



2023 COTSWOLD SOARING CHAMPIONSHIPS & VINTAGE GLIDER CLUB INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Dear Neighbour,

In recent years we have held Regional and National Gliding Competitions at Aston Down and this year we are writing to let you know about two exciting events coming up this summer:

Cotswold Soaring Championships

From 17th June - 25th June, we will be hosting the Cotswold Soaring Championships; a new gliding competition in the UK where pilots compete to fly the fastest, and furthest across a range of distance racing tasks. If the weather is suitable, long distances and high speeds will be achieved.

There is additional information on our website at cotswoldcomps.co.uk.

Vintage Glider Club International Rally

From 29th July - 6th August, we will be hosting the 50th Vintage Glider Club International Rally. Vintage gliders from across Europe will travel to Aston Down to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Vintage Glider Club. There is additional information on our website at vgcrally2023.com.

For both events, there will be extra traffic on the approach road to the east airfield entrance. We have written to the competitors and participants, and stressed they must drive slowly along the approach road, and we will remind them again during briefings.

As regards the actual flying, the tow plane pilots will be briefed each day on the tow out patterns with the objective of avoiding, as far as possible, the nearby villages of Cherington, Avening and Frampton Mansell, and also avoiding overflying any houses, especially at low level during their circuit to land.

You are very welcome to visit us at both of the events. Information for visitors can be found on our competition website at cotswoldcomps.co.uk/visitors.

If you have any questions, or need to get in touch with the organisers of either event, please use the contact pages of our website below, or call us at:

Soaring Championships:

17th - 25th June

cotswoldcomps.co.uk/contact

01285 702 102

Vintage Rally:

29th July - 6th August

vgcrally2023.com/contact-us

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Yours sincerely,

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