

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN 2 FTS AND THE BGA

Flying Training School (2 FTS) and the British Gliding Association (BGA) both operate gliders, motor gliders and aerotow aircraft, albeit it to Military and Civil regulations respectively; however, there are numerous commonalities between organisations and the sharing of information, especially safety related information, can be beneficial to both organisations. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets out how 2 FTS and the BGA will establish and maintain a formal partnership.

2 FTS will:

- a. Actively promote the relationship between the 2 FTS and the BGA.
- b. Appoint a 2 FTS Qualified Gliding Instructor (QGI) to liaise with the BGA as a point of contact and subject matter expert.
- c. Actively explore opportunities that are mutually compatible with RAF and BGA strategies, including providing access to information relating to developments in 2 FTS glider pilot training.
- d. Assist the development of gliding theoretical knowledge within the BGA.
- e. Actively encourage its Volunteer Gliding Squadrons (VGS) to engage with BGA initiatives that aim to develop and maintain Air Cadet and ACO adult participation in gliding.
- f. Promote and publicise opportunities for young people at BGA clubs.
- g. Share technical and safety information between the 2 FTS Air Safety Manager and BGA Safety Committee.
- h. Meet periodically with the BGA to review joint work, to review the MOU and make amendments where necessary.

The BGA will:

- a. Actively promote the relationship between the BGA and 2 FTS.
- b. Appoint a BGA official to liaise with the 2 FTS as a point of contact and subject matter expert.
- c. Actively explore opportunities that are mutually compatible with BGA member clubs and 2 FTS, including those relating to operating from BGA sites.
- d. Encourage BGA member clubs to engage with 2 FTS VGS with the aim of developing active participation in civilian gliding.
- e. Provide BGA member clubs with guidance on converting 2 FTS and Air Cadet Pilots to civilian gliding.
- f. Assist the development of qualification by 2 FTS and Air Cadet Pilots, including the BGA Bronze Badge standard.
- g. Assist the development of gliding knowledge within 2 FTS.
- h. Promote and publicise 2 FTS opportunities for young people.
- i. Share technical and safety information between the BGA Safety Member and 2 FTS Air Safety Manager.
- j. Meet periodically with 2 FTS to review joint work, to review the MOU and make amendments where necessary.

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