

An infrequent update from the Development Committee

I was intending for this to be roughly bi-monthly but there is new information for us to share with you already. This winter has been a shocker for me – pneumonia stopped all but the most vital aspects of my Development Officer support for clubs for several months. I am now beginning to pick up speed again, and I'm looking forward to getting out on the road to deliver the training which was originally planned for this winter.

1. Club Management Resources review

I am currently reviewing and re-writing (where required):

- The BGA Project Planning and Funding Guide plus associated training
- The BGA Governance Resources Pack (renamed 'Effective Club Management Guide') plus associated training
- The BGA Policies and Guidance Pack
- Presentation via the BGA website

As part of this work, I am currently running the 6 session 'Project Planning (and Funding) Training online via Zoom and will shortly be running 'Effective Club Management Training' in reality at 6 clubs around the country. This work should be completed by the middle of July.

I will re-run the online Project Planning Training periodically, at a different time of the week for each re-run.

2. Training: Effective Club Management

These 3 hour sessions will be delivered at the following locations:

Date	Time	Location	Approximate area
18/5	10-1	Devon & Somerset GC, North Hill	SW England & S Wales
25/5	10-1	Lasham Gliding Society	S & SE England
8/6	10-1	Scottish Gliding Centre, Portmoak	Scotland & N England
22/6	1-4	York Gliding Centre, Rufforth	North England
29/6	1-4	Cambridge Gliding Centre, Gransden Lodge	East England
6/7	10-1	Staffordshire GC, Seighford	NW England & N Wales

These sessions are not area specific, so please attend whichever one is most convenient.

Please book via office@gliding.co.uk stating your name, club role, club and mobile number.

All venues offer hot drinks & snacks and some clubs have caterers who sell hot food.

3. Project case studies

Has your club run a project recently? It doesn't have to be a successful project – but do you have something that you learned from and you think others could gain from? As part of the review of the BGA Project Planning Guide we have an opportunity to update the case study section.

Yes? Then please complete [this Survey Monkey](#) to let me know all about it.

4. SLACK – avoiding wheel re-invention for busy people

There is a group called 'BGA Gliding Group' which has a number of channels for a range of roles and topics. It is a space where we can post information, but more importantly it creates a place for you to ask questions and have discussions with other clubs.

To gain access you need an invitation from an Admin (email alison@gliding.co.uk if you would like access, with details of your club role so I can add you to the right channels). We can create more channels as people want them.

Closed Channels (only visible to people who have been invited and have access to them):

- CFIs
- Chairs
- Chairs – club strategy
- Treasurers

Open to all members of BGA Gliding Group:

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| • Club management conference | • Policies & governance |
| • GDPR | • Project Planning |
| • General | • Random |
| • Marketing | • Using SLACK |
| • Membership retention | • Volunteer management |

It is always quiet, but I've been told that people look, but don't post, so I am using it to post information. You are amongst friends, so don't be shy, do post comments and questions.

5. Data Protection and GDPR

A few clubs have used the [GDPR Survey Monkey](#) to let us know about issues. The survey remains open so you can still use it.

I've also had a couple of random questions, which makes me think I ought to post the link to the [Data Protection information on the BGA website](#). This has the information and guidance which the BGA published last year, which contains the links to the [sport specific GDPR information](#) put together by GDPR experts (funded by Sport England, facilitated by the Sport & Recreation Alliance).

Just a reminder, we're all volunteer-run, non-profit organisations (of less than 250 employees) which lightens obligations a little, so no Data Protection Officers for us, for example! However, the biggest threat remains accidental data leakage via human error, so please pay attention, especially to odd links in emails and at committee succession time.

6. 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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