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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN 2 FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE
BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION**

1. **Introduction.** 2 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. **2 FTS.** 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.

3. **BGA.** 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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