



Covid-19 Precautions for

Single Seater + Winch operations

COTSWOLD GLIDING CLUB

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Reducing the risk of Covid-19 spread

No methods put into practice can 100% guarantee that the virus won't be spread. The advice contained in these pages is based on best information available at the time of writing. There is always a risk that the virus may be transmitted while people are meeting on the airfield and we are seeking to minimise that risk.

Anyone showing symptoms of Coronavirus infection or who has someone in their household who has symptoms MUST refrain from visiting the Club for at least 14 days after symptoms start or having a positive test result or after contact with someone who has symptoms or positive test.

Face Masks

A standard medical mask does not protect the wearer – rather it protects other people to some degree. Some sources suggest that a cloth mask will filter 90% of water droplets being exhaled by the wearer.

Wearing face masks may add an extra layer of protection but does NOT replace social distancing. Face masks are required when in the clubhouse and when 2m social distancing cannot be maintained.

For the removal of doubt – 2m social distancing is the NORM at the club.

Members recommended kit list

- Pair of light gloves to use when handling equipment
- Hand Gel for personal use.
- Pens to use for log-keeping if needed.
- Your own food and drink for the day.
- A medical or cloth face mask / covering
- (See 2-seater requirements document for mask requirements when flying)

Materials to be made available by the Club

The Club will endeavour to provide basic cleaning materials. Members are requested to use their own whenever possible.

- Hand Gel.
- Dettol spray + Cloths for vehicles.
- Dettol spray + microfibre cloths for club gliders.
- Alcohol Wet wipes.
- Disposable gloves.

Clubhouse

Only the toilets, downstairs corridors and parachute / charging room will be in use.	
No access to upstairs areas.	
Access to briefing room by authorised persons. EG instructors to obtain Notams.	
Cleaning	Door handles, handrails, toilet flush handles, sinks and taps. Clean with Alcohol wipes or diluted Dettol disinfectant.

	Use rubber gloves while cleaning.
Frequency	At start of the day
Doors	All doors downstairs will be left open for the duration of flying. Windows in toilets and rooms in frequent use should be left open to allow air to circulate.

While in the clubhouse:	
<< 2M >>	2M social distancing to be maintained while in the clubhouse.
USE HAND GEL before entering.	Wear a face mask / face covering. Take the opportunity to WASH HANDS.

Hangar

Apply hand gel before and after touching the doors, dollies, spoons etc. Apply hand gel before and after handling the gliders. Wear gloves if possible.	
<< 2M >>	Only the crew needed to extract or put away ONE glider at a time may enter the hangar. Use the minimum number of people for the task.
Personal	Wash hands thoroughly after the hangar packing/unpacking operation.

Buggies / Vehicles

Each buggy or vehicle to be operated by <u>one</u> person at a time. No passengers. RADIOS are required for the safe operation of the launch system. RADIOS in club vehicles and buggies should be sanitised. Keep microphone away from face and speak clearly. Do not spray liquid directly on to radio parts.	
Start of the day.	Clean external door handles and any touchable surfaces with warm soapy water. Use wipes or Dettol spray and cloth to wipe the seat, steering wheel, fwd/rev lever, other controls and any other internal surfaces likely to be touched.
Driver change-over	Use wipes or Dettol spray and cloth to wipe the seat, steering wheel, fwd/rev lever, other controls and any other surfaces likely to be touched. After finishing a session on the buggy / vehicle, use hand gel or wash hands thoroughly.
End of the day.	Return the vehicle to the Hangar or Butts. Clean internally as per driver change-over.

Winch

Winch to be operated by <u>one</u> person at a time. It is recommended that one driver does minimum half a day. RADIOS are required for the safe operation of the launch system. RADIOS in club winches should be sanitised. Keep microphone away from face and speak clearly. Do not spray liquid directly on to radio parts.	
Start of the day.	Clean external door handles and any touchable surfaces with warm soapy water. Use wipes or Dettol spray and cloth to wipe the seat, controls and any other internal surfaces likely to be touched.

Driver change-over	Use wipes or Dettol spray and cloth to wipe the seat, controls and any other surfaces likely to be touched. After finishing a session on the Winch, use hand gel or wash hands thoroughly.
End of the day.	Return the winch to the Butts. Clean internally as per driver change-over.

Bus

One member to be appointed to prepare the bus and drive it to the launch point. Clean hands with alcohol gel before entering the bus.	
Start of the day.	Clean external door handles and any touchable surfaces with warm soapy water. The cab must be cleaned before driving, the control station upstairs must be cleaned at the start of flying and between each change of Log Keeper. Use Dettol spray and cloth. Fill the water tank. Sink may be used for hand washing. Put all documents such as cross-country log DOWNSTAIRS.
Upstairs.	Only the LOG KEEPER to be upstairs. (Face covering optional but must not impede communication) On every change of log-keeper; Clean all surfaces and control panel. Clean the hand-rails on stairs and upper deck. RADIO'S are required for the safe operation of the launch system. RADIO'S in the bus should be sanitised. Keep microphone away from face and speak clearly. Do not spray liquid directly on to radio parts.
Downstairs.	Max 2 people on the bus. Wear a face covering and keep 2m apart. Kitchen area is NOT IN USE except for hand washing. To keep social distancing – it may be necessary for the person nearest the door to disembark first!
End of the day.	One person to return the Bus to the Butts and clean cab before leaving.

Cable operations

The winch operation is going to be slower than normal. Be patient and consider the NORMAL procedures as well as the Covid-19 issues.	
Minimise cable handling.	Only the Winch Driver and Launch Point cable handler to mount and dismount the cables on the truck. One person at the launch point should handle both cables from unhooking from truck to hooking on the glider. Wear gloves. After finishing, use hand gel or wash hands thoroughly.
Cable Breaks	The truck driver will handle the cable when there is a cable break. Use Gloves. If a second person is needed to recover a cable they must travel separately to the cable in another vehicle. When joining the cable, one person should operate the equipment.
Cable DI	One person only in the truck for cable DI.

Cleaning club gliders between flights

This advice may be useful to private owners also.

All controls and instruments to be cleaned between users. Pay attention to areas likely to be touched, e.g. altimeter adjustment. Clean radio microphone boom and place a plastic bag around the mic. (It will transmit sound and be easier to clean.)	
For instrument panels a microfibre cloth used to apply a liquid is preferred to a wet wipe.	Use Dettol spray by spraying on to the cloth then wipe with the wet cloth. Don't spray directly into the cockpit.
External surfaces e.g. around the cockpit.	Use soap and water if possible. Eg at the start of the day.

Parachutes

Disinfect D-ring, buckles and clips. Disinfect smooth material on harness. Webbing and straps can't be wiped down effectively, but take care to wipe the smooth parts that go over the shoulders.

Put on parachute just before sitting in the glider.

Sanitise hands once settled and strapped in. (have a personal bottle of hand gel ready for this)

Ground handling

Wear gloves or sanitise hands when touching gliders.

Keep more than 2M apart.

The Canopy and DV panel must be closed before the cable handler approaches to hook on.

Respect social distancing to seated pilots – keep more than 2m from cockpits.

General

While at the airfield

Wash hands or sanitise hands often.

Be conscious of your distance from other members at all times. Maintain > 2m separation. Be aware of wind direction. (all good pilots are!)

Microphones do not need to be within inches of your mouth. Keep mics on club gliders a sensible distance from the face.