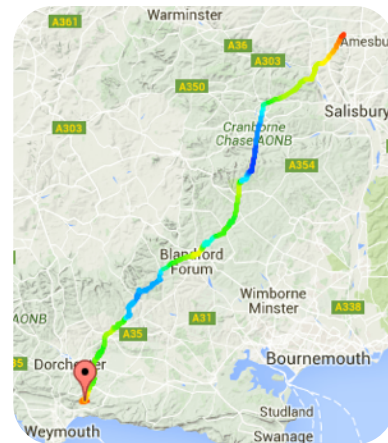
Stonehenge

Advance Sigma 9

[National XC League Link](#)

The rubbish, burnt gorse infested, too close to the sea, mixed sea and land air, always blue sky above,,crap hole that is White Horse Weymouth... an epic looking sky over the back just behind Dorchester, but tantalisingly out of reach on a downwind glide. A different mind set was required this time and that was to stick with the weak lift for as long as possible until we met up with the clouds way down wind.

I selected a field downwind right at the limit of airspace... and set up a landing route. As I started to get closer I noticed a rather large gathering of people standing in the field with a large collection of rocks. It took me a while to work out that I was looking at Stonehenge





## TURN POINT

74.2 km

Grant Oseland

31 Jul 2015

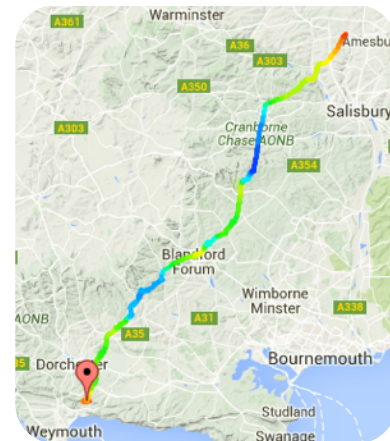
Stonehenge

Advance Sigma 9

[National XC League Link](#)

I slowly drifted on, taking a chance that a far off cloud might work over Tollard Royal. It took me up to some 6300ft which was nice, although this was really the last bit of good lift I connected with. Salisbury danger area was starting to make its presence known.

I touched down and was met straight away by the English Heritage staff who politely informed me that I was breaking the law, as this was private property and I was trespassing and also that I was in airspace. I had a chat with them and explained that I wasn't actually in airspace and it was about 10 meters that way. For future reference, the triangle field that Stonehenge is in is the only one that is private property so please don't land in it like I did.



## History

46.1	Shamus Pitts	16 May 2013	Lower Langham	Skywalk Cayenne 3 (DHV 2)	<a href="#">National XC League Link</a>
40.4	Neil McCain	9 Jul 2010	Horton	Sky Antera (DHV 2)	<a href="#">League Link</a>
25.3	Shamus Pitts	29 Mar 2009	Milton Abbas	Gradient Golden 2 (DHV 1/2)	<a href="#">National XC League Link</a>

# WHITESHEET

ST936238

Open Distance	101.3	30 May 2015	Ian Hobbis
Turn Point	102.9	30 May 2015	Ian Hobbis
Flight to Goal	54.6	26 May 2013	Marcus Webster
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## OPEN DISTANCE

101.3 km

Ian Hobbis

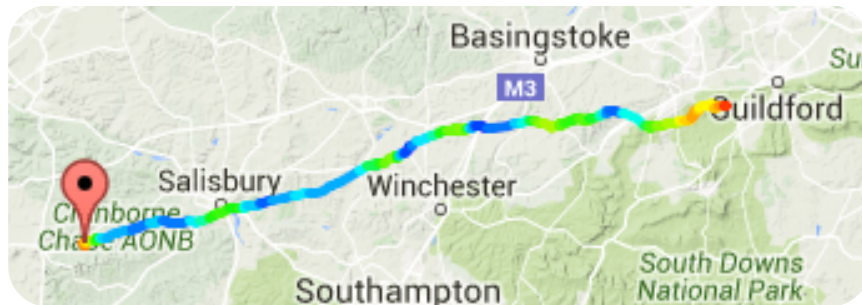
30 May 2015

nr Guildford

Apco Zafira

[National XC League Link](#)

