

Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 15th April 2026
at South Durham Social Club
(Former Steelworks Club)

1. Apologies for absence

Steven Blackwood, Colin Kitching, Robert Kitching

There were 7/22 members present

2. Matters arising from last months minutes

No matter arising.

3. Chairman's report

Nothing to report

4. Secretary's report

Nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's report

The farmer was paid the £500 field rent on 8th April.

The club finances now stand as follows.

Cash at the bank = £1055.42

Cash in hand = £125.67

Total = £1181.09

6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

7. BMFA delegate's report

Nothing to report

8. Club business

• Flying Field Update

The flying field is looking good after its first couple of cuts and is working well.

The farmer is currently replacing the fencing around our field including the gates. We aren't sure but it looks like he might be moving our gate further along the field but we will see what happens. At the moment our gate and the fencing near it has been removed. The entrance to the field is a bit rough but easily passable. The farmer has been in and out of the field with tractors etc. so don't park in a way that blocks the gate or surrounding area and try and park near the fence area, don't go too deep into the field.

When you are flying please be aware of where cars are parked within the field and where tractors may be working and try to avoid overflying these areas.

• Membership 2026

Paid up club membership currently stand at 22 members of which 19 are full members and 3 are social members.

- **Flyer & Operator ID Information.**

As expected the CAA have raised the Operator ID again from April this year to £12.34. It won't affect anyone unless they haven't paid yet for 2026.

We have 17 members with a Flyer ID and 19 with an Operator ID. If you have a Flyer ID and haven't yet sent the information to Bob please do so. If you haven't got it yet organise it ASAP.

If you have a Flyer ID it lasts for 5 years so you should be ok if you got it last year. If you haven't got one please get it sorted.

- **BMFA Achievement Scheme**

Anyone wanting to take the BMFA A or B competency certificate please see Mike or Bob.

- **Club Merchandise**

We have club hats, caps & sun hats for sale after the meeting.

- **Events on the club website**

There are a number of events posted on the club website, if anyone knows of others that club members would be interested in please let me know.

The Indoor Flying season is continuing until the beginning of May with both Peterlee Club and Washington Club at Nissan offering sports halls to fly in.

9. AOB

- Chairman Paul has suggested that it might be nice to have a family day, maybe one Saturday over the summer. Maybe June or July or maybe just after the crops have been cut and collected. We can have families around, maybe food and things and fit in some flying and hopefully have something suitable to fly for beginners and let family and friends have a go, see if they can show us up :o)

10. Next Months Activities.

The next Club meeting on 20th May.

Nothing planned for the May meeting but hopefully we can discuss and plan for Paul's idea for a family day to happen at some point over the summer. It would be all weather dependant but maybe we can pencil in some suitable dates.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm