

An infrequent update from the Development Committee

Here's a swift round up of a few useful items

1. Club Management Conference – Sunday 17th November 2019 at de Vere Staverton

The preparations are coming along nicely, with sessions for:

- Chairs, managers and secretaries
- CFIs
- Treasurers
- Club Technical Officers

Together with the **Juniors Conference**, for people involved with supporting junior pilot development.

This year we'll be looking at the environment of our gliding clubs and how we can best support people to join our clubs and stay in them. There will be sessions focusing on partnership working, development pathways and strategy development, all delivered by a blend of an external speaker, you the clubs plus BGA volunteers and staff. Club Technical Officers will have an update on Brexit (related issues) including possible EASA rule changes. (Part 66 & Part M Light)! It's a new venue near Northampton (not Gloucester – please don't try and fly in), but it looks like it will cater to our expanding needs very nicely. [Online bookings are now open via the BGA website](#) Come along to meet and share ideas with other people running gliding clubs.

2. Sharing Good Practice

The BGA Annual Good Practice Award is given to recognise innovation developed by clubs. Due to low interest (so far), this year we are extending the closing date by one calendar month. The **closing date for applications in 2019 is 30th September**, with the announcement at the end of October. Full details from the [BGA website](#). Submit your club's best practices to be in the running for a free place on a BGA instructor course

3. A quick survey

There are two things we would like to get more information about:

- Mapping the natural support network between clubs
- The external grant funding search engine the BGA subscribes to

We would like to get a better understanding of the way clubs support one another, and are beginning the process by asking you which clubs you are friends with and the form that support takes.

The BGA currently subscribes to the Directory of Social Change for their online searchable database of external funding. We aren't altogether sure how many of you use it, nor what the ongoing need is, so there are a couple of questions about that within the survey too.

Please complete this [short \(5 question\) survey](#) which covers both topics.

4. Club Matters

Sport England has a [website with lots of resources](#) for management of sports clubs. They also [run workshops for clubs](#) (in England). Worth checking out.

5. Contacting us

Please do use us when you have club management queries – we are a resource in place for your benefit.

When you email us, to help us to respond, please include your name, club and phone number.

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