

Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 20th May 2026
at South Durham Social Club
(Former Steelworks Club)

1. Apologies for absence

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 club finances now stand as follows.

Cash at the bank = £1055.41

Cash in hand = £115.95

Total = £1171.36

6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

7. BMFA delegate's report

Nothing to report

8. Club business

• Flying Field Update

No one has been to the flying field in the past few weeks so we are unsure of the gate position etc. The field is due to be cut on Fri 22nd. I'll email all members with a field and gate update after that.

• 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 has finished and will restart in September

9. AOB

- **Chairman Paul's Family Day**

Paul suggest that we have a picnic day at the flying field. We can bring family, food and models. We would have to choose a suitable day, probably at a weekend and when the weather is forecast to be good and warm (that narrows it down a bit) It might be better to wait until the farmer cuts and clears the grass in the rest of the field. We will look again at this in the June meeting and hopefully tie it down to an approximate date.

He then wittered on a bit, as he does and started talking about having polystyrene rocks in the middle of the strip and dancing round them and after a bit more wittering he got onto naked ladies and chasing them but we're fairly certain this was just the affluence of incohol and shouldn't put off anybody thinking of bringing families along :o)

10.Next Months Activities.

The next Club meeting on 17th June.

Drone night. Following the meeting anyone with mini drones of helis can bring them along and we'll do timed runs around an obstacle course.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm