

# **BMFA South West Area**

# 6th Ordinary Meeting, 2 November 2023 at 7:30pm via zoom

### **Provisional Minutes** (Online copy)

### Attendance

#### **Clubs Present:**

Okehampton, Riviera, Davidstow, CVA, CSSA, NAHC, Truro, East Devon, Exeter

#### **Officials Present:**

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Council Delegate, PRO, AASC, Events Coordinator

### AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Confirmation of Club Delegates present.
- 3. Minutes from previous meeting.
- 4. Actions from previous meeting.
- 5. Reports from Area Officers.
- 6. Report on Achievement Scheme Weekend.
- 7. Progress on Training events for Fixed Wing and Heli Pilots.
- 8. Planning for AGM.
- 9. Matters arising from Club Delegates.
- 10. AOB.
- 11. Date and venue for next meeting.
- 12. Meeting Close.

### PROCEEDINGS

The Chairman welcomed all participants and opened the meeting at 7:35pm

#### 1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the following:

ACE (PC) Chairman, Culdrose MFC

#### 2. Confirmation of Club Delegates present.

2.1 The Secretary confirmed there were nine Clubs present, each represented by its nominated Delegate. These are identified in the attendance list above. (*Sec – the Exeter and District Delegate was forced to leave by a power cut at about 8:30pm so the eventual voting strength was reduced to eight Clubs*)

#### 3. Minutes from previous meeting.

3.1 No comments on the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting had been received. The Davidstow MFC Delegate proposed they be accepted. The proposal was seconded by the Vice Chair. The minutes were unanimously approved on a show of hands.

#### 4. Actions arising from previous meeting.

Action 5-1. <u>Torbay Riviera Airshow</u>: in the Torbay Delegate's absence, an action was placed on the Events Coordinator to ensure that preparations for the Airshow were fully in hand. **Complete** 

#### 5. Reports from Area Officers.

5.1 The Chairman & Vice Chairman and had nothing to report.

5.2 The <u>Area Council Delegate</u> reported he had attended the last Area Council meeting where the main topic of discussion was completion of the new BMFA Handbook. He had been unable to attend the recent full Board Meeting, however he understood the main topics for discussion had been a proposed increase in fees as well as planning for a World Champs Scale Event to be held in the UK in 2026.

5.3 The <u>PRO</u> thanked all concerned for providing him with event dates and other updates which had enabled him to maintain the website. He requested those providing dates to give him a block update when relevant as this would help him to better maintain a sequential calendar of events.

5.4 The <u>Secretary</u> reported he had prepared Guidelines for Flying Model Aircraft at St Agnes and circulated them throughout the Area (and attached at Annex 1). A copy has been passed to BMFA HQ for inclusion on the national website. As the Secretary had been unable to conduct business during the summer months, he had passed leadership of discussions with the National Trust back to the Delegate for Cornwall RC Fliers.

5.5 The <u>Area Achievement Scheme Coordinator</u> reported his main activity had been to prepare for the Achievement Weekend which had unfortunately been postponed from the original date in July to early September. This event had been successful, he would report on

it more fully under agenda item 7. He thanked the PRO for including reference to the activity on the website.

<u>6. Financial Statement.</u> (Sec – I've recorded the Treasurer's Report as a financial statement, even though not specifically included on the agenda, as it seems too significant to be mixed in with more general reports at 5 above. His full written report is attached at Annex 2)

6.1 The Treasurer reported the bank balance as of 1 April 2023 was £3,128, from which various payments and receipts during this financial year have resulted in a current account balance of £3,644.

6.2 The activities bid for in 2023/24 all took place; no monies need to be returned to the BMFA with some minor additional payments being made due to increases in costs. There was only one event that was held for which action now needs to be taken. That is the annual Achievements Weekend. The original arrangements were a repeat of the previous year's programme which was a joint effort between the Okehampton Club and BMFA HQ. However, no funding had been included in this year's budget to cover the cost of free food which had been funded directly by the BMFA at the previous year's event. The Treasurer understood the total expenditure on free food was about £650. He would need the Committee to approve this expenditure before he could repay those concerned. He understood that some costs might be recovered from the sale of unused food.

