

Hartlepool Model Flying Club

**Minutes for the meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 17th September 2025
at South Durham Social Club
(Former Steelworks Club)**

1. Apologies for absence

Paul Hewson, Robert Walker, Paul Breckon

There were 9/23 members present

2. Matters arising from last months minutes

Nothing brought up.

3. Chairman's report

Chairman absent so nothing to report.

4. Secretary's report

Nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's report

Our finances are as follows.

Cash at the bank = £1081.94

Cash in hand = £242.01

Total = £1323,95

6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

7. BMFA delegate's report

Absent to nothing to report

8. Club business

• Flying Field Update

The field is cut baled and all collected. The farmer has spread the grey fertiliser stuff from the big pile near the gate all over the field so be aware, hopefully the rain will wash it in soon. Also we now have cows on the field which aren't causing any problems so far but remember to close the gate.

• Membership 2025

Club membership currently stand at 23 members.

• Flyer ID Information from BMFA

We only have 17 members with a Flyer ID. If you have a Flyer ID and haven't yet sent the information to Bob please do so ASAP.

If you haven't got a Flyer ID and the Operator ID on your model you can't fly at the club field.

Under the new laws that are now in place a Flyer ID is now compulsory. (It's FREE)

If you've got a Flyer ID then good, if you haven't please sit the BMFA RCC test and get one.

- **BMFA Critical Incident Reporting**

The BMFA is classing a critical incident as one that,
Results in injury to or the death of any person arising from a BMFA event or activity.
Is reported to the Police and may lead to further investigation by the Health and Safety Executive or Air Accident Investigation Board or other agency.
May bring the BMFA into disrepute including media coverage.
May involve a serious case of misconduct.

If anything happens that you consider could fall into the category of a critical incident please get in touch with me (Bob) or another member of the committee asap so this can be reported to the BMFA in the correct manner.

- **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 member would be interested in please let me know.
The Indoor Flying season has now started with both Peterlee Club and Washington Club at Nissan offering sports halls to fly in.

- **Next Months Activities**

For the 15th October meeting we will have a drone flying night. More details to follow nearer the time.

9. AOB

- Just for your information. You may have come across the following article about Teesside Club and their run in with Amazon.

<https://dronexl.co/2025/09/06/amazon-prime-air-darlington-drone-trial/>

Essentially it is Amazon wanting to do trials of delivery drones dropping parcels and wanting a no fly zone under 500ft in an 8 mile radius of their Darlington Warehouse which would impact on Teesside club's flying site.

As we already have a no fly zone linked to the power station which cover a sizeable chunk of Hartlepool and Seaton and our flying site is just on the outside of this zone as well as having power lines close by we would think this probably couldn't happen to us but I would imagine with their proximity to Teesside airport that's what Teesside club thought as well.

Meeting closed at 8.20

Build a Glider Competition

Following the meeting we ran the build a glider competition with the theme of birds. For those of us who attempted to build a glider looking like a bird it is obvious that real birds know a lot more about flying than us. Despite having a longer room our times were just as poor :o)
Congratulations to Paul Marriott with the best timed glide of 3.25 sec. Paul won a club cap.