



Membership Brochure

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Our Mission Statement

For the benefit of the public to establish and maintain a working museum for the exhibition and preservation and use of historic aircraft, specifically gliders, and associated artefacts and equipment; to advance the education of the public in the history of gliding and associated equipment used by Air Training Corps, RAF Gliding Schools, RAF Volunteer Reserve (training), Volunteer Gliding Schools and Squadrons.

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Registered Charity 1211603






Who are we?

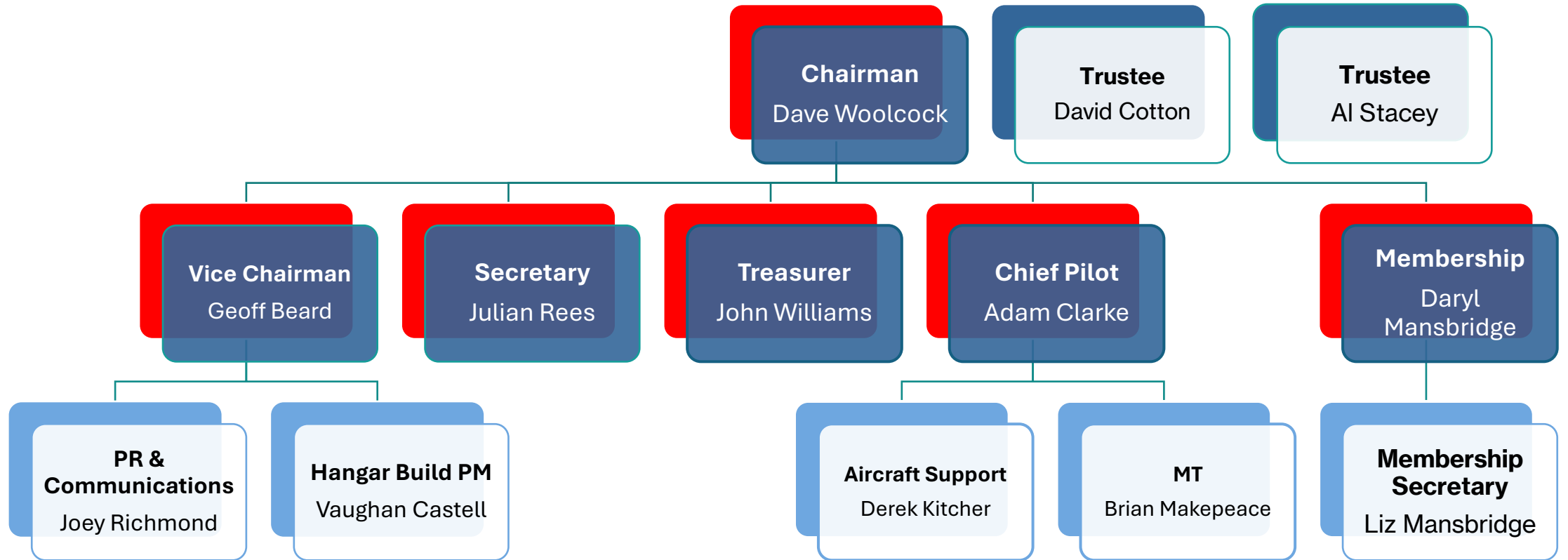
As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) the Charity is overseen by our Trustees and run by a volunteer management committee made up of Trustees and ACHF Members.

We are also very pleased to say that Air Marshal Peter Ruddock CB CBE FRAeS FCMI RAF (Ret'd) is our Patron, using his influence to enhance our credibility, public image, and support our fundraising. As a highly experienced pilot, senior RAF officer (retired) with a wide range of aerospace experience, including a board position with the [RAF Museum](#).



ACHF Org Chart

-  Elected Committee Member
-  Trustee
-  Volunteer



Where did we come from?

The Air Cadet Historic Flight was born out of the 621 VGS Historic Flight originally based at RAF Hullavington alongside 621 Volunteer Gliding Squadron.

Our fleet of ex-air cadet gliders includes:

- Slingsby Grasshopper TX Mk.1 (Primary/ T38)
- Slingsby Kirby Cadet TX Mk.3 (T-31)
- Slingsby Kirby Cadet TX2 (T-8)
- Slingsby Sedbergh TX Mk.1 (T-21)
- Slingsby Prefect TX Mk.1 (T-30)
- Slingsby Swallow (T45)

We are also closely affiliated with a private syndicate which owns a Slingsby Venture.