6.3 The St Austell Delegate queried how this sum could have been spent without the Area Committee's approval. The Chairman explained that the event had originally been approved to take place along the lines of the previous year's event which had included free food funded by the BMFA. In organising the event the Okehampton Club had justifiably proceeded along those lines however it transpired later that no additional money would be available from the BMFA. This situation was reluctantly accepted by the Committee on the basis that it should not be repeated in future years.

6.4 The Vice Chair considered the Area was morally obliged to reimburse those who had spent money; however, this situation could not be allowed to happen again. The Treasurer proposed that the Area Committee approve his payment of invoices received for expenditure on food at the 2023 Achievement Weekend. This was seconded by the St Austell MFC Delegate and unanimously approved on a show of hands.

6.5 The Treasurer said that in July 2023 we were invited by the BMFA to submit financial bids to fund SW Area activities for the financial year 2024/25. The Secretary had emailed a request on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, on the Treasurer's behalf, to all Club Delegates in the Area, inviting bids for any events/activities for which individual Clubs and the Area might wish to bid. The Treasurer had received very few returns from any of the Clubs or from Committee members. He had therefore decided to submit bids based on last year's approved grants on the premise that those events would likely be repeated this year. The bids submitted for the year 2024/25 were therefore defined as follows:

Clubs	Project	Event	Cost £
Torbay and District MFC Torbay & District	2 gliding events	2 Swapmeets Provision of toilets	140. 150.
Exeter & District RCC	2 x displays	2 static displays	120.
Truro MFC	2 x Swapmeets	Room hire	120
St Austell MFC St Austell MFC	Tredinnick Steam Fair Chris Foss Fly in	BMFA publicity Inter club fly in	200. 75.
CVA	Indoor Flying	Support for junior initiative	175.
SMAE SW	6-8 Glider RES & Open Thermal Days	Provision of toilets	500.
Okehampton MFC	6 Open Aerotow and 2 gliding events	Provision of toilets	500.
Total			1 9

6.6 The Secretary proposed the meeting approve in retrospect the 24/25 funding bid as defined above. This was seconded by the Vice Chair and carried unanimously on a show of hands.

6.7 The Events Coordinator noted there was no funding included for food for next year's Achievement Weekend despite him submitting a bid to the Treasurer on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July. The Treasurer stated he had not received that bid; thus, it was not included. Unfortunately, it was now too late to resubmit as the BMFA deadline for bids was well past. Any funding for free food next year would have to come from the current account balance. The Treasurer pointed out that continued funding at this level without BMFA support was impractical as it would drain the bank account within 5 years. The Chairman referred further discussion on this topic to the next Agenda item.

6.8 The meeting was concerned that the miscommunication over funding for food might have arisen because emails had not found their way through the system correctly. The Davidstow Delegate recommended all to ensure, if possible, that they requested receipt and open notifications when sending emails.

6.9 The meeting thanked the Treasurer for his efforts.

7.0 Report on Achievement Scheme Weekend.

7.1 The AASC said that he had put considerable effort into planning tests and training for both days, however proceedings were taken over by the BMFA Club Support Officer who concentrated on fixed wing activities while he became involved with helicopter tests on a

separate field. It had taken some considerable effort to gain a set of results citing tests carried out and pass/fails from the Club Support Officer post the event. However, this information had recently been received and though it was still incomplete he had been able to compile a comprehensive spreadsheet summarising attendance, candidates, passes, fails and certificates issued. The Secretary had circulated this information to Delegates on the AASC's behalf prior to the meeting. Comments were welcome. The bottom line was as follows:

- Online applications	59
- Candidates in attendance	22
- Examiners available	8
- Successful Candidates	12
- Total Certificates Gained	17

Passes comprised: 3 Fixed Wing As, 3 Fixed Wing Bs, Examiner Heli, Examiner Fixed Wing, 2 Heli As, 2 Heli Bs, 1 A&B MR with Camera Drone Proficiency, FPV (MR Extension) +BPC. The AASC considered this a good total, plus those who failed gained useful training. All are to be congratulated on either gaining their certificates or participating in training.

Overall, the AASC thought the event well attended and should be considered a success with regard to its basic objective of trying to improve the standard of flying in the Area. However, in his view the overall standard of flying was less than desirable. It was encouraging that so many Examiners had made themselves available and he extended his thanks for their support.

