

BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 19:00 ON TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2021
Present:

Chris Gazzard	Blackbushe Airport [CG]
Mike Pearson	Chair [MP]
Cllr Steve Thomas	Sandhurst Town Council
Cllr Sheila Davenport	Sandhurst Town Council [SD]
Cllr Diana Harvey	Hartley Whitney Parish Council [DH]
Cllr Terry Hunt	Blackwater & Hawley Town Council [TH]
Nicky Lyle	Yateley Society [NL]
Diane Gardner	Member of the Public [DG]
Clare Silcock	Secretary [CS]

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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Peter Cullum (Rushmoor & Eversley) Richard Quarterman (Hart) Colin Edge (Eversley)	
2	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd March 2021 The minutes of the meeting held on 23 rd March 2021 were agreed as a true record. This was proposed by TH and seconded by ST.	
3	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Every year the Chairman and Vice are elected. MP said he was happy to stand again for re-election. This was proposed by SD and seconded by TH. Mike explained that Cliff Hawkins was not able to be Vice Chair anymore and suggested that CS could stand in as the Vice Chair on the very rare occasion that Mike wasn't there. This was proposed by TH and seconded by DH and agreed by the Committee.	
4	AIRPORT MANAGER'S UPDATE These minutes are in addition to the Airport Managers detailed presentation which should be referred to in conjunction with these minutes. 4.1 In the Business Performance figures compare 2021 with 2019 as 2020 was such an anomaly with the effects of Covid. The business did not close in 2021, but there was significantly less movements Jan – March as limited flying was allowed to certain groups	

such as single pilots and commercial flight training. At the end of March restrictions were lifted and there was a lot of pent-up demand for flying as pilots needed to remain current and wanted to get flying again. Luckily for the flying schools a lot of instructors have come back on to the market because of the furloughing and letting go of commercial pilots, so the flying schools are able to meet demand.

Compared to 2019 the General Aviation (GA) smaller planes movements are down 2.7%. GA rotary is down significantly as Phoenix helicopters went into administration.

Business jet movement however is up 3.4%, potentially due to travellers flying privately rather than commercially. Executive rotary is also up due to quite a bit of training going on at Blackbushe. AVGAS fuel sales are down a little but JETA1 is up significantly as we have had some large aircraft taking a lot of fuel (eg: Falcon will take 4,000 litres at a time.) Looking at the 30-day average movements August and September have been very busy months and the rolling 12-month annual movements are gradually getting back on track and this is expected to be back to the average line in the next 6 months.

4.2 Supreme Court – we are still waiting for a decision from the Supreme Court who reconvene in October as to whether they will hear our appeal. Ultimately if the case gets heard by the Supreme Court but denied, or denied at this stage, the case then goes back to the Planning Inspector who decides what the curtilage should be.

4.3 Noise complaints – there have been 52 complaints in 2021 so far, 19 were from a single complainant. The recurring theme tends to be relating to planes that are returning to us from the Farnborough Control zone to the south of the airport. We do ask pilots to remain to the south-west of Yateley but sometimes they get their descent wrong. We always speak to the pilots concerned whenever we get a noise complaint, and we'd rather receive the complaints so we can do something about them rather than leave it and it keep re-occurring. Helicopter noise has almost dropped off completely.

There have been a few aerobatic complaints, but these have often been from planes coming out of White Waltham, but where they perform their aerobatics is in Class G airspace and this is not regulated so there is not a lot that can be done about it. Chris always directs the complainant for these aircraft back to White Waltham.

There have been some instances where the larger Falcon 50 jets have flown over Hartley Wintney which causes some local concern but often their flight height is deceptive, and residents think they are flying lower than they really are. Their flights here tend to be very seasonal, and we haven't seen them for the last few weeks. Also, some jets landing have been routed by Farnborough Air Traffic Control over the village. Chris has spoken to the GM at Farnborough and asked him to remind the ATCOs to route the aircraft through the gap between Hartley Wintney and Hook, and turn them onto final approach earlier, bringing them north of Hartley Wintney and not over the village. These tracks have noticeably improved in recent weeks.

TH asked about the Shapley Heath proposed development between Fleet, Hartley Wintney and Hook and how that would be affected by the airport. Chris explained that currently the aircraft fly through that gap in the countryside when taking off or landing here or in Farnborough and so the houses would be affected by noise. However due to the agent of change principal, any new residents couldn't do anything about the noise as the airports pre-exist. This should be discussed with the developers prior to building so that houses can be built with this in mind at least. There is another development proposed at Fir Farm to the west of Yateley, but our aircraft fly directly over this. We will be responding to planners when we get the opportunity as that development will certainly be affected by aircraft noise.

DG asked about aircraft approach over Blackwater. Chris explained that the jet aircraft start their approach at the Bagshot mast so do fly directly over Blackwater. The introduction of the Farnborough airspace has improved the situation as they are flying straight over Blackwater rather than turning.

MP explained that as Blackbushe is a training school airfield there are some inexperienced pilots, who don't always get it right. Sometimes for example they will get their height wrong (the circuit is set at 800ft at BBS for this reason) but the airfield itself is at 325ft, so basically everyone should be above 500 ft at least. Sometimes aircraft do deviate from a course, but this could well be for safety reasons.

Overall, 0.01% of the movements at BBS cause a noise complaint. Aerobatics are annoying for residents, but they tend to be for a short period of time (15 mins) and we do ask training schools to vary the area they are using during a day so that they do not upset residents.

4.4 On the 10th August we had a visit from an **electric plane**, which was one-off for now as it was doing a tour of 30-odd airfields around the country. The aircraft has been certified in the UK and retails at €180k and only has a one-hour flight time. Blackbushe has invested in greener fuel over the last few years and spent £60k on a new fuel bowser to take deliver this. Sales are on the increase for this type of fuel, and the flying schools are increasing the number of planes they have using this fuel. We have had to price the fuel at a lower margin than other types to ensure there is an incentive to buy the greener fuel as it is more expensive.

4.5 Twilight Runway Challenge – This was run last weekend by CMPP who charged £10 for entry to go to their charity, and then the runners all ran for their selected charities. 700 runners, bikers, roller-skaters and go-karts took part, which was a record for the event. This has in the past taken place at Farnborough for the last 9 years, but they are not able to accommodate it anymore so we took it on. We provided the venue and volunteers free of charge. Next year we may develop the event further by providing entertainment ..etc..

The event was publicised by CMPP and on our social media pages. The local councillors all suggested that for next year they could publish details of the event in their local newsletters and Chris said he would take this up in the follow up meeting with CMPP.

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	<p>4.6 The airport has another charity event happening from the 23rd – 25th September, a world record attempt of a 50km car pull! He is raising money for a rare neurological disease H-abc which affects about 150 children around the world. Darren Hardy will be pulling the vehicle mostly on the disused runway for 36 hours starting from the Terminal Building on Thursday lunchtime and finishing in the same spot on Saturday morning. There has been a lot of social media coverage and Sky and ITV news are also involved.</p> <p>4.7 – Pathfinder Café – there was a lot of negative feeling when the airport took over the running of the café, but after a complete refurbishment back in March and April, the feedback since opening has been fantastic and in the first 6 months, we have sold 15,000 breakfasts and 28,000 teas and coffees!</p> <p>4.8 The café is significantly helping with the airports drive to breaking even. Back in 2017 the airport experienced a £350k loss. The expected loss in 2021 is around £40-£50k, with the hope of getting close to breaking even in 2022.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PUBLIC & COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Chairman commented that a fair amount of what Chris had been talking about wasn't necessarily purely aviation. Hopefully the committee and members of the public could view the airport as a community asset. It is a public space that can be inspiring for youngsters. Unfortunately for Blackbushe, there is still a lot in limbo due to the planning delays and considerations, and ultimately if the airfield is not successful financially it may be that there is no airfield.</p> <p>DH commented that the airport ought to shout about the green initiatives that are going on at the airfield as the community is very interested in these.</p> <p>TH asked if the airport had had many security issues. He commented that some motorbikes do mess around on the disused runway at times, which could be dangerous to members of the public. Chris commented that BCA do send patrols over the disused runway overnight, but if these occur during the daytime the public should call directly into the Tower at Blackbushe, and we can send the fire crew over to deter them. There had been a theft incident in the carpark where a small truck parks overnight and all its wooden side panels were ripped off in a matter of three minutes (caught on CCTV) by three men who disappeared over the common with them, so security is a continuing issue.</p> <p>DG asked if the airport was able to run mini tours of the airfield. Chris explained that we had been doing this for some children pre-lockdown who were members of beavers, cubs and scouts, and a group of home-educators. It is tricky to do however as our Tower is very small and we can only allow 3-4 up there at any time. Aerobility got involved with showing the children an aeroplane and the fire crew also gave access to the fire engine. Also, Rob</p>	

	<p>Belcher, our local historian has arranged walking tours of the airfield in the past, but these have all stopped for now following Covid.</p> <p>There was a question from the floor about the use of drones – we do have a lot of public requests especially for filming weddings nearby. We do have to inform our pilots of any drones nearby and we do ask drone users to limit the height they fly them to.</p>	
6	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Nothing further was added by the members of the public or the committee.</p> <p>MP closed the meeting by saying that Grant Schapps had raised the profile of GA within the Government, which has been good for aviation. It is important that we retain these small airfields as they are certainly needed in the future.</p>	
10	<p>FUTURE MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting date is Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7pm at the Pathfinder Café again. However please let CS know if this creates a clash with other local events.</p>	CS

The logo for Blackbushe Airport features three stylized, overlapping swooshes in dark blue, red, and white, curving upwards and to the right.