What are our aims ?

Continue to develop & preserve our collection:

- Ensure our existing fleet is maintained in flying condition
- Restore more of our gliders to full airworthiness
- Build our collection of associated equipment



Build for the Future:

Fund & build a permanent facility that will provide hangarage for the collection and a workshop to support our maintenance and restoration.

Open that facility to visitors to educate and inform the public

- Raise funds for the project
- Develop plans & obtain planning permission
- Build & commission
- Promote our facility



Why Join ACHF?

There are many reasons why our members join, either as Full members or Associates. Anyone is welcome to join us if you:

- Want to keep these gliders flying to preserve the Heritage of the Air Cadet movement.
- Want to help shape the direction of the ACHF & help in running, fund raising and other activities*
- Want to meet like-minded people and help support and promote our aims
- Would like to get involved in restoration or maintenance activity.
- Want to help spread our message, informing & educating others about the history of the Air Cadets and their aircraft.
- Want to get actively involved in operational and flying activity, preparing, launching, retrieving, and maybe flying in the aircraft*

*Some activities restricted to Full Members only



How do we operate?

The ACHF is now based at Bristol & Gloucestershire Gliding Club (BGGC) and is entirely volunteer run with flying and maintenance days subject to availability.

To fly in a ACHF glider, you must sign up for ACHF membership UNLESS you are invited as a guest of a P1 member.

The WhatsApp community is our primary method of communications for the group and denotes when we intend to fly.

Any member of the ACHF who is not a member of BGGC must be escorted at all times when in BGGC member only areas.

Members of ACHF shall be subject to the briefing, oversight, recency and check flight requirements set out in the BGGC Flying and Operations Manual or as otherwise required by the BGGC CFI and/or BGGC Duty Instructor.



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Membership Types

Membership Type	Cost	Membership Details
Full Member	£100 per annum (payable from 1 st September)	<p>Full Membership of the ACHF CIO means you are a voting member of the CIO within the terms of the articles of association.</p> <p>You are free, if desired, to participate in all CIO activities as a volunteer, including serving on our management team or offering yourself as a Trustee. Optional activities might include fund raising, management, maintenance, conducting visitor tours or other operational activities.</p> <p>Full membership of the ACHF also enables you to take flights in our our gliders, either as passenger or Pilot, subject to availability & your qualifications. You will need to meet BGGC and BGA/CAA requirements & associated costs. as documented in our detailed agreement</p> <p>You will be invited to the ACHF WhatsApp Community.</p> <p>You will receive updates from the ACHF via email.</p>
Solo Levy	£50 per year	<p>Applicable to Full ACHF Members who wish to fly solo in any of our gliders. You must be a qualified glider pilot and meet BGA and/or CAA medical and recency requirements as well as having authorisation from the ACHF chief pilot</p>
Associate Member	£30 per annum (or £3 per month standing order)	<p>Supporting the future of the ACHF through an annual donation. You are welcome to come and visit and see our operation and the aircraft at close hand or help out with non flying activities such as aircraft maintenance, fund raising or administration.</p> <p>You will receive updates from the ACHF via email.</p>
Associate Member (BGGC Members)	£30 per annum (or £3 per month standing order)	<p>As above but as a BGGC member, you are also entitled to up to 4 flights per year in our gliders. This does not include launch fees.</p> <p>You will also be invited to the ACHF WhatsApp Community for announcements and flying operations only.</p>



To summarise:

- To become a Full Member of the ACHF you need to pay an annual fee of £100. No qualifications are required.
- If you are a qualified glider pilot and would like to become a Full Member and also wish to be able to Fly Solo in our gliders, you pay the annual fee of £100 plus a levy of £50/annum.
- All flying is done as part of the Bristol & Gloucestershire Gliding Club (BGGC). ACHF members are individually responsible for any BGGC fees incurred, such as launch fees and BGGC membership (daily or annual) and must comply with BGGC/BGA operational rules and practices.
- Alternatively, you can become an associate member of the ACHF for £30 a year or £3/month standing order (preferred option)
- As our annual fee is taken from 1st September, your annual fee is pro-rata'd but capped from 1st April at £50 if joining in March. Should you join after 1st June, we ask that you pay £50 plus the following year's annual subscription.



How to Sign Up

You can sign up today by simply filling in the following form and paying your membership to the account details provided therein:

https://form.jotform.com/Beard_Joanna/achf-membership-application-

