



As we are a Royal Air Force Gliding and Soaring Association (RAFGSA) gliding club, so the content of your experience will depend on whether you are serving personnel or a civilian.

Civilian: One Aero-tow, or two winch launches and one months membership.

Service Personnel: Two Aero-tows or Four winch launches and membership until the 31st April.

Gliding experience slots may be booked for most Saturdays and Sundays. Please visit our website: www.bannerdown.co.uk/lessons_book.htm to select your preferred date and time from those available. If you experience difficulties or do not have internet access, please telephone our trial lesson co-ordinator, Susan Brownlie on 07810674993.

On the day of your flight if the weather looks to be windy, rainy or low cloud, please telephone 07958 570 587 (launch point) before travelling, to confirm that we are able to fly. All flights are subject to the weather and the operational availability of the airfield and aircraft.

You must bring the enclosed voucher with you when you come to fly. We suggest you wear stout shoes and bring warm clothing - even if the weather is good. A pair of sunglasses and bucket style hat may also be useful. You are welcome to bring friends or family with you, providing they meet all covid and health and safety requirements.

At the club you will be introduced to one of our qualified instructors who will give you a full safety and pre-flight briefing. They will explain the safety procedures and ensure that you are strapped comfortably into the aircraft. The glider will then be towed aloft, either by winch cable or behind a tug-plane, allowing you to experience the magic of silent flight. Your instructor will explain the controls and may let you fly the glider yourself, before returning for a gentle landing back at Keevil.

On completion of your gliding experience, you may be able to undertake additional flights at your own expense, depending on weather and operational constraints. Please ask on the day if you are interested. You are welcome to fly with us again while your membership remains valid, paying only the flying fees.

For safety reasons, there is a weight limit of 230 lbs / 100 kg; those of a tall or petite stature may experience difficulty in fitting the aircraft cockpit or safety equipment. Please contact us for more information.

Covid 19 – Please note that you will be required to wear a **facemask** for your flight unless you have a medical exemption. We ask that you bring the **results of your last lateral flow test** if you are testing regularly, or that you complete a test before attending the airfield. Tests can be ordered here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/> We also ask that you stay out of all club buildings and vehicles wherever possible.

HEALTH AND SAFETY BRIEF

The gliding club has an obligation under the HSW act to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practical, contractors and visitors come to no harm.

All visitors to the club have a legal duty to take care and avoid harming others by actions and omissions; please therefore observe the following guidelines:

- Keep a good lookout above, to the front, side and behind.
- Give way to gliders, aeroplanes and helicopters at all times.
- Do not touch gliders, aeroplanes, launch equipment or machinery.
- Stay in the notified areas. One is the clubhouse, the other will be at the glider launch point.
- Do not walk in front of gliders, aeroplanes or helicopters.
- Ask a club member to accompany you to cross any part of the airfield.
- Comply with instructions given to you by Club officials or military personnel.

It is likely that your personal and motor insurance will not provide cover on this airfield. You may therefore be personally liable and be sued in connection with any accident you cause.

This is an active airfield. Gliders, aeroplanes or helicopters may approach from ANY direction.

Postcode for Sat Nav: BA14 6HG

RAF Keevil is situated off the A350 between Melksham and Westbury follow the signs until you arrive at crash gate 1, for security reasons this is kept locked, even when we are flying.

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Please do bring a mobile telephone with you; let us know you have arrived at the gate 07958 570 587 and we will come and meet you.