Blackbushe
Airport

Consultative Committee Update

14th September 2021

2021 Business Performance (Jan-Aug)

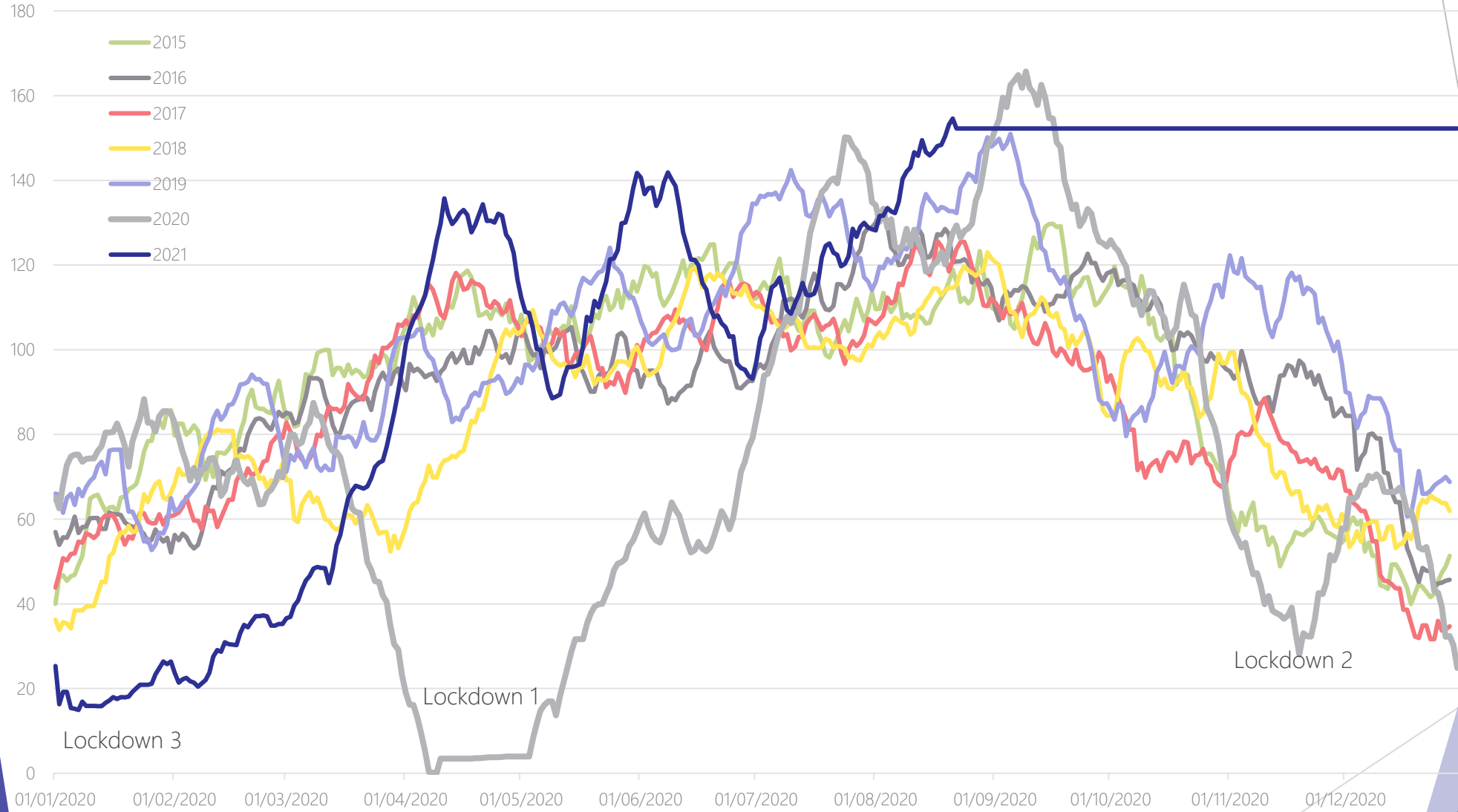
- ▶ We would usually compare year-on-year, but as 2020 was an anomaly, we are benchmarking 2021 against 2019.
- ▶ The airport is recovering well from the impacts of lockdowns. GA traffic has still not recovered to normal levels as seen in 2019.
- ▶ We've lost Phoenix Helicopters as a result of COVID-19 which means helicopter training is very much reduced.
- ▶ Business jet usage has increased slightly, we've a few new regular visitors.
- ▶ Some of the newer visitors are quite large, and take a lot of fuel when they visit, which has helped on fuel sales.

Movements	10Y AVG	2019	2020	2021
GA Fixed Wing	Data Split Unavailable	20,852	15,033	20,293 (-2.7%)
GA Rotary		2,769	1,380	500 (-82%)
Executive Fixed Wing		614	380	635 (+3.4%)
Executive Rotary		379	247	390 (+2.9%)
Total	22,060	24,614	17,040	21,818 (-11.4%)

Fuel Sales	10Y AVG	2019	2020	2021
AVGAS Fuel Sales	194,099	262,741	192,162	244,553 (-7%)
JET-A1 Fuel Sales	156,677	136,895	123,871	214,693(+56.8%)
Total	353,183	399,636	316,033	459,246 (+14.9%)

- ▶ % comparisons are 2019 vs 2021

30 Day Average Daily Movements



Annual Movements

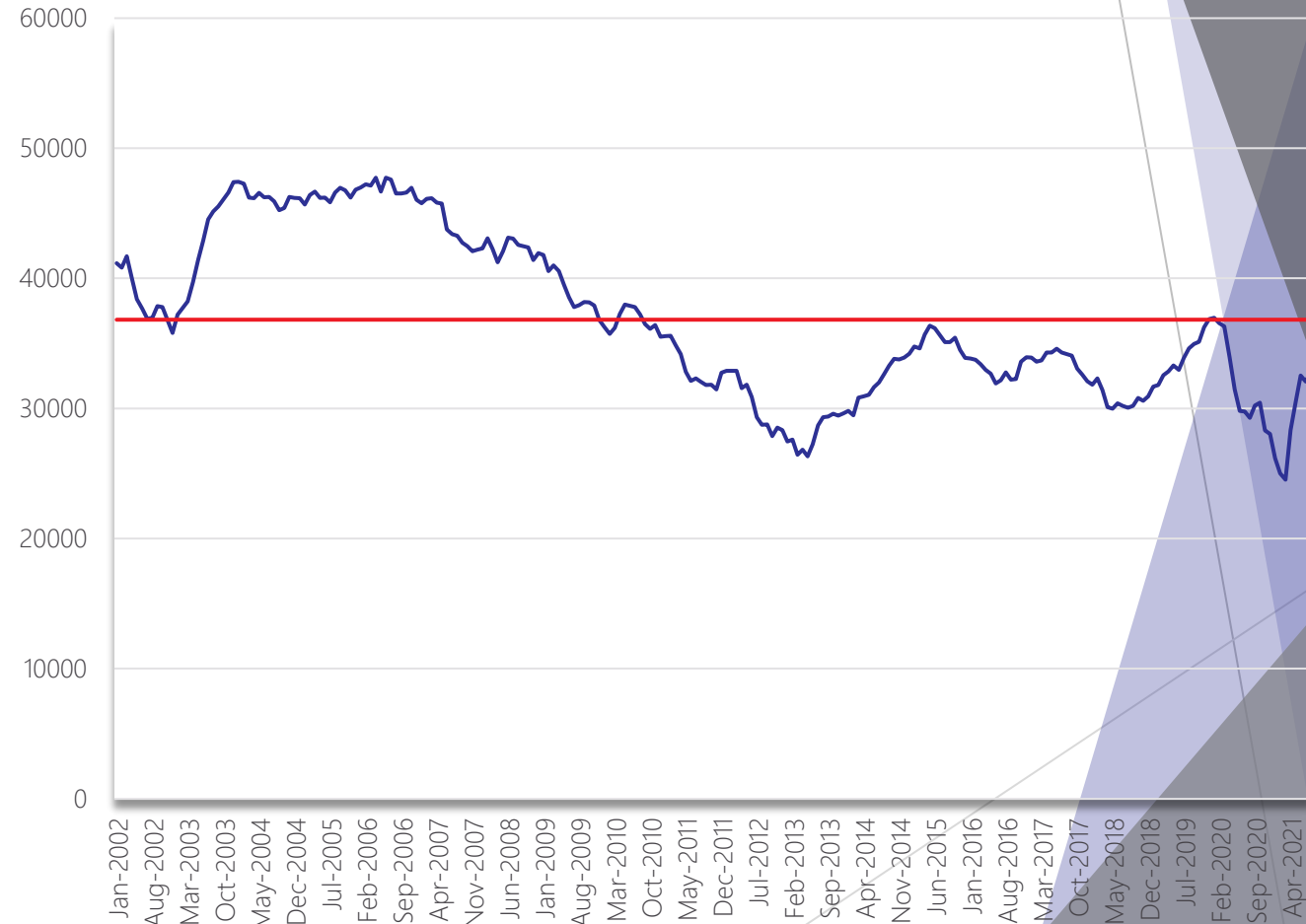
- ▶ We have electronic records back to 2001 for airport movements. Before this time, records were kept on paper, but haven't survived.

1985	46,434
1986	54,307
1987	66,837
1988	75,933

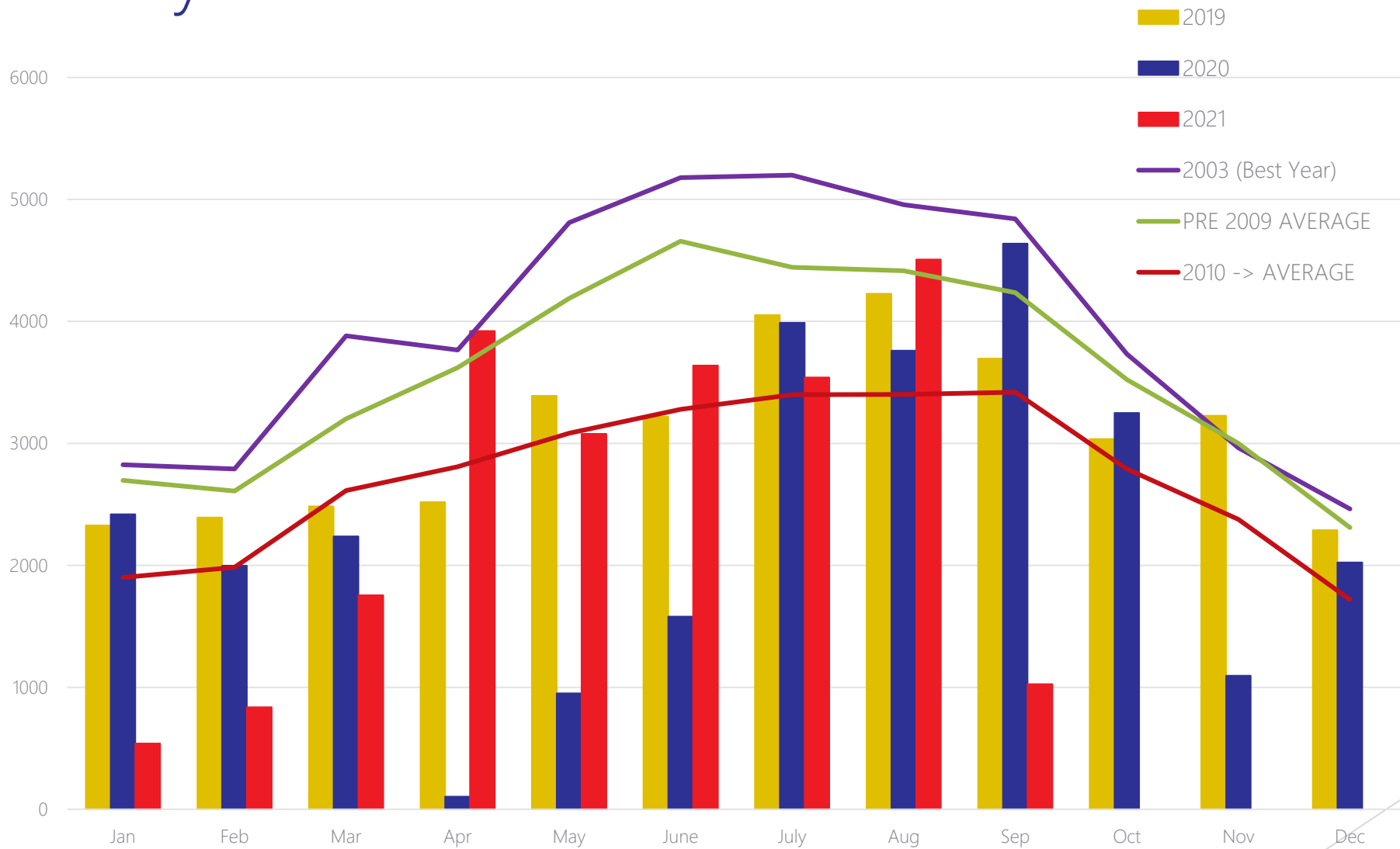
2001	42,986
2002	36,584
2003	47,407
2004	46,311
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2007	42,229
2008	41,973
2009	36,828

2010	35,515
2011	32,736
2012	28,274
2013	29,630
2014	33,902
2015	33,877
2016	33,909
2017	32,090
2018	30,962
2019	36,862
2020	28,044

Annual Movements (Rolling 12 Months)



Monthly Movements



Supreme Court

An application has been made to the Supreme Court for the review of the decision on the deregistration of Blackbushe Airport from the Commons register

As of yet, we haven't heard anything with regards to whether the application has been accepted, nor on a timeline for a hearing.

The Supreme Court resumes sitting in October, so it's unlikely we hear for at least another month.

Noise Complaints

- ▶ We received 52 complaints to date in 2021
 - ▶ this compares to 67 over the same period in 2020, although 16 of these were related to a single day in April 2020, which would leave 51 complaints in the Jan-Aug period 2020.
 - ▶ 37 (71%) were from complainants who have contacted us more than once.
 - ▶ 19 were from a single complainant (36%)
- ▶ We continue to proactively deal with overflights of noise abatement areas when we see them, 15 since the last meeting.

Complaints (1 Jan – 6 Sep)	2019	2020	2021
Complaints	62	67	52
Unique Events	53	49	52
Individual Complainants	30	42	26
Complaints involving confirmed Blackbushe aircraft	41	47	43
Complaints involving aircraft within the ATZ	24	30	27

Category	#	%
Aerobatics	4	8%
Approach / Climbout	7	13%
General Noise	0	0%
Helicopters	1	2%
Infringing Noise Abatement Area	24	46%
Not Infringing Noise Abatement	8	15%
NPAS	1	2%
Survey Aircraft	2	4%
Not Blackbushe (Other)	5	10%

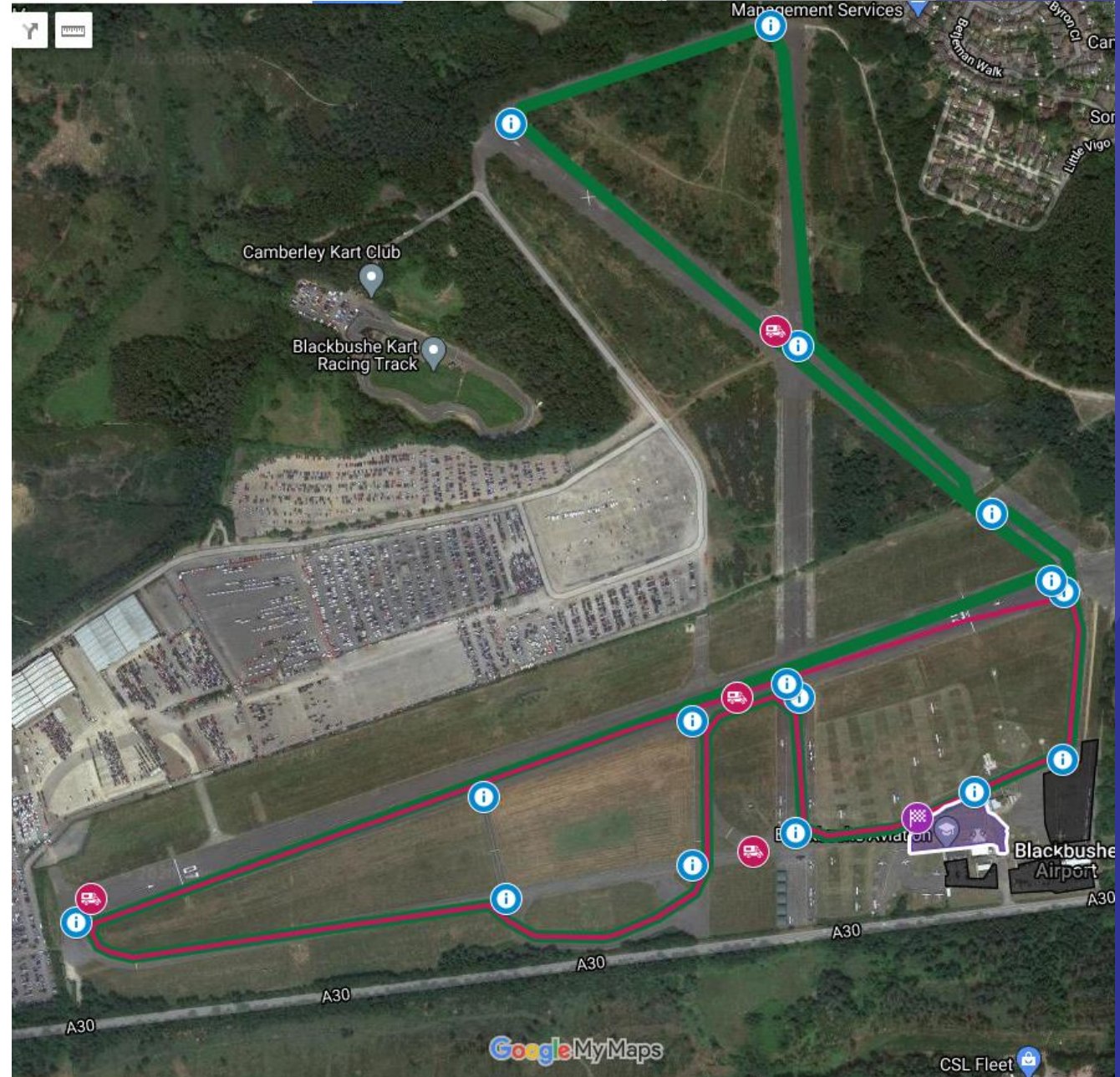
Electric Aircraft

- ▶ On 10th August we accommodated the first landing at Blackbushe of an electrically powered aircraft. The Pipistrel Virus Electro flew from Redhill to Blackbushe, and onward to Popham. At each airport it topped up using a specially designed electric charging unit.
- ▶ There is interest from electric aircraft manufacturers to establish a sales and maintenance facility at Blackbushe, but without hangarage they are unable to do so.