7.2 The Meeting thanked the AASC for his efforts.

7.3 The Chairman invited the Events Coordinator as chairman of the organising club to comment. He said work on the site had commenced on the Tuesday before the event, that sufficient food had been purchased to cater for anticipated attendance and that catering facilities on the day worked well. He felt that the catering service was well received, and this point was echoed by those Delegates who had either been present or spoken with people who were. However, he was disappointed that no funding had been include in next year's budget to enable free food to be offered despite his request. He felt that offering free food was important in encouraging the social aspect of the event, something that had been reflected in his email discussion with the Club Support Officer.

7.4 The Meeting commended the Okehampton Club on its excellent work to host the event.

7.5 The Chairman considered there were now two issues to be resolved: should the Area plan to run an Achievement Weekend next year and, if so, should it offer free food.

7.6 On the first of these issues the general feeling of the meeting was that given the success of the last two years the event should be repeated next year. The Treasurer proposed that an Achievement Weekend be held again in 2024. This was seconded by the Secretary. The proposal was passed with seven votes in favour and one (Davidstow) against.

7.7 On the second issue the general feeling of the meeting was that the provision of free food was an unnecessary commitment of significant resource that was anyway likely to be unsustainable. The Vice Chair proposed that if the Achievement Weekend event takes place in future years there should be no provision of free food. This was seconded by the Secretary. On a show of hands, the proposal was carried by seven votes to one (Okehampton) against.

7.8 The Events Coordinator said a recent Okehampton Club committee meeting had decide it was not keen for their Club to host next year's event and requested another host Club be sought.

Action 6-1: Events Coordinator to seek an alternative Club to host next year's Achievement Weekend.

#### 8. Progress on Training Events for Fixed Wing and Heli Pilots.

8.1 The purpose of this activity is to improve the standard of flying across the Area. The Events Coordinator confirmed that discussions were taking place between ACE (PC) and himself with a view to starting courses in spring next year for both Fixed Wings and Helis. ACE(PC) has a number of likely helpers in mind. Courses will be held in both counties, but specific locations have yet to be decided.

8.2 The Chairman asked if a sub-committee was required to help formulate the activity. The Events Coordinator said he was happy with progress, and this would not be necessary at the present time.

#### 9. Planning for AGM.

9.1 The Secretary said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM will take place by zoom at 7:30 pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. This was agreed at the 1<sup>st</sup> AGM and advertised in the minutes. He had given "a heads up" to the present discussion in the original calling notice for the 6th meeting in an email on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. The initial AGM calling notice had been mailed to Delegates for their Club's attention on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October. Proposals for inclusion on the agenda were required by the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. None have been received so the agenda will be more or less the same as for last year. He will distribute the final agenda and calling notice by the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

9.2 A significant agenda item will be election/re-election of Officers consequent on those standing down. These will be:

- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- AASC
- PRO

9.3 The Vice Chairman, Secretary and AASC all stated their intention was not to stand for reelection. The Chairman said it was most important to find a new Secretary, preferably by the time of the AGM. The Council Delegate considered it highly desirable to recruit a replacement AASC. The incumbent would need, or be prepared to gain, a thorough knowledge of relevant BMFA achievement and training procedures. The Chairman considered that the second PRO post was unnecessary and need not be renewed. The Secretary agreed.

Action 6-2: The PRO was actioned to advertise the Secretary and ASSC vacancies for next year on the website.

#### 10. Matters Arising from Club Delegates.

10.1 The AASC asked what expenses Examiners (and indeed other persons) could claim for travelling on Area business. The allowable categories for Examiners were set out in a rather ancient guidance document but there didn't seem to be any advice on rates. The Treasurer said he believed BMFA official rates were quite small, 26ppm for any travel greater than the first twenty miles. He understood though the Area could re-imburse at its own agreed rate, say 45ppm for all mileage which he thought would be more appropriate given the large increases in the costs of living.

Action 6-3: The Treasurer to seek advice on travel expenses rules and rates from the BMFA.

10.2 The AASC asked what support was available for indoor flying as costs were moving out of control. The Vice Chairman replied he had bid successfully for funding for one night (out of seven) for Area indoor flying at Winnards Perch. It was still expensive, he had to charge Seniors £10 per head, but Juniors were not charged. The funding paid for one event each year and was argued on the basis it introduced young people to modelling. The Treasurer said other Clubs could bid for money to support indoor flying in the next round.

