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Dear Beaulieu Model Flyer,

this is an exceptional newsletter to all Beaulieu Model Flyers with, I hope, some relatively good news.

I have been in discussion with our Forestry Rangers about continuing our activities at the airfield, and as far as they are concerned we CAN continue more or less as we are. No restrictions are currently planned to be put in place by the Forestry affecting access to the heath, or the use of the carparks and airfield. Provided we continue to operate as we normally do there should be no reason to prevent our lawful activity of model flying for the foreseeable future. The BMFA advice to model flyers is consistent with this : <https://bmfa.org/News/News-Page/ArticleID/2644/Model-flying-and-the-COVID-19-Virus>

The points in our favour are that it is an outdoor activity, involving only small groups of people, who can easily isolate each other by the recommended distance, and that we are not directly involved in contact with the general public.

Clearly, if you feel unwell, or know you have an infection you should not put others at risk by visiting the airfield. If you feel the risk of being infected by going to the field is too great, then you should avoid going. It is up to each individual to make the best decision for their own case, and the BMFC committee cannot be held responsible for any unfortunate outcome.

The Forestry have asked me to pass the following government recommendations to you (although you are probably already aware of them):

- if you live alone and have a new, continuous, cough or a high temperature (37.8 degrees and above), then you should isolate and stay at home for 7 days;
- if you live with other people and one of you displays symptoms, everyone in your household should isolate and stay at home for 14 days;
- you should follow the new social distancing advice – this means taking proportionate measures to reduce the risk of transmission such as a 2 metre gap between individuals; and
- you should continue to maintain the highest possible personal hygiene, including by washing your hands thoroughly and frequently.

I hope as a result of this, that all of you who feel capable of flying, and are fit to do so, can enjoy our activity at least on those days when the weather is suitable. Feel free to let me, or any of the other committee members, if you have comments to add, or observations to make on this subject.

If the government changes its recommendations, or imposes more stringent restrictions on the movement of people, perhaps on older people for example, then that overrides anything said here.

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