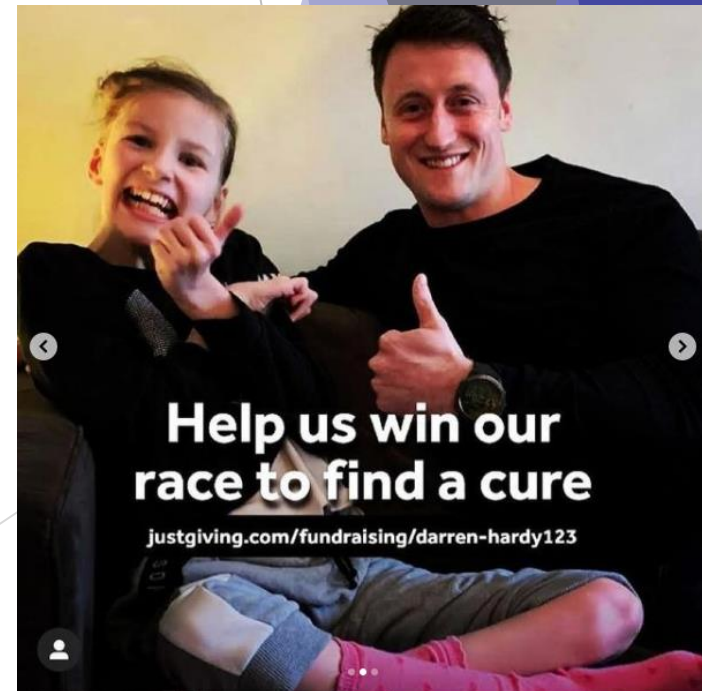
Twilight Runway Challenge

- ▶ On Saturday 11th September hosted the Twilight Runway Challenge, organised by the Community Matters Partnership Project (CMPP).
- ▶ It attracted over 650 runners to run their 3K, 5K, and 10K routes in aid of their chosen charity and CMPP. This is a record for the event which is in it's 10th year.
- ▶ Blackbushe Airport provided the venue and staffing free of charge.
- ▶ It raised tens of thousands in support of CMPP, in addition to funds raised for other over 38 other charities.



50K Car Pull

- ▶ From 23rd – 25th September we will be accommodating Darren Hardy who will be pulling a car for 50km – and setting a new Guinness World Record in the process.
- ▶ He is raising funds and awareness for the H-ABC Foundation to find a cure for H-abc which is a progressive neurological disease affecting 150 children around the world.
- ▶ He will be pulling the vehicle on the disused runways stopping only for food and toilet breaks for 36 hours.
- ▶ He is also teaming up with Aerobility who will be flying Darren and Aggie (a little girl with H-ABC) in one of their adapted aircraft after he completes the challenge.
- ▶ He is expecting coverage from GMB and Sky News as well as print press.



**Help us win our
race to find a cure**

justgiving.com/fundraising/darren-hardy123

Pathfinder Café

- ▶ Opened on 30th April
- ▶ Has had a successful summer.
- ▶ We've sold over 15,000 breakfasts in that time, and over 28,000 Teas & Coffees
- ▶ The café is contributing towards significantly reducing the losses the airport has been making.



Blackbushe Airport Noise Complaints - 16th March 2021 - 6th September 2021



Submitted	Name	Date	Time	Message	Reference Number	Further Information from Tower	Actions Taken
30/03/2021	Mr Hall	30/03/2021	15:54	One of yours lost in the new system 3.55am	2021/006	<p>Mr Hall,</p> <p>Firstly, there is no "new system". If you're referring to the proactive measures we are taking, this is ongoing, and has been for some time. We have improved our maps, improved our signage, and continue to try to identify pilots who are overflying noise abatement areas before they result in complaints.. None of this is new, its an area in which we aim to continuously improve.</p> <p>With pilots allowed to resume flying either solo, or with their own household from 29th March, a lot have taken to the air having most likely not flown since before Christmas. There is an element of "rustiness" and skill fade. Pilots have been given information and guidance by the CAA, and which we have also promoted in order to minimise this fade, but nonetheless I expect more mistakes over the next few weeks as people get back into the swing of things.</p> <p>Turning to your two complaints.</p> <p>Firstly the one from the 30th. This is logged under 2021/006 and was an aircraft returning to us. Whilst he was further north than our published arrival, he was outside the noise abatement area albeit most certainly visible and audible from your property. You'll see in the diagram below of his ADSB trace that I have marked the noise abatement area in purple, and have indicated our published track with a red arrow.</p>	
31/03/2021	Mr Hall	31/03/2021	10:43	Chris doesn't take long for your system to fail does it again at 10.40 over the house this morning . Please respond to this further intrusion. Regards Mr Hall	2021/007	<p>The one from today is logged under 2021/007. Again an aircraft returning. It did not follow one of either of our prescribed arrival routes. Not directly over your property, but did fly over the noise abatement area and would definitely have been audible and visible from your property. I will be discussing this with the pilot.</p> <p>Thanks, Chris</p>	
31/03/2021	Mr Hall	31/03/2021	14:58	Chris and other 3.58 straight over out house. The question has to be asked are they safe to fly if they can't take simple Instructions.	2021/008	<p>Mr Hall, Logged under reference 2021/008.</p> <p>I don't have an ADSB trace for this aircraft, but the Duty FISO from the tower informs me that the aircraft was following the standard published arrival route. Incoming from the opposite direction was a helicopter and the pilot was perhaps over-cautious on maintaining a safe distance from it and therefore probably ended up over the noise abatement area.</p> <p>Please remember noise abatement falls very low on the list of priorities for a pilot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring their aircraft is safe to fly, and monitoring all of the dials. - Maintaining a good look out for other traffic and taking avoiding action - Avoiding London and Farnborough controlled airspace (for which an infringement can end up in loss of licence) - Communicating intentions with relevant Air Traffic Service providers. <p>After all of this, they will also try and avoid the noise abatement areas. We welcome the reports, we will discuss each one with the pilot concerned (where we reasonably believe they overflew a noise abatement area), and we will hope pilots will learn from them. Thanks, Chris</p>	
04/01/2021	Mrs Jordan	04/01/2021	14:25	Jet took off in wrong direction over Yateley and over my house in Brandy Bottom	2021/009	<p>Dear Mrs Jordan,</p> <p>Thank you for your message which I have logged under noise complaint 2021/009.</p> <p>You'll note from the information on our website that Brandy Bottom is not located within a noise abatement area. https://www.blackbusheairport.co.uk/noise. It is less than ¼ of a mile from the end of the runway.</p> <p>You are mistaken in that there are no restrictions within our planning agreements on the direction in which any aircraft can take off. The runway direction in use is dictated by the wind direction. We prefer to land and takeoff heading west if there is no wind, but today the wind was from the east, and aircraft need to fly into the wind to generate lift. Approximately 30% of our movements use Runway 07 which will have them departing heading towards your property. For smaller, light aircraft, they are instructed to turn as soon as possible to avoid the top end of Tudor Drive and other housing as much as practicable. For business jets, they need to climb higher before making such a turn and so you are more likely to see them.</p> <p>Thanks, Chris</p>	

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Submitted Name	Date	Time	Message	Reference Number	Further Information from Tower	Actions Taken
Ms Lentz	08/04/2021	16:55:0 PM	<p>Low flying aircraft circled 3 x over my house - very intrusive. Was this: Low flying aircraft circled 3x over my house - very intrusive - please leave us alone AIRCRAFT TYPE(P28A) Piper PA-28-181 REGISTRATION G-BEXW COUNTRY OF REG.</p>	2021/010	<p>Dear Ms Lentz, Thank you for your noise complaint which has been logged under ref 2021/010. You haven't provided your location. However, I have pulled the ADSB trace for this aircraft and note it made 3 orbits just north of Frensham Pond, south of Farnham, which I assume is the area you refer to.</p> <p>This area is not one of our noise abatement areas and so we don't issue specific instructions to our pilots. They are governed by the Air Navigation Order, which requires them to be at least 1,000ft over built up areas, and 500ft over other areas. I can see from the ADSB trace the aircraft was at all times higher than 1,400ft, and so operating in accordance with this.</p> <p>I don't know the reason for the orbits, but given the proximity to Frensham Pond, which is an aeronautical Visual Reference Point and is frequently used by Farnborough ATC as a point in which to hold traffic, it is likely the aircraft was holding on the instruction of ATC to avoid conflict with another aircraft. Thanks, Chris</p>	
Mjr Gordon	09/04/2021	16:05 UTC	<p>A low wing monoplane repeatedly flew over my house, unable to observe the registration due to reflection. I consider this repeated activity an intrusion and something that I have complained about before. Therefore I would like to lodge a formal complaint. EMAIL: A single engine low wing monoplane white/grey/silver colour made at least 3 low very noisy passes directly over my house, Cricket Hill Lane, in quite quick succession, making absolutely no effort to avoid flying over my property as required by your own standard operating procedures. It appears that the plane was doing circuits. I did not manage to record its number. I logged this complaint by phone with the tower at the time.</p>	2021/011	<p>Aircraft carried out a non-standard join from the south via the base leg. The pilot seemed rusty and unsure of procedures. On his first go around Matt noticed that he was still wearing the Farnborough allocated 0461 squawk and requested that he change to 7010. In the same time frame Farnborough called on the land line to request change its squawk to 7010, VOR 21/059 applies. I apologised to Maj Gordon and requested that he complete a noise complaint form on line which he was happy to do.</p>	
Mr Hall	13/04	13:10	<p>1.10 over the house please sort this out Chris Regards Mr Hall</p>	2021/012	<p>See response below (2021/015)</p>	
Mr Kimber	23/04/2021	10:52	<p>Aircraft doing Aeros above his house in Beech Hill RG7. Just concerned about the safety of it but appreciates 'they've got to do them somewhere'. Not a complaint as such just a note.</p>	2021/013	<p>I couldn't spot anything on FR and Mr Kimber was aware it could have come from WW.</p>	<p>I told him the area was outside of controlled airspace so we couldn't do anything about it but we would log the call. He was happy with that.</p>
Mrs Wright	25/04/2021	14:07	<p>Hello Chris I was grateful to receive your detailed reply back in February. I did feel a little uncomfortable that you 'grounded' the lady in question at the time ! I feel I should write to you again as with this glorious weather we are out in our gardens and noticing fairly regular light air craft overhead flying over the Cricket Green of Hartley Wintney. We also see the aircraft who do adhere to your standards published and am grateful to them. A couple of examples of aircraft not doing so are one aircraft coming in today at 14.07 and another at 15.56 and also one going out but not doing the wide circle to leave when flying east hence flying over the Cricket Green. Best wishes, Mrs Wright.</p>	2021/014	<p>Hi Mrs Wright, The recent weather and associated wind direction has required us to use Runway 07 for the past couple of weeks. This will make aircraft at Blackbushe more noticeable to Hartley Wintney. Normally we use 07 about 30% of the time, and use Runway 25 wherever possible.</p> <p>The interesting thing is, that with the new Farnborough Controlled Airspace (from Feb 2020), the cricket green lies within Farnborough Controlled airspace. Therefore, if an aircraft overflies you directly, then they are either doing so in receipt of a clearance from Farnborough (which these two didn't have), or they are infringing (which will set off the alarms at Farnborough). With the two you mention, both of those were within our ATZ, and didn't set the alarms off at Farnborough. I can see from their traces, they came close to the edge of the ATZ, but crucially not outside of it, and therefore not directly over the noise abatement area. Had they crossed over, and alarm at Farnborough sounds, and triggers a phone call to us.</p> <p>Using the map we referenced below, I've overlaid a crude approximation of the noise abatement area (purple) and where an aircraft might be expected in the circuit if making a wider circuit (yellow line). Obviously if they are making a wider circuit, I would expect them to be audible and visible from houses adjacent to the cricket green. But crucially, they are operating within the ATZ, and therefore within the rules of the noise abatement. So I'm afraid on these couple there's not anything I can do.</p> <p>As always, I will address with pilots where I can find them to have breached the rules, so please do continue to let me know if you see anyone doing anything you think they shouldn't. Thanks, Chris</p>	