#### <u>10a Invisible Model Flyers - Capturing Flying Site information.</u>

The Chairman introduced an additional Agenda item to highlight the recently received email titled as above from Club Support Officer. Full text is at Annex 3. The email is addressed to all Clubs requesting they register their flying sites using the following link:

https://try-flying.bmfa.uk/flying-site-locations/submit-site-details

Information gathered will be automatically included in an interactive map:

#### https://try-flying.bmfa.uk/flying-site-locations

Information so gathered will eventually be passed to the CAA such that it can be integrated into their NOTAM system enabling commercial drone operations to be deconflicted from our operations - it will not be made public.

The Chairman said that as the BMFA considered this a very important initiative, would all Clubs respond accordingly. He added there were many "ad hoc" sites, for example slope soaring sites, at which modellers operate and he wondered how the BMFA would gather information on these. Accordingly, he would contact Club Support Officer on this topic.

<u>11. AOB</u>. There was no AOB.

12. Date and Venue for next meeting.

12.1 The next meeting will be held by zoom immediately following the AGM on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. Its sole agenda item will be to take any AOB topics stemming from the AGM and if there are none it will be cancelled.

13. The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:50.

Secretary, BMFA South West Area 07547591608

14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Sec. Note: All names and contact details have been removed from this online copy for safety. *Any BMFA Member wishing to see a full version can do so by a request via the link:* 

https://southwest.bmfa.uk/contact-us/

# <u>Annex 1</u>



# **BMFA South West Area**

### **Guidelines for Flying Model Aircraft at St Agnes Head**

#### Introduction

The National Trust along with Natural England has given permission for model flying at St Agnes Head to take place outside of the Bird Breeding Season. Presently, this period extends from 1 September to 31 January 2024. The National Trust has not yet prepared a formal license document for signature however the Head Ranger has confirmed that flying can re-commence pending preparation of a final agreement. This activity remains very much on probation and whether or not we will be able to continue in following years, let alone extend the period for which permission has been granted, depends completely on whether or not our activities are seen to be acceptable in the coming months. Accordingly, I have set out a few guidelines that should be observed. These are derived mainly from the previous agreement established by the Cornwall Slope Soaring Association with the National Trust. They will change as discussion with the National Trust continues. I will distribute updates when possible. Please observe them.

#### **Guidelines**

1. The **only locations** where permission has been granted to fly within the entire **St Agnes to Godrevy** National Trust SSSI are our traditional sites at St Agnes Head. These comprise: the Northerly area, the Westerly area by the coastguard hut and the WSW area just beyond the point at which the surfaced roadway ends.

2. **Birds of prey** are known to be present on the cliffs. These birds are a protected species. It is illegal to disturb them, either directly or through upsetting their natural habitat. If you see a bird of prey, please fly a wide circuit away from it and land immediately. Enjoy the moment, it is rare to see them. Once the bird has left the area you may relaunch. Generally, the bird will have a good look around and then fly away from the slope. Modellers are asked to keep a minimum distance of 200m between a model and any bird of prey. Observing this guideline is extremely important. Interference with Birds of Prey is the single thing must likely to bring model flying at St Agnes to a halt – again – this guideline needs to be strictly observed.

3. Flying **multi-copters or drones is strictly prohibited** at all times on the headland. They must not be flown at St Agnes Head at any time.

4. Flying of **powered models is strictly prohibited** at all times. They must not be flown at St Agnes Head at any time. This prohibition applies to gliders with motor assist. The motor must not be used. If a model has a propeller on the front (or anywhere else) it should be removed. If a passerby sees a propeller, they will assume it is going to be used, it may well be reported and the consequences are likely to be very negative.

5. The rules within **BMFA's Article 16 Agreement** must be observed at all times, especially with regard to maintaining a safe distance from people and property. St Agnes Head is a public site. Members of the public can appear on coast paths below and behind a pilot without warning. Pay special attention to flying well away from any members of the public. Please examine the site before flying to determine where the footpaths are. They are some distance below the flying area on all slopes. If possible, one or more members of a group of flyers should be nominated to keep a lookout for people as well as birds of prey and given the authority to bring proceedings to a halt should appearance of either give cause for concern.

6. Do not make landing approaches over car parks or over parked cars. The minimum safe distance is 50m from car parks, the coastguard hut, and any members of the public at all times.

