**BGA Club Annual Return 2024**

**Introduction**

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather data to help BGA to recognise and respond to trends in UK gliding membership, activities, club structures and viability. Data from past returns has been been invaluable, especially in supporting BGA’s rationale for regulatory change and other representations to government and external bodies.

The data will be used mainly in Executive and Development Committee activities and (apart from a continuation of the data published annually in S&G as ‘BGA Clubs Annual Statistics’) the data will not be published or communicated outside BGA except in aggregated and anonymised form.

The BGA year is 1 Oct – 30 Sep. The membership data you supply in this annual return should be completed as at 30th September 2024

It is of enormous help if you can complete and return this document promptly to the BGA office by post or email to [debbie@gliding.co.uk](mailto:debbie@gliding.co.uk) by 30 November 2024 or as soon after as possible.

Thanks in advance.

BGA Executive Committee

## Section 1 – Your Club Contacts

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| Club Name : | |
| Club Email |  |
| Invoice Email (if different) | Club Tel No. |

I confirm, for and on behalf of the club, that the information in this and the following pages is complete and a fair representation of the club.

Name:

Date:

## Club Officers

Please enter the names of your current club officials.

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| Chairman Name |
| Treasurer Name |
| CFI Name |
| Technical Officer Name |
| Safety Officer Name |
| Publicity Officer Name |
| Secretary Name |
| Child Protection Lead Name |
| Junior Liaison Name |
| Airspace Officer |

Please inform the BGA office of any changes in club officials or their contact details throughout the year.

## Section 2 – Membership

The BGA needs accurate statistics as to the number of active glider pilots for its own internal administrative procedures, for its dealings with Sports Council and other government bodies, for FAI purposes and for political lobbying both nationally and internationally.

Membership categories vary from club to club but are usually of three types:-

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| Membership type | No at 30th Sept | General Definition | Notes |
| Full flying |  | Full flying | Includes concessionary members e.g. juniors/cadet schemes, seniors. |
| Temporary aged 22 and over |  | Limited flying, not more than 3 consecutive months | e.g. Introductory/trial lesson member, course member (unless converted to full flying). Do not include members from other clubs.Give total number in year to 30th September |
| Temporary aged 21 and under |  |
| Non-flying |  | Use of social and domestic facilities | Essentially a social membership. |

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| Full flying members | | | |
| Age <22 |  | Age 51-60 |  |
| Age 22-26 |  | Age 61-70 |  |
| Age 27-30 |  | Age 71-80 |  |
| Age 31-40 |  | Age 81+ |  |
| Age 41-50 |  |  |  |
| Total full flying members (all ages) | | |  |
| Number of female full flying members | | |  |

## Affiliated Membership

There are several University clubs, Scout groups, enthusiasts and other organisations occasionally flying with BGA member clubs. To enable the BGA to identify the true number of participants in UK gliding we need information about these “affiliated members” too. Affiliated members are not included when calculating the annual BGA membership fees. Only the declared membership figures for full flying members aged 22 and over and trial lesson/introductory flight members are used for that purpose.

Please list the affiliated organisations, clubs or groups within your club, whether they attend regularly or not, and provide an estimate of the total numbers in each organisation.

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| Affiliated organisation | Total numbers in organisation |
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## Section 3 – Your Club Operation

Data in this section, together with membership data, is frequently used in discussion with CAA and others to describe the scale and importance of the UK gliding operation in relation to other airspace users and recreational activities.

### Summary of flying in year ending 30 September

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| Winch, autotow, bungee launches | Aerotow launches | Self launch | Total launches | Number of flying days |
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| Total hours flown from site |
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**Section 4 – Student Pilots**

With the SPL becoming mandatory in 2025, the BGA would like to know how many pilots are not currently in a position to gain the SPL.

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| Of your full flying members, how many are currently pre-solo? |
| Previously solo pilots should be counted in this number unless they meet the definition of a qualified pilot below, in which case they should not be counted in either figure. Do not count members who only fly as passengers**.** |
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| Of your full flying members, how many are solo pilots who have not yet qualified for the BGA Cross Country Endorsement? |
| Do not count in this number any members who hold Bronze and FAI Silver distance (ie completed their Bronze before the existence of the Cross Country endorsement) |
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### Other information

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| What is the nature of your club’s tenure? | |
| (ie own the airfield or sole tenant) |  |

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| Is aerodrome safeguarding in place? |  |
| If no, would you like assistance to work on aerodrome safeguarding? |  |

THANK YOU for completing this annual return.

Please send the completed return to debbie@gliding.co.uk