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Submitted Name	Date	Time	Message	Reference Number	Further Information from Tower	Actions Taken
Mr Hall	30/04/2021	16:00	<p>Chris another this time very loud at 4.00 pm . It may be a good idea to have a meeting Soon as I am getting more and more reports of loud aircraft and I've also noticed a increase in noise levels from some of your aircraft seem to be older aircraft.</p> <p>XXXXXX has also noticed increase in aircraft noise from some and he flies from Blackbush . We were in my garden a few weeks ago and he commented on the noise levels and why a increase (Nothing to do with lockdown).</p> <p>If possible after the Elections next week as I'm flat out before then. Anyway let me know.</p> <p>Regards Mr Hall</p>	2021/015	<p>Hi Mr Hall, Sorry I have missed the last couple. I have been flat out working on our new café. They have been logged as follows 13th April: 2021/012 30th April: 2021/015 7th May: 2021/016</p> <p>As the trace data has largely gone for the earlier too I have missed catching those, but have identified the one from today. Again this was a situation where 3 aircraft arrived back at the aerodrome at the same time, and one pilot felt he needed to give himself greater clearance between himself and another aircraft and drifted further north into the noise abatement area. Pilots will do this as they will prioritise the immediate safety of their aircraft over a noise abatement area.</p>	
Mr Hall	07/05/2021	16:10	<p>4.10 low right over the house please send log number and sort it out Chris.</p> <p>Regards Mr Hall</p>	2021/016	<p>Nevertheless we have made him aware and suggested alternative actions he could take if faced with a similar situation. With regards to a meeting, I'm not entirely sure what you would like to achieve. You live next to an aerodrome, which existed before your property was built. I fully expect you to experience noise from the aerodrome. We endeavour to reduce the noise burden on local residents, and the procedures we have in place do this pretty successfully. As you can tell from the above numbering, we've had 16 complaints this year in just over 4 months. You made 8 of them. We've had over 7,500 movements this year to date, so at that rate we are talking about 0.2% of aircraft using Blackbushe causing people concern. That is a % I am very comfortable with. Pilots won't always get it right, but I think the vast majority of our pilots are doing a very good job of keeping away from the noise abatement areas.</p> <p>Thanks, Chris</p>	
Unknown	25/05/2021	22:05	<p>Call from lady Freshwood Drive (Yateley) complaining about late rotary movements.</p>	2021/017	<p>Helicopter completing a night rating. Was operating the published circuit at all times.</p> <p>A very agitated lady I discussed with lady on the phone and was became more reasonable as time went on. I did advise the airport license allows for operation until 22:00 local and movements would end by then. Out of courtesy, I did also mention the flight would be taking place on the evening on 26/05 at similar times and the lady was appreciative of the heads up.</p>	
Mr Hall	27/05/2021	16:10	<p>Chris low over house at 4.50 frightening low in fact</p>	2021/018	<p>Mr Hall, Logged as 2021/018. The tower weren't impressed with several aspects of this pilots activities today, and the tower supervisor is on his way out with a copy of our rules and procedures to point out where he could have done better.</p> <p>Thanks, Chris</p>	
Mr Hall	28/05/2021	14:10	<p>14:10</p>	2021/019	<p>Mr Hall, Logged as 2021/019. I understand from the tower that he was arriving at the aerodrome, following our published procedures. He was informed of a jet departing the aerodrome and elected to circle north of us to avoid getting in the way of it. He could have made a better job of remaining clear of the noise abatement areas but I can't fault his decision making in remaining out of the way of a much faster aircraft.</p> <p>Thanks, Chris</p>	
Mr Hawkins	30/05/2021	15:50:0 AM	<p>We have planes taking off over our house in Brandy Bottom (Nr Wyndhams Pool) on a Sunday afternoon at 93db every 3-5 mins doing loops all afternoon and I am trying to relax in my garden in the sun on a Bank Holiday weekend !!</p>	2021/020	<p>Dear Mr Hawkins Thank you for your noise complaint which has been logged under reference 2021/020. Brandy Bottom is not an area within one of our noise abatement areas, and for good reason. It is less than a mile from the end of our runway, and directly under our circuit path. On Sunday we were using Runway 07 (which is determined by the wind direction), and meant aircraft were taking off in your direction (which generates more noise for you than landing aircraft). Unfortunately on days when the weather is very good, and the wind favours 07, then you will experience noise from the airport, and there is very little I can do about it.</p>	

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31/05/2021	Ms Lentz	5/31/2021	00:04	Low flying aircraft over us - GU10 XXX, XXXX XXXXX way. We are already having to suffer from increased air traffic from Farnborough, can't light aircraft pilots take their noisy hobby somewhere else?	2021/021	Good afternoon Ms Lentz, I trust all is well. I have taken a look into some flight traces of Blackbushe Based aircraft however given your location, unfortunately this falls wholly within the 'new' Farnborough Controlled Airspace. With the location given, aircraft within this area would be in receipt of a radar service provided by Farnborough – we are unable to influence any routings by aircraft near your location. If noise is becoming an issue, Farnborough Airport do have a dedicated 'Noise Complaint' line who would possibly be able to deal with the matter more effectively. Looking at the airspace, Aircraft within the vicinity would be required to fly 1000ft of any 'built up areas'. Their trace on a commonly used flight tracker shows what I believe to be the aircraft in question at an indicated altitude of 1700ft however I am unsure the reliability of this data. As mentioned above, if you wish to receive further information of escalate any complaint – Farnborough are the controlling authority and would be the best to speak to. Unfortunately, I can't be of much more assistance however I have logged your noise complaint with reference 2021/021. With best regards, Harvey	
03/06/2021	Mr Hall	03/06/2021	11:10	Chris come on Mate sort this out 11.10 over the house it's bad enough that my wife can't have the window open while working due to the noise but then over our house again and loud these planes this week sound like Tractors. Please sort this. Mr Hall	2021/022	Mr Hall, Logged as 2021/022. The tower have identified the aircraft and pilot and have spoken with him. Thanks, Chris	
06/06/2021	Mr Hall	06/06/2021	09:48	Again 1050	2021/23	Hi Mr Hall, Logged as 2021/023. This one came very close to the edge of the noise abatement area, but didn't directly overfly it. You'll see from the trace, the pilot did as we ask, which was to fly west of Yateley and avoid the town. He then prepared to join the circuit, and was further east than we publish. We ask pilots to follow the disused runway as this gives a buffer between the noise abatement areas. This particular pilot got that a bit wrong, and used the buffer, but did not overfly the noise abatement area.	
08/06/2021	Mr Hall	08/06/2021	11:33	11.30 over the house low. One County Councillor sitting with me for coffee at the time he was amazed . Reply: At the time he was heading away from the airport over houses etc. Is this accident logged anywhere apart from the Blackbush site asks my friend from HCC.	2021/24	Aircraft departed circ following a pan call (smell of burning) from a/c behind to allow traffic to land. Hi Mr Hall, That one is an emergency currently in progress. The aircraft got airborne and there was a smell of burning in the cockpit, so they made an immediate return, and in such situations noise abatement areas are disregarded as the primary focus is to land. The aircraft has just landed and the crew are being assisted by our Fire Service. Logged as 2021/024. Thanks, Chris Reply: OK, looking back at the replay looks like two aircraft went over the noise abatement in that moment. The one with the technical issue, and another one which was trying to get out of his way. It's likely you saw the latter then. Noise complaints are logged and reported on at the Consultative Committee to local councillors, including those representing HCC. No other parties capture or report on that data. Thanks, Chris	