7. We now need to share the clifftops with paragliders which have been banned from flying at Chapel Porth. Allow paragliders time to launch. Keep well out of their way during the launch phase and of course, once airborne, at all times. 8. Do not leave any litter on the site, take it home. If you find any other modelling related litter, please take it home as well.

9. BMFA or equivalent insurance should be carried by all modellers along with proof of their current Operator's Registration. All models should carry their Operator's ID number.

10. If you come across an "out of Area" modeller seeking to fly, please ensure they are acquainted with these guidelines. Preferably give them a copy.

11. Flying should take place as far as possible over the sea. Do not fly persistently low and close to the clifftops. Not only will this present a danger to possibly unseen members of the public but will also be observed as a potential threat to nesting birds.

12. In general, landings should be performed to the right-hand (facing out to sea) side of the hump on the Northern slope, to the right-hand side between the coastguard hut and the car park away from any parked car on the Westerly slope, and over the heather to the left-hand side on the WSW slope. Do not land if any people are in the vicinity.

13. Finally, we should all remember that we only fly by the generosity of others, that is, we need permission of considerate third parties to use their land. The National Trust owns St Agnes Head. Because St Agnes Head (and indeed the coast so far as Godrevy) is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest, the National Trust in turn must observe the requirements of Natural England. It may be that this situation will change, but we have to operate within the framework of those institutions and the applicable laws at all times. Consequently, if you are approached by a National Trust Ranger, or a Natural England Official, you must not challenge or harangue with them. Explain what you are doing and why you think you can do it. Show a copy of this note, if necessary, then do what you are asked to do (in all reasonableness of course!). The same applies if you are approached by a member of the public or a paraglider pilot concerned about your activities. Explain what you are doing and why you have permission to fly but do not get into an altercation. If problems arise let me know and I will take it up with the appropriate authority on your behalf.

Secretary, BMFA South West Area Secretary@southwest.bmfa.uk Update 2, 6 November 2023

# Annex 2

#### Treasurer's Report – BMFA SW Oct 16

The following is my report on the accounts of the BMFA SW as at 10 October 2023.

**BMFA SW Bank Account** - The bank balance as at 1 April 2023 was £3,128, from which various payments during this financial year have resulted in a current account balance of  $\pounds$ 3,644.

#### **BMFA Annual Bids**

**2023/24** - The activities bid for in 2023/24 all took part and no monies need to be returned to the BMFA with some minor payments being made due to increases in costs. There was only one event that was held for which action now needs to be taken. That is the annual Achievements Day which was delayed from July to September. The original arrangements were a repeat of previous years' programme which was a joint effort between the Okehampton Club and BMFA HQ.

All the activities were repeated, including free catering for the participants on the day. Regrettably, the funding for the catering was not available from BMFA HQ this year. This lack of funding was not discovered until very late in the preparations for the event and a decision had to be made as to whether the Area should/could afford to fund the catering. This decision should, rightly, have been approved by the SW committee but the tight timescale precluded this process. It was agreed that the Area would fund the cost. The scale and type of food was not specified and, I understand, no cost ceiling was set.

The event was very successful, and those who participated were very complimentary about the organisation. However, the total cost of food was larger than had been envisaged and, probably, reflects the enthusiasm of those people to provide catering to a good standard. All participating on those days were complimentary about the quality of food provided. A number of receipted bills, from various individuals, have now been forwarded to me for payment, and reflect the numbers of people involved in the process. Understandably, this dispersal of buying might have resulted in a higher total cost for the two days - totalling around £650. Despite this fairly high cost, I have been advised that there is a buy back in progress for excess food purchased which should give a measure of recovery of costs. Until this information is available, I am unable to reimburse those involved in the provision of food over these two days. In consultation with our Chair, we have therefore taken the view that we have an obligation to fully reimburse those costs. We trust that the Committee will agree with that decision and approve the reimbursement, once we have the necessary buy-back information.

All this cost will need to be met from our Area funds but I'm aware that Felix is considering seeking funding from BMFA HQ.

In the long term we need to consider the provision of free catering at the future Achievement Scheme events. I suggest that this catering largess is not sustainable on a regular annual basis, and a decision should now be taken before we start making arrangement for a similar, hoped for, event in 2024. I suggest that free food is a luxury that we really cannot afford. I leave that consideration to the committee to reflect on at this early stage, so that the organisers can arrange any necessary provision.

