



THE HEREFORDSHIRE GLIDING CLUB

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Herefordshire Gliding Club policy for visiting tugs

HGC welcomes visitors either individually or in groups. We appreciate that an extra tug can improve the launch rate when there are several gliders to launch and provides backup in case of technical problems with the HGC tug. Therefore groups of visitors are welcome to bring a tug to Shobdon provided it is operated in a way which does not impact the finances of HGC. The aerotow fees paid to HGC include an element which contributes towards the annual block landing fee paid for the use of the airfield by the tug. If the whole aerotow fee paid to HGC is passed on to another organisation (for example to another gliding club) then HGC does not receive any contribution towards the block landing fee. HGC needs to maximise the use of its own tug or else HGC will need to raise revenue to pay the block landing fee by other means. This could be done by increasing the cost of membership or by HGC retaining part of each aerotow fee. We feel it is better value for visitors to keep our charges low and to maximise use of the HGC tug. Therefore we ask that visiting tugs are operated as follows:

When the HGC tug is ready and available and there isn't a queue of gliders waiting for a launch the HGC tug shall do all the aerotows.

A visiting tug is encouraged to aerotow when any of the following occurs:

- There is more than one glider ready and wanting a launch
- There is one glider ready and wanting a launch and the HGC tug is launching a previous glider
- The HGC tug is unavailable for some reason (for example it is not yet on line, it needs fuel, the pilot needs a break, or it is unserviceable)

We hope visiting pilots will understand the reason for this guidance and abide by it.

Should HGC incur any additional cost due to the operation of a visiting tug, HGC reserves the right to pass the cost on to the operator of the visiting tug.

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Policy on use of HGC tug off-site or by non-members

The tug is not hired out to non-members nor to other gliding sites nor for field landing retrieves.