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13/06/2021 Mr Phillips	12/06/2021	10:02	<p>Yet again single engine aircraft performing aerobatic manoeuvres. They are so low are so noisy I'm sick of it. The frequency in the last 6 weeks is becoming bothersome.</p> <p>Hi there, I did not see the plane I could only hear it. Postcode is RG7 XXX.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	2021/025	<p>Hi Mr Phillips, Could we please take your postcode so we can look into this? Any description of the aircraft would be very helpful, however we haven't had any aerobatic aircraft depart this morning. Blackbushe Tower Dear Mr Phillips, Having reviewed the logs for yesterday, I can confirm this was not an aircraft from Blackbushe, we had nothing out doing aerobatics at that time, and indeed nothing in that area at that time. Thanks, Chris</p>	
13/06/2021 Mr Hallisey	13/06/2021	11:25	<p>Dear Airport admin, Once again this fine weather weekend has been disrupted by nuisance flying over our home in Mortimer. We don't mind leisure travel but practicing manoeuvres over populated areas and disturbing the peace in the same areas each week is not acceptable. I hope that you can review flight plans and logs and encourage your leisure pilots to choose different, less populated areas to practice. Please advise what guidelines you issue and what the rules are in this matter. I append a sample track of today's flight. Best regards , Mr Hallisey</p>	2021/026	<p>Dear Mr Hallisey, Thank you for your email which I have logged under Noise Complaint ref 2021/026. Firstly, let me bust the myth that all flying in light aircraft is leisure travel. The aircraft you highlighted is a flying school aircraft, and is primarily used to teach aspiring pilots. The majority of those aircraft are flown by pilots aspiring to become airline crew. Practising stalls and other aircraft recovery manoeuvres is a vital part of that training program. Many of those students are studying around trying to work during the week, so this leaves them the weekend to conduct those studies. In this case, the instructor climbed the aircraft to 2,500 ft to try and reduce the noise impact. He also limited the time spent on them to just 7 minutes. There are dozens of aircraft operated from several local aerodromes. Unfortunately due to the geography of the local area and presence of large areas of controlled airspace, traffic from all those aerodromes can at times become concentrated in an area between Newbury, Reading, and Basingstoke. As this area is what is called "Class G" airspace, there are no limits on what can and can't be flown within them, and no aerodrome has it within their power to impose restrictions on the pilots that operate within them. Thanks, Chris</p>	
15/06/2021 Mr Kimber	15/06/2021	15:30 ish	<p>Beech Hill RG7 noted a aerobatic plane was flying over. No identifying features. Had a joke with the chap that we only had PA28s flying and if they did aerobatics the wings would probably fall off. No further action required</p>	2021/027	Unknown	Dealt with on phone call
16/06/2021 Mr Shearn	16/06/2021	09:45	<p>GU10 XXX. G-JJAN apparently flying at 700ft. Aircraft was identified as JJAN using adsb exchange but was flying the the EGLF control zone to the south of the airfield. I explained to the chap that these aircraft are under the control of ATC and he may have been given a certain level to fly in order to avoid inbound traffic. The chap remarked that since the new airspace was imposed they have had a increase in noise pollution due to the new waypoints for VFR traffic.</p>	2021/028		Dealt with on phone call
16/06/2021 Mr Williams	16/06/2021	13:29	<p>Official Complaint - GZEA Hello Blackbushe This plane appears to have left your airport 18 minutes ago and has been performing loops and rolls directly above the farm to the annoyance of those of us below. Please give the pilot a bollocking either now or when he lands and tell him to cease being so damned annoying Thank you, Mr Williams</p>	2021/029	<p>Dear Mr Williams, Blackbushe Airport has no jurisdiction over aircraft once they leave our aerodrome. The airspace that aircraft was operating in is designated Class G, and is open to all aircraft without restriction. The aircraft was operating entirely in accordance with the Air Navigation Order. Furthermore, pilots are encouraged by the CAA to conduct any manoeuvres over the countryside, rather than over built up areas, and the pilot was respecting this guidance. I've logged your complaint under reference 2021/029. Thanks, Chris</p>	

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21/06/2021	Mr Shorey	21/06/2021	11:07	Complaint from resident at Pool Road HW that a jet went very low overhead inbound to EGLK. Was advised it was directed into here from EGLF and he asked for the aircraft ID. He mentioned a neighbour of his has complained in the past about low flying jets into the airport and also asked if we log the height of aircraft going over the village. Told that no records kept of heights and the airport will be in contact with him re his enquiries. He intimated that he might call Farnborough to complain about the aircraft being low over his village + <2 further calls to tower requesting information about the aircraft.>	2021/030	Dear Mr Shorey, Our tower team have informed me of the noise complaint you raised this morning which they have logged under reference 2021/030. The aircraft in question is M-ODUS, registered in the Isle of Man. I understand you attempted to look this aircraft up on the CAA website, they only provide details for UK "G" registered aircraft. This aircraft is on the Manx registry. The aircraft was on final approach into Blackbushe. I have managed to pull some data from an ADSB server which shows the altitude the aircraft was reporting when it flew just north of Hartley Wintney. This shows it to be between 1175 and 1100ft amsl. The Air Navigation Order requires all aircraft to be in excess of 1,000ft above built up areas, and 500ft above other areas except when taking off or landing. The approach of this aircraft would fall under this. We have a noise abatement area that covers most of Hartley Wintney and was established under a planning agreement in 1980. You'll see your property is right on the edge of it in the attached file. However, the end of Pool Road and much of Franklin Avenue do not fall within it. IFR jet arrivals such as this will follow a similar track – as this is a straight in approach for Blackbushe Airport. The aircraft will be under Farnborough's control right up until they complete the turn when they will typically switch to Blackbushe information. I would expect jets or fast turbo-props to be at around 1000ft coming over this area. In 2019 we had 123 such approaches, in 2020 it was just 60 (although obviously not a representative year). This year to date we've had 55. Smaller, more manoeuvrable aircraft operating VFR will be able to give the village a wider berth, which we encourage voluntarily. The aircraft in question was the largest type that uses the airport. The Dassault Falcon fleet are considerably larger than other types. Of the landings I mention above, 12 of these were attributed to Falcon types in 2019, 2 in 2020, and 6 so far in 2021. I hope the information above helps answer your query regarding the track and height of the aircraft. Thanks, Chris	
21/06/2021	Mr Shorey	21/06/2021	11:07	REPLY: Dear Mr Gazzard, Thank you for your response and for the tracking data you attached. This shows that the aircraft passed over our neighbourhood at approximately 1035 feet above mean sea level. The local Ordnance Survey map shows the ground level to be around 78 metres or 256 feet. The aircraft was therefore flying over our estate just under 880 feet above ground level. Whilst your letter acknowledges that the aircraft's approach was below the minimum height of 1000 feet over built up areas, it doesn't explain why this low approach was permitted, what the consequences are of breaching the minimum height limit and how you intend to ensure this doesn't happen again. Farnborough have assured me that details of the incident have been reported to Rushmore Borough Council and to the Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee. Can I assume that you have reported the matter to Hart District Council and to the Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee? Yours sincerely, Mr Shorey	2021/030	REPLY: Dear Mr Shorey, You have conveniently omitted the part which states "except when taking off or landing". This aircraft was established on final approach and was therefore on the landing cycle. At Blackbushe the published approach angle is 3.1° (and has been for decades). This is standard approach angle. Your property is approximately 13,100 ft from the touch down point for Runway 07. Using a simple bit of maths, that puts the aircraft, if following the approach, at 709ft above aerodrome level (aal). Blackbushe is 325 ft amsl, so that provides an additional 69ft for the difference between Hartley Wintney and the airport, which puts us at 778ft above the ground in HW. At 880 ft the aircraft was actually slightly high on the approach. All noise complaints are assigned a reference and are reported twice a year at the consultative committee meeting. Local councillors from parish councils, district councils, and county councils are on the committee and are provided with all correspondence relating to noise complaints at this point. There is no mechanism for reporting them individually for Hart and nor are we required to do so. Thanks, Chris REPLY 2: Dear Mr Shorey, My apologies. For your reference the applicable regulation is: Standard European Rules of the Air (SERA) SERA.5005 – Visual Flight Rules (f) Except when necessary for take-off or landing, or except by permission from the competent authority, a VFR flight shall not be flown: (1) over the congested areas of cities, towns or settlements or over an open-air assembly of persons at a height less than 300 m (1 000 ft) above the highest obstacle within a radius of 600 m from the aircraft; (2) elsewhere than as specified in (1), at a height less than 150 m (500 ft) above the ground or water, or 150 m (500 ft) above the highest obstacle within a radius of 150 m (500 ft) from the aircraft. If I had provided this test originally, perhaps the confusion would have been avoided. Thanks, Chris	
21/06/2021	Mr Shorey	21/06/2021	11:07	REPLY 2: Dear Mr Gazzard, Thank you for your prompt reply. My degree was in mathematics so I have no trouble with the basic trigonometry. However, as a retired head teacher, I am a bit of a pedant on conventional English, and punctuation in particular. You wrote, "The Air Navigation Order requires all aircraft to be in excess of 1,000ft above built up areas, and 500ft above other areas except when taking off or landing." The position of the comma is crucial. As written, the qualification "except when taking off or landing" applies only to the second part of the sentence – and that is how I read it (as, I think, would most people). For the exception to apply to both heights (as you are now saying) would require... either a) for the comma to be after the second "areas": The Air Navigation Order requires all aircraft to be in excess of 1,000ft above built up areas and 500ft above other areas, except when taking off or landing. or (better) b) for the exception to be moved forward in the sentence: The Air Navigation Order requires all aircraft, except when taking off or landing, to be in excess of 1,000ft above built up areas and 500ft above other areas. Please be assured that there had been no "convenient" omission on my part and, frankly, I did find that first sentence a bit offensive. Yours sincerely,			

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22/06/2021 Mr Whittemore	N/A	N/A	<p>Subject: Light Aircraft Diving/Acrobatcs</p> <p>I am writing to you following correspondence with the Department for Transport & the CAA, who both suggested I also write to local aerodromes in my area.</p> <p>I don't know if it was actually someone based at your aerodrome, but the other weekend, we had someone doing acrobatics/diving over our village (Riseley) on both Saturday & Sunday mornings we also get this on some days in the week, but it is particularly annoying at weekends.....the noise can be heard in the house, but is particularly detrimental to the enjoyment of one's garden - I am not talking about general aircraft noise (of which we have a lot & can't do much about), but specific light aircraft diving/acrobatics noise, which is unacceptable & could be avoided.</p> <p>Regards, Mr Whittemore.</p>	2021/031	<p>Dear Mr Whittemore</p> <p>Thank you for your email which I've logged under reference 2021/031.</p> <p>If you have specific instances, I am happy to look into it, however we have very few aircraft undertaking aerobatic sorties. I know that often a yellow bi-plane is reported in the Risley area (I've seen it myself when at Wellington Country Park) and I understand this originates from White Waltham or Popham.</p> <p>However, I should point out that Risley lies within Class G airspace. Any pilot can conduct whatever flying they would like in this area, so long as they conform with the Air Navigation Order. As an aerodrome there isn't anything we (or any other aerodrome) can do to control such activity, we don't own any of the aircraft based here, and once pilots leave the ATZ, they also leave our frequency to talk to a local area service. All we can do is ask our pilots to be respectful. I know most of them will try and move their flying around so as not to stay concentrated over one area. But aerobatics by their nature keep you over one area for around 10 minutes at a time.</p> <p>Thanks, Chris</p>	
24/06/2021 Mr Edwards	24/06/2021	13:30	<p>Call received from a very pleasant gentleman who said he had noticed an increase in aerobatic activity over his house in Mattingley Green, including one at that very moment.</p>	2021/032	<p>I explained that we had 3 aircraft capable of aerobatics, and right now 2 were on the ground, and one was operating in the Kingsclere area. We talked about the rules regarding such flights and I explained there is little we can do except remind pilots to be conscientious.</p>	
25/06/2021 Mr Hall	25/06/2021	20:30	<p>Chris I'm now bloody Angry 8.30pm straight over my house loud and just wrong and it woke. My grandson up who's staying here tonight.</p> <p>I want you to address this in a far more forceful manner .I also want you to set out the steps you are going to take to sort this once and for all.</p> <p>Regards, Mr Hall</p> <p>Ranil Jayawardena MP copied</p> <p>REPLY: Good Afternoon Chris, Thankyou for your reply but when are you going to enforce these clear Beeches by refusing to let these Pilots that clearly break the rules fly . Surely retraining or a Limited Ban to focus there minds would strengthen there flying abilities. None of us want to see a incident like the one that happened a couple of weeks ago at a other Southern Airfield.</p> <p>Regards Mr Hall</p>	2021/033	<p>Mr Hall, Logged under reference 2021/033. On Saturday evening I emailed the pilot concerned as follows: <Pilot Name>, Could you explain quite why your during your arrival this evening you decided to overfly both the Yateley and Eversley noise abatement areas. I know <Other Aircraft ID> was joining from the NW at a similar time, but he was already on Base leg when you came over the M3 so there was no obstruction on the dead side. Your arrival triggered the below noise complaint as below. I copied your message, with your name and email removed. I got the following response: Hi Chris. I've just looked at my SkyDemon track. Join was overhead, LH, from 2000 QFE following instruction from Farnborough to keep west due to IFR traffic. Descent would have been just above idle power, so I hope not too noisy, and certainly substantially above circuit height (reached only when far away from Yateley.) Looking at the Sky Demon track, I can see that I seem to have clipped the edge of the NA zone, for which, I apologise to our neighbour if this caused disturbance. Please feel free to share this reply and reassure our neighbour I will be especially careful in future. I suspect this oversight was due to unfamiliarity, following the pandemic on low light conditions and making sure my track was west of Farnborough, possibly also with the wind from the west having ramen me a little further over than expected. If you think it'll help relations, when you respond to the complainant, please offer by way of my apology, a local flight in <Aircraft ID> on me and tell him/her I'll be very careful not to overfly his/her area :-) Have a good weekend and sorry you're getting grief you don't need. <Pilot Name> Thanks, Chris</p>	

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08/07/2021	Mr Dobson	08/07/2021	3:45:0 null	G-CBME. This aircraft was manoeuvring over the village of Hellidon, Northants, which is mostly around 600 feet AMSL. Flightradar24 app on my phone gave its transponder altitude as around 1,000 ft, but with significant variations either way. The aircraft was flying very slowly with its flaps extended. With 18,000 hrs flight time, I would have put its MSD as close as 300 ft at times with insufficient height to recover from an upset/spin. If I see it doing this again, I will screenshot Flightradar24 and submit a complaint to the CAA.	2021/034	Dear Mr Dobson, Thank you for your noise complaint which has been logged under reference 2021/034. I'm not entirely sure what you would like me to do about an aircraft operating over 80 miles away from this aerodrome. The aircraft is not based here, although it did visit for fuel this morning. I understand it undertakes aerial photography work, and is usually found based in a small aerodrome in the midlands. Thanks, Chris	
09/07/2021	Mr Hall	09/07/2021	00:00	Another idiot flying where he's not wanted or supposed to be.	2021/035	Not responded to.	
16/07/2021	Mr Hall	16/07/2021	09:46	Again today, 1 hour ago.	2021/036	Hi Mr Hall, I've checked the period from 0900 local to 1030 local. Most of our flying was departures which today are using Runway 07 and turning right (south). On days when we're using runway 07, I sometimes see complaints from you, as the arrival tracks come closer to you than they do on runway 25, but today we've had a handful of arrivals and they have been well clear. The closest aircraft I can find was at 10:03 which climbed into the overhead of the aerodrome and made a couple of circles whilst waiting for a Farnborough clearance south. This wasn't our preferred execution of such a hold, but the aircraft didn't come near the noise abatement. So I'm a bit puzzled by this one. Nonetheless logged under reference 2021/036. Thanks, Chris	
17/07/2021	Mr Hall	17/07/2021	16:20	So the one that's just flown over our house at 4-20 isn't a real one. Maybe the Loonies that protested at Farnborough Air Port should change there venue. Come on Chris get it sorted.	2021/038	Saturday 17th July - 16:20 2021/038 I've identified the aircraft, and have emailed the pilot. He was arriving from the south, and the circuit was busy. So, unable to join safely, he followed our procedures by continuing north towards Sandhurst, and coming around the north of Yateley to avoid the noise abatement area. He then completed this arc too quickly, and ended up coming over the west of Yateley. I'm sure that once he has reviewed his track, he will be able to make a better job of it next time.	
18/07/2021	Mr Hall	17/07/2021	19:37	Are your pilots blind over the house and over neighbours at 1937. Sort it out	2021/040	Sunday 18th July - 19:38 2021/040 Again, arriving from the south. I saw your email on my phone last night, and sent the pilot an email even before he had landed. He came back very promptly, and was very apologetic. He was an instructor, conducting a currency renewal flight on one of the group members. He identified the pilot he was instructing was not turning quickly enough to avoid the noise abatement, and immediately corrected him, but not soon enough to avoid clipping the southern edge.	
18/07/2021	Mrs Wright	16/07/2021	19:15	Good morning I'm sorry to trouble you with this but wonder if you could advice with the emails I wrote below. Or please forward to the correct person as I have not had a reply. Also on Friday night a large light aircraft flew directly over Hartley Wintney Cricket Green at 7.15pm to land at Blackbushe at what I thought was a too low height. I'm grateful for your time looking into these. Best wishes, Mrs Wright	2021/041	Dear Mrs Wright, If you're looking for information on aircraft which operated into and out of Farnborough, then I'm afraid I cannot help. I would suggest you persevere with them. With regards to the one on Friday night, I have logged it under reference 2021/041. This was an arrival of a small jet which did overfly the village, and I will be following up with the operator to make them aware to remain away from the village. Thanks, Chris	

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Mr Peacock	17/07/2021	14:23	<p>I live in Hartley Wintney, my house was flown over at the time above by a very noisy and low aircraft, I checked on flighttracker and the aircraft reg number was M-ODUS.</p> <p>REPLY: Hi Chris, Thanks for getting back to me so quickly, I can see the M-ODUS aircraft made 2 landings at Blackbush on the 17th. I think your track is for the later flight, where it was all doo. The one I was complaining about landed at around 14:00 See the track below And overlaid onto your map As you can see on this approach it went right through the noise abatement area. (Approx. location of my house is marked) Thanks, Mr Peacock.</p>	2021/037	<p>Dear Mr Peacock, Thank you for your two noise complaints, which we have logged under references 2021/037 and 2021/039. As a background, Hartley Wintney lies just south of the extended centreline of our runway. We have a longstanding noise abatement area which was established in the 1980s, which covers most, but not all of the village. Critically, it does not cover houses on the very northern edge, as jet or turbo prop aircraft need to be established on a stable approach several miles from the runway. You can see more about this area, and use our interactive map on our website: https://www.blackbusheairport.co.uk/noise You'll see from the above, that the noise abatement area is in purple. The extended centreline of the runway is in yellow, and the normal circuit is in pink. 96% of our movements are by single engine piston aircraft which follow a procedure to stay well clear of the village, and follow our standard circuit. For jets, and turbo-props, when we are using Runway 07, if you live on the north of the village, you will most likely see aircraft on approach, and when we are using Runway 25, it will be aircraft on departure. For aircraft, on departure, we ask them to make a slight right turn (north) as soon as they can to give the village a wider berth. Saturday 17th – Arrival 2021/037 On Saturday, the aircraft was following our standard arrival, and it was north of the village. However, this type is the largest that uses Blackbushe, and I am aware that due to its size, and the noise it creates, it can appear a lot lower and closer than residents are used to. Hi Mr Peacock Thanks for that – yes I can see that one now, and I apologise for the inconvenience. This one was coming from the south and would have been under Farnborough's control until crossing over the M3. By this point there's little that we or the pilots can do to avoid it. I have regular meetings with my counterpart at Farnborough, and will reiterate our long-standing request that aircraft such as this are positioned further west to allow them to be straight-in for 07, rather than turning over the village. Thanks, Chris</p>	
Mr Peacock	18/07/2021	10:27	<p>I live in Hartley Wintney, has just been flown over by the same aircraft I complained about yesterday, registration M-ODUS, I don't normally complain however this aircraft stands out as very noisy and low, can you please instruct this aircraft to take a different route so it goes over less houses</p>	2021/039	<p>Sunday 18th Departure 2021/039 On Sunday, again the aircraft followed the standard departure clearance, and also made the requested turn to the right to avoid the village, giving it a much wider berth. It was also significantly higher, as it has very good climb performance. Unfortunately there is nothing I can do to alter the routes this aircraft takes. Quite simply, these aircraft need a longer straight-in, stable approach. We already make pilots aware of noise abatement areas, and they make turns early on departure to give the village a wider berth. Typically jet and turbo-props make up less than 4% of our movements. In 2019 (the last year with representative figures) we had 928 jet / turbo prop movements, of which 132 landed on Runway 07 (and therefore would have approached just north of the village), and 331 departed on runway 25, again who may have been visible or audible to the north of the village. Those movements are down by about 10% year to date. I hope that helps answer the questions you had regarding these movements.</p>	
Mrs Wright	23/07/2021	11:42	<p>Good Morning Chris, I do appreciate your time on this matter, but I think its better you know ? Im sorry to say this does happen quite frequently. Its disappointing that such a large, mostly unreported amount of aircraft don't adhere to your policy. I am sorry to say again I just looked up to the sky as I am arriving home to see two air craft in quick succession at 11.30 fly over us by the Cricket Green. Kind regards Mrs Wright</p>	2021/042	<p>Hi Mrs Wright, Sorry to hear that, and logged as reference 2021/042. We had a busy circuit this morning, and I imagine a couple of aircraft strayed wide. We do have boards next to our taxiways reminding pilots to remain east of the village. I couldn't find anything that overflew from the traces, but they may have been non-transponder aircraft. Thanks, Chris</p>	