**Bids for 2024/25 Activities** - In Jul 2023 we were invited by the BMFA to submit financial bids to fund SW Area activities for the financial year 2024/25. I therefore emailed a request to all clubs and delegates in the area, inviting bids for any events/activities for which individual clubs and the Area might wish to bid. As usual, I received very few bids from any clubs or from the committee.

I therefore, unilaterally, decided to work on the assumption that all the club/area activities held in 2023/24 would be repeated in 2024/25. I made this decision based on the premise that if any of those activities were not held, I could return their funding to the BMFA HQ.

Torbay &DMFC	2 Gliding events	2 Swapmeets Provision of toilets	£140 £150
Exeter &D RCC	2 displays	2 static displays	£120
Truro &DMFC		2 Swapmeets	£120
St Austell MFC	Tredinnick Steam Fair	BMFA publicity	£200
	Chris Foss fly in	Inter club fly in	£75
CVA	Indoor Flying	Support for junior initiative	£175
SMAE SW	6-8 RES and Open Thermal Days	Provision of toilets	£500
Okehampton MFC	6 Open aerotow and 2 gliding events	Provision of toilets	£500

The bids submitted for the year 2024/25 were defined as follows:

You will note that no bid is included for the Achievement Scheme weekend in 2024/25. The catering provision only arose after the 2024/25 bids had been submitted so missed the awards deadline. The actual awards have yet to be announced.

Any additional bids would normally need to be met from Area SW funds.

I request that this table of bids be approved by the committee, subject to any awards from the BMFA.

#### 2023/24 Accounts

All approved bids for this year, 2023/24, for events/costs that have been held have been paid subject. The only outstanding items are the approval of the Food costs above, and under consideration; giving a current bank balance of  $\pounds$ 3,644

Honorary Treasurer BMFA, Southwest Area 8 October 2023

## Annex 3

# **Invisible Model Flyers - Capturing Flying Site Information**

Dear BMFA Club,

You are receiving this email as you are listed as either the Chairman or Secretary of a BMFA Affiliated Model flying club, this email is being sent to all club Chairmen and Secretaries, please liaise with each other before responding.

Apologies for the length of this email, please take the time to read it all though as it is very important.

One of the big challenges facing the model flying community is the introduction of unmanned aircraft operating beyond visual line of sight of the operator. There are numerous examples of this type of operation currently being trialled, such as trials using drones to transport urgent deliveries between hospitals in Northumberland.

Many of these flights are conducted at low level, to reduce the potential for conflict with manned aircraft. However, this potentially places the drone in conflict with model flyers.

The current mechanism for conducting these drone flights safely is to create Temporary Danger Areas within the airspace which will be notified to other airspace users via the NOTAM system. It is useful therefore, for model flyers to check the status of their airspace before flying and this can be done easily using an app, such as Drone Assist from Altitude Angel.

Permanent changes to the status of airspace are subject to an Airspace Change Proposal (the process for which is detailed in CAP1616). There has been a proliferation of such changes in recent years, and this also presents us with a challenge, because unless the precise location of model flying sites and clubs is known, we cannot always verify whether any proposed changes will affect members.

Similarly, sponsors of Airspace Change Proposals have no way of knowing directly whether their plans will affect our community.

As such, we are embarking on a project to capture the precise locations of sites where model flying takes place on a regular basis. We hope that this data can be held by the CAA and then be accessed by companies such as Altitude Angel (so that drone operators using their system are aware of our presence) and sponsors of Airspace Change Proposals (so that they are aware of our presence and can communicate with those that may be affected by their proposals directly).

Participation in this project will be voluntary, but if you're invisible to other airspace users (and the BMFA), it is difficult for us to help, and this is likely to become more of a problem in the future.

We have created an online form to gather the information that is currently required. This can be accessed at the following link. <u>https://try-flying.bmfa.uk/flying-site-locations/submit-site-details</u> Please read the instructions carefully before submitting your details.

When submitted, the information is automatically added to an interactive map. See <u>https://try-flying.bmfa.uk/flying-site-locations</u> please note this map is not being made publicly available and it is

currently password protected (Current Password is SMAE1922), I recommend checking the map before submitting flying site details to ensure they have not already been submitted.

If you have any questions please just ask.

Many thanks for your time.

**Kindest Regards** 

**Club Support Officer** 

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