Not in Airmail



## History

93.8	Ian Hobbis	21 May 2015	nr Frensham	Apco Zafira	<a href="#">National League Link</a>
69.5	Richard Chambers	10 Aug 2013	nr Axford	Gin Sprint (EN B)	<a href="#">National League Link</a>
59.6	Marcus Webster	12 Jul 2010	Bullington	MCC Malula (DHV 2)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
52.6	Colin Davies	3 May 2009	Barton Stacey	Gradient Golden 2 (DHV 1/2)	Airmail June 2009
47.0	Guy Westgate	20 Apr 1995	Andover	Apco Supra	
6.0	Neil Hutchison	5 Sep 1994	Ebbesbourne Wake		

## TURN POINT

102.9 km

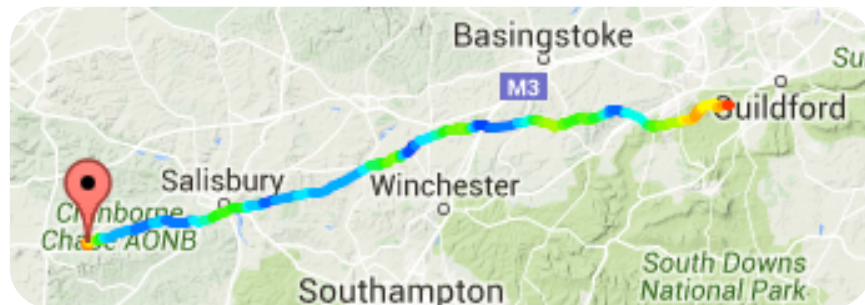
Ian Hobbis

30 May 2015

nr Guildford

Apco Zafira

[National XC League Link](#)



Not in Airmail

## History

95.2	Ian Hobbis	21 May 2016	nr Frensham	Apco Zafira	<a href="#">National League Link</a>
74.0	Richard Chambers	10 Aug 2013	nr Axford	Gin Sprint (EN B)	<a href="#">National League Link</a>
62.4	Marcus Webster	12 Jul 2010	Bullington	MCC Malula (DHV 2)	<a href="#">National League link</a>
54.1	Colin Davies	3 May 2009	Barton Stacey	Gradient Golden 2 (DHV 1/2)	Airmail June 2009
42.5	Gary Puhl	2 May 2009	Dunbridge	Gradient Aspen 2 (DHV 2)	National League link

## FLIGHT TO GOAL

# WHITESHEET

54.6 km / 72.7 points

Marcus Webster

26 May 2013

Sutton Scotney

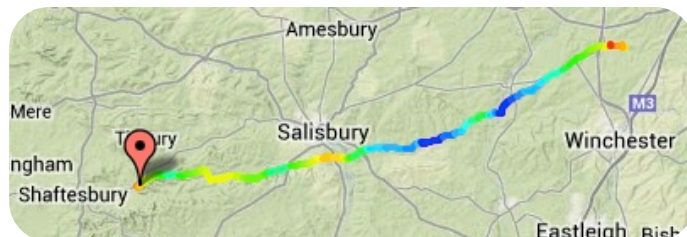
Advance Sigma 8

[National XC League Link](#)

Airmail August 2013

I was beginning to relax and enjoy myself; I had declared a tongue in cheek goal of Sutton Scotney earlier in the day but now started to dare that it might be possible. The highest point of the flight was cloud base South of Stockbridge at just

over 6,000ft, where I had a chat on the radio with Ian Hobbis who was sat outside a pub in King's Somborne. By now I was South of Chilbolton at 5,000ft with my goal in site so went on a glide, flying straight through lift without topping up and arriving overhead at 2,800ft.