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27/07/2021	Mr Hall	27/07/2021	16:18	<p>Again 4.10 pm Sorry Chris but this becoming a joke what's the excuse this time If you put in place a proper cause and effect system with withdrawal of flying rights If found to infringe .</p> <p>Reply: I take on board what you say so why does it keep happening ????</p> <p>The noise when over the house means my wife can't work because of the noise. It's not just me there are people getting fed up with increased noise levels all over Yateley West. Just keep to the other side of the A30 there's very few houses there and or don't fly over our house.</p>	2021/043	<p>Hi Peter, Logged as 2021/043. Inbound student from another aerodrome. I very much doubt this student has operated before, nor are they likely to again. Cause and effect doesn't really work in those situations. And as I've explained to you on many occasions, we see a good response from pilots when we point out their errors and they don't tend to infringe again. Thanks, Chris</p>	
03/08/2021	Mr Whittemore	03/08/2021	17:50	<p>Hi Chris, Another good example of unnecessary aerobatic/diving noise today (3rd August) - first noticed @ c.17.25 (i.e. teatime) & person was flying round & round for at least 15/20 minutes, so completely spoiled sitting out in the garden in the sunshine.....fyi, it looked to specifically be a biplane with some yellow colour (stripes) on it's wings. If you can confirm where the flight emanated from please, I will write to them accordingly. Regards, Mr Whittemore.</p>	2021/044	<p>Hi Mr Whittemore, Thanks for your email. We've not had any aerobatic aircraft out from here today. Your description sounds like an Aeros aircraft usually coming from White Waltham. Unfortunately, the aircraft don't have ADSB out so they don't appear on our trackers. I hope this is helpful. Best Regards, Becky</p>	
04/08/2021	Mr Charlesworth	04/08/2021	11:44	<p>Mr Charlesworth called from Camberley to complain about GZEVS circling for the last 20 mins.</p>	2021/045	<p>Looked up on Flight Radar and saw it had indeed been circling over Camberley for some time. Saw it had come from Popham so gave him the info. Very grateful for our help.</p>	
13/08/2021	Mrs Bataller	13/08/2021	15:31	<p>A small light coloured 2 engined plane flew low directly over my house which is near the top end of Hartford Road in Hartley Wintney. It was travelling towards the south-west. I thought aircraft were not supposed to fly over this area. Can you provide any explanation? Thanks.</p>	2021/046	<p>Dear Mrs Bataller, Thank you for your complaint which has been logged under reference 2021/046. The aircraft was a departing turbo-prop which was following an IFR clearance issued by NATS air traffic control. Within our rules and procedures we ask the pilots of aircraft departing to the west to make a right turn as soon as practicable to avoid Hartley Wintney. The aircraft did do this, and did avoid the village, although it came very close to the northern edge of the noise abatement area, and if you are at the top of Hartford Road then I can imagine it would have appeared as though the aircraft was over the top of the village. Other aircraft often make the turn a bit sooner and are able to give the village a wider berth, but the ability to do this is very much dependent on a number of factors in the critical take-off phase. I apologise you were inconvenienced by the noise. Thanks,Chris</p>	

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16/08/2021	Mrs Bagshaw	16/08/2021	10:00	Mrs Bagshaw called up complaining about GBICW which was circling Mortimer, and GBOMU which had just flown over in a straight line. She said she has an app now because White Waltham aircraft come over all the time and she complains to them about them. She said she knew they were doing nothing wrong within the ANO, and that mortimer was a sweet spot as it was nestled between various pockets of airspace, but she just wanted them to move on	2021/047	Nothing I could do on the phone to passify her, I passed the message to the flying schools.	
24/08/2021	Mrs Wright	24/08/2021	09:35	Good Morning Chris, Like so many continue to do, the light aircraft with long slim wings has just landed at your airport it flew directly over the centre of the village. Thank you Best Wishes Mrs Wright	2021/048	Dear Mrs Wright, Thank you for your complaint which has been logged under reference 2021/048. Thanks to your description we have identified the aircraft you mention which was a visitor to the airfield and sadly unfamiliar with our noise abatement procedures. We have spoken to them to highlight our noise abatement areas and they assure us if they visit again they will ensure they remain clear. Apologies again for any inconvenience caused,	
26/08/2021	Mrs Millward	26/08/2021	09:33	Small Jet noise right above our property, Martins Close.	2021/049	Many thanks for you noise complaint which is logged under number 2021/049. This week we have been using runway 07 due to the prevailing wind direction and therefore you would have noticed the jet departure this morning as it would have flown overhead. The aircraft in question is one of the largest aircraft that can use Blackbushe and at the time was under an Air Traffic service from Farnborough Radar. We sadly do not have control over the departure routes aircraft take when they are controlled by Farnborough. Ordinarily the prevailing wind at Blackbushe is westerly and we normally use runway 25 which is in the opposite direction. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused, Matt	
28/08/2021	Mrs Gover	28/08/2021	17:20	G-FPSA flying over Woodley/Earley doing circuits repeatedly over the area for a good 10 minutes+ at 800 feet! I love flying (come from family of pilots) but this was too much. And too low. And somewhat erratic on the throttles! Was beginning to think he had a problem but think he was just showboating/being a numpty.	2021/050	Information passed to aircraft operator.	
03/09/2021	Mr Abbott	03/09/2021	17:45	Consistent noise from small aircraft which decide to fly over military accommodation which I'm not sure is actually legal. There are so many incidents of noisy aircraft throughout the day. It is disruptive and annoying. Please make it stop! Hi Chris. I live on Gibraltar Barracks and the constant low flying aircraft directly over the accommodation is awful. I would question whether the flight path is supposed to be directly over military accommodation. Are you able to clarify this? Kind regards, Mr Abbott	2021/051	Hi Mr Abbott, Could you help me out with your address please? Thanks, Chris Hi Mr Abbott, Gibraltar Barracks lies directly underneath our circuit pattern. It has always operated in this manner. On a busy day, yes aircraft will fly over there probably every minute. The use of the aerodrome is governed by a 1985 planning agreement, within which our circuits are required to be to the south of the aerodrome, over the largely open countryside, and to prevent aircraft overflying the established town of Yateley to the north. The accommodation at Gibraltar Barracks was built some time later, directly underneath established flight paths. There is no special status afforded to military accommodation, the only military areas offered such protection by law are high security sites such as the AWE at Aldermaston. Thanks, Chris	

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06/09/2021	Mr Brigden	06/09/2021	13:30	<p>Nuisance aircraft from your airfield continually circling village - I am addressing this complain to you as per the CAA website notice</p> <p>'Reports and complaints Enquiries/complaints concerning aircraft flying to or from a specific airport should be directed to the airport concerned. They will be best placed to provide information on their operations and may be able to take action if the aircraft is flying in breach of their noise abatement procedures'</p> <p>Cessna F172M Skyhawk reg no: G-CBME departed Blackbushe 1hr 15 m ago has been continually circling Hyde Heath village HP6 5RW. Although flight radar shows him just above 1000' he is throttled back (so quite quiet) he is however proving a nuisance. One or two circles of the village is acceptable but this is ridiculous. perhaps you could investigate and dissuade the pilot from this activity in the future, it merely brings the aviation industry into disrepute.</p> <p>As just reported through your contact form, flight radar report attached GCBME from Blackbushe https://fr24.com/GCBME/290c90aa</p> <p>REPLY: Hi Chris,</p> <p>Thanks for coming back to me so promptly. I quite understand that you have little control or responsibility over a pilot's activities once he has departed your airfield and airspace.</p> <p>I think in this particular case it's the fact that he has spent an inordinate amount of time circling Hyde Heath in stark contrast to subsequent areas of interest as you can see below.</p> <p>We are well used to light aircraft overhead, usually training flights from more local airfields, but they tend to pass or circle a couple of times.</p> <p>One has to wonder exactly what he or his client is trying to capture and why it take so many attempts. Thanks for logging it though at least if the pilot decides to make a nuisance of himself again we have something to share with the CAA.</p> <p>Kind regards Mr Brigden</p>	2021/052	<p>Dear Mr Bridgen,</p> <p>Thank you for your complaint which has been logged under reference 2021/052.</p> <p>Whilst the aircraft departed from here this morning, we do not own or operate any aircraft, and so have little influence over a pilot's planned flying especially when at some distance from the aerodrome. This particular aircraft is operated by a company called Skytrax Aviation Ltd who are involved in aerial photography. As I understand it, the nature of their work requires circling an area in order to capture the aerial photography that their clients have requested.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Chris</p>	