APPLICATION FORM FOR RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP

for members of other BGA clubs

This form is valid for one month from the date of signature. A membership fee (where applicable) is due for each day of flying.

This form creates legally binding obligations between you and the Club.
You should read it carefully before signing it.

We are very pleased to welcome you to Shalbourne Gliding Club.

I am a member of _____ gliding club

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and apply for temporary membership of Shalbourne Gliding Club.

Name:	Title Forenames (block letters please) Surname
Address (inc Postcode):	
Contact Phone number:	
Email:	

I understand that this data will be kept and used for club purposes only.

[The Mandatory Safety Rules and Medical Notes are available to read in the Launch Point Vehicle.

If you have not seen a copy, **please request the notes now**.]

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE MANDATORY SAFETY AND MEDICAL NOTES. I agree to follow the guidance provided to me and undertake to follow any instructions given to me by members of the club. I am at least 18 years old.

I will bring to the attention of the Duty Instructor, in confidence, any medical condition which might cause an adverse effect during a flight. I am also aware that it is my personal responsibility to ensure that if there is doubt about my fitness to fly, I will not fly and will seek advice from my GP.

Signature of applicant:

Date

MANDATORY SAFETY and MEDICAL NOTES

A copy of this document for you to keep is available on request.

Although gliding is one of the safest of the "adventurous aviation" sports - accidents although rare, can happen. It is important that you are aware that gliding is a potentially dangerous activity and therefore flying in a glider is not as safe as flying in a commercial airliner.

Airfields have hazards unfamiliar in everyday life. Please read the advice below.

We are not qualified to express an opinion confirming your fitness to fly and you must ensure that you are fit to fly on each occasion. You must not fly if you are suffering from any serious medical condition or have recently undergone surgery unless you have a certificate of your fitness to fly from your doctor. You must not fly if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN A MEMBERSHIP FORM BEFORE FLYING.

Airfield hazards

The airfield is a large grass field with no markings. Launching a glider requires the use of a long (almost 1 mile) steel cable which will be dropped into the field; gliders cannot take avoiding action when landing. Therefore the whole field should be regarded as in use by aircraft and launching cables, except for small areas near the launch-point caravan and club buildings. Always keep close to the edge of the field and never cross the open areas.

- On arrival, stop at the gate and read the safety notice, then turn right and drive around the edge of the field to the launch point. Park with other vehicles near the launch point caravan.
- Stay close to the caravan and do not approach a glider unless accompanied by a club member, and ensure that friends and family do likewise; dogs must be on a short lead in your hand or attached to an immoveable object.
- On departure, ask which way you should go and check that it is OK to drive away, to avoid conflict with a launch or landing.

Please ask any club member for assistance if you are not sure.

Age Limits

Children under the age of 18 will require a parent's or guardian's written consent and if under 16 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other nominated adult while at the airfield. There is no upper age limit. Children under the age of 14 will be able to fly at the discretion of the instructor conducting the lesson.

Sizes and Weights

If you are heavier than 16 stones 4 lbs (228lb or 103kg) you may not be able to fly in our gliders as most gliders have a pilot weight limit of 242 lb or 110kg for each seat, which includes the weight of the parachute (15lb or 7kg). Very tall or very small people (over 6'4''/193cm or under 5'/152cm) may not be able to fly in our gliders. Please seek advice from a club official.

Vehicles

Please note that your car insurance may not be valid while driven or parked on the airfield.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

When flying under instruction, you will be doing so with a suitably qualified pilot. There are medical requirements that individuals need to satisfy before they fly solo. This does not apply to pilots under instruction.

The following conditions may cause difficulty while flying. If you suffer from any of these, particularly the more serious conditions, it may be wise to obtain medical opinion.

Blackouts from any cause
Epilepsy
Severe head injury
Recurrent fainting or giddiness
High blood pressure
Angina
Coronary artery disease
Bronchitis
Asthma
Sinus disease
Ear disease
Defective vision
Migraine
Diabetes of any form
Kidney stones
Psychiatric disorders
Severe motion or travel sickness
Other conditions requiring treatment with drugs

In addition, pregnancy, minor illnesses, drugs and the donation of blood may make you temporarily unfit to fly and you should seek medical advice before doing so.

For your comfort in flight and on the airfield

Airfields are exposed places; often colder than you might expect, so be prepared to add an extra layer! Please don't wear a skirt if you are intending to fly.

In warm weather, you will need plenty to drink, high factor sun cream and a hat.

Try to avoid drinking diuretics such as tea, coffee and coca-cola for a couple of hours before flying as it would be a shame to have to cut your flying short to answer a call of nature.

For those who suffer from motion or travel sickness, you may be interested to know that many pilots achieve relief from their symptoms by wearing acupressure wrist bands.

If you have any questions during your visit, please just ask and someone should be only too pleased to assist you.

ALCOHOL

Even the most moderate drinker should be aware that the Railways & Transport Safety Act makes it an offence for pilots, including glider pilots, to fly while over the prescribed limit for alcohol.

The Law is very clear on this and applies to you even for a trial lesson flight.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO FLY IN A GLIDER WITH AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION IN YOUR BLOOD EXCEEDING 20mg per 100ml.

This is ¼ of the Drink/Drive limit and is effectively a zero tolerance limit!

This means:

- No alcohol within 8 hours before flying; no more than 5 units for a man, 3 units for a woman, in the 12 hours before your flight
- 1 unit is ½ a pint of ordinary strength (3.6%) beer or ½ a standard glass of 12% wine
- It takes an hour to absorb one unit of alcohol so if you have consumed a substantial amount during the 24 hours before your flight you could still be over the limit.