## History

# WINKLEBURY

ST936238

Open Distance	37.8	9 May 1995	Richard Westgate
Turn Point	28.3	26 Jul 2007	Colin Davies
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



**OPEN DISTANCE****37.8 km****Richard Westgate****9 May 1995**

Landing not known

Wing not known

No active National XC League link

No Airmail article

**History**

6.7	Richard Westgate	17 Jun 1993	Farnham
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**TURN POINT**

**28.3 km**

**Colin Davies**

**26 Jul 2007**

Bere Regis

Gradient Golden 2 (DHV 1/2)

No active National XC League link

No Airmail article

**History**



# HANG GLIDER RECORDS

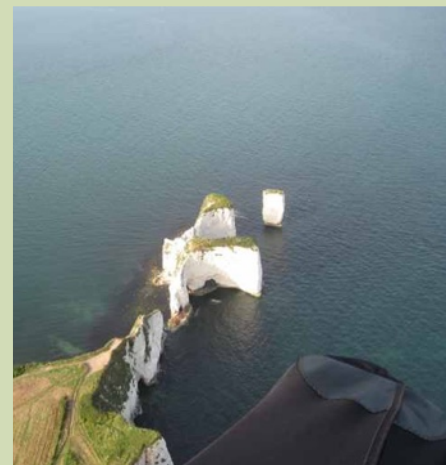


# BALLARD DOWN

SZ041812

Open Distance	35.5	23 Sep 2017	Richard Mosely
Turn Point			not claimed
Turn Point, Coastal	* 40.4	23 Sep 2017	Richard Mosely
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed

\* Recorded as 7 TPs (start finish, 5 en route) which is HG standard.



## OPEN DISTANCE

# BALLARD DOWN

35.5 km

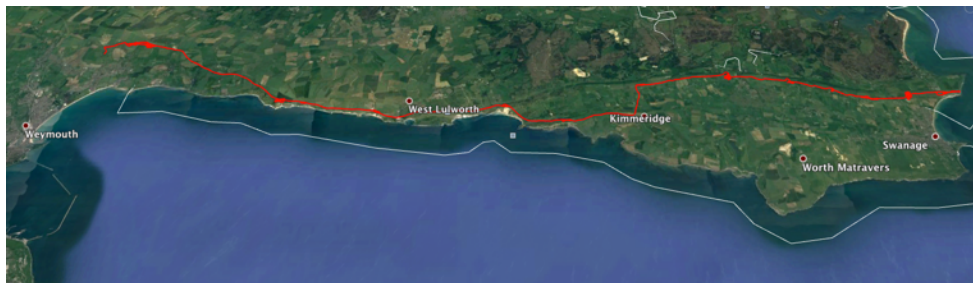
Richard Mosely

23 Sep 2017

White Horse, Weymouth

Atos

No National XC League Link



## History

## TURN POINT

# BALLARD DOWN

\* 40.4 km

Richard Mosely

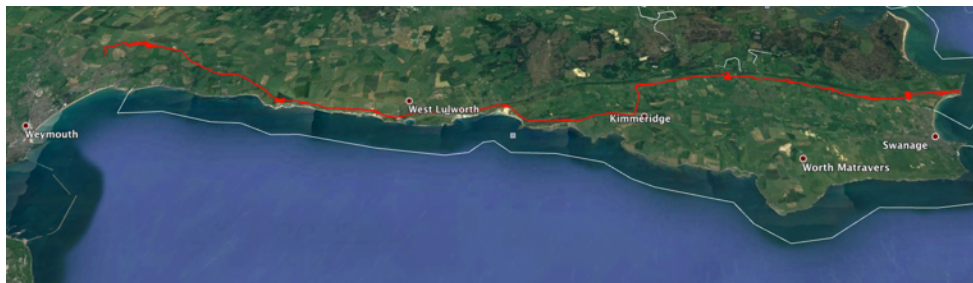
23 Sep 2017

White Horse, Weymouth

Atos

No National XC League Link

\* Recorded as 7 TPs (start finish, 5 en route) which is HG standard..

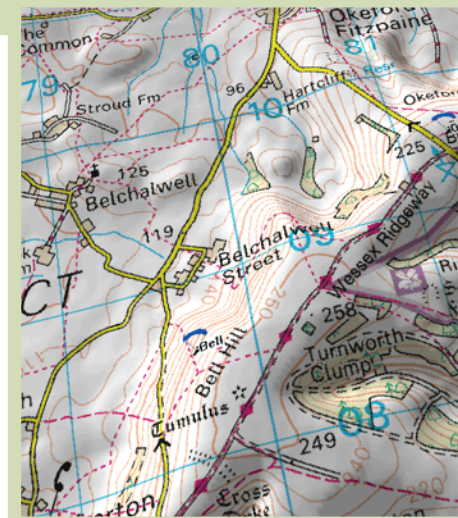


## History

# BELL HILL

ST936238

Open Distance (Class D)	112.8	1 May 1985	Peter Robinson
Open Distance	58.5	11 Apr 1999	Grant Crossingham
Turn Point			not claimed
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## **OPEN DISTANCE (Class D airspace used)**

**112.8 km**

**Peter Robinson**

**1 May 1985**

Bognor Regis

Airwave Magic 3

No active National XC League link

No Airmail article

## **History**

## OPEN DISTANCE

58.58 km

Grant Crossingham

11 Apr 1999

Beaulieu

Airwave Xbow

No active National XC League link

No Airmail article

## History

# CORTON DENHAM

ST634233

Open Distance	118.1	3 May 2009	Rob Dowdell
Turn Point			Rob Dowdell
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed





**Rob Dowdell****3 May 2009**

Nr Radley College

After three short climbs as I crossed Frome I reached 4200 ft and base, and glided cross wind, tracking just north of east and making about 12:1, to the north side of Westbury. I got back up above 4000 ft on a thermal downwind of the town. A series of climbs and cross wind glides followed as I worked my way to the east of Lyneham's CTA, and as I crossed Milk Hill I watched some poor hang glider pilot land at the bottom. I was trying to go as quickly as I could to try to stay ahead of a bank of high cloud moving in, but it steadily overtook me and the thermals began to get weaker all the time. I finally got a good climb off the high ground east of Milk Hill and got back to base at Marlborough.

Airmail August 2009

**History**

# HAMBLETON HILL NE

ST845126

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>17 Apr 1981</b>	<b>Peter Robinson</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>



## OPEN DISTANCE

# HAMBLEDON HILL NE

81.1

**Peter Robinson**

**17 Apr 1981**

Colaton Raleigh

Solar Wings Typhoon

## History

# MONK'S DOWN

ST939208

Open Distance	57.7	18 Jun 1988	Tony King
Turn Point			not claimed
Flight to Goal			not claimed
Out & Return			not claimed
Out & Return, Declared			not claimed
Flat Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle			not claimed
FAI Triangle, Declared			not claimed



## OPEN DISTANCE

MONK'S DOWN

57.7 km

Tony King

18 Jun 1988

Portland

Airwave Magic 4

## History

# RINGSTEAD

SY761822

<b>Open Distance, Coastal</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>Peter Robinson</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Coastal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>



## OPEN DISTANCE, Coastal

# RINGSTEAD

27.0 km

Peter Robinson

1980

Durlston Head

Solar Wings Storm

## History

# WHITESHEET

ST936238

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>16 Aug 2009</b>	<b>Tony Stephens</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>16 Aug 2009</b>	<b>Tony Stephens</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>





## OPEN DISTANCE

**82.8 km**

**Tony Stephens**

**16 Aug 2009**

nr Petersfield

I almost decked it at Chilbolton microlite strip where a small buzzard saved me big time as I just could not find the very tight core at 600 ft AGL. That took me to about 2200 ft ASL and I glided off to find plenty of broken half ups. A sailplane joined me 7 km from Four Marks, where I got to the highest point of the flight at around 4000 ft ASL.

Airmail Oct 2009

## History

## TURN POINT

**82.8 km**

**Tony Stephens**

**16 Aug 2009**

nr Petersfield

I decided to carry on when at my goal and headed towards Butser, but on approach I could see the wind was SSW. I landed just east of Petersfield to clock 95.6 km with five turnpoints [*The hang glider league allows five, if anyone's wondering. Ed.*] and 82.8 km in a straight line. A new site record!

Airmail Oct 2009

## History

# WINKLEBURY

ST936238

<b>Open Distance</b>	<b>112.3</b>	<b>5 Jun 1994</b>	<b>Steve Adams</b>
<b>Turn Point</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flight to Goal</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Out &amp; Return, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>Flat Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle</b>			<b>not claimed</b>
<b>FAI Triangle, Declared</b>			<b>not claimed</b>



**OPEN DISTANCE, Class D Airspace used**

**112.3 km**

**Steve Adams**

**5 Jun 1994**

Worthing

Solar Wings Rumour 1

**History**