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Update on progress. In newsletters #52 and #53 I explained the effect the Covid-19 lockdown was having on flying models at Beaulieu. Newsletter #54 documented the temporary arrangements for flying during July when we had special permission to enter the heath, even though the public was still restricted. The picture (right) shows some of the activity that was achieved during the transition period.

A regrettable series of incidents with off-road trail bikes did occur during this period. This is now being followed up by the local Police and the Forestry.

This newsletter, #55, documents the return to normal operation.



The airfield will be fully open again from Saturday 1st August. The Lymington Road gate will be unlocked by the Forestry and should be the main point of entry for R/C fliers. Fixed Wing, Heli and Drone users should use this entry point and park in the normal car park. Free Flight flyers only should use the Brockenhurst Road gate as they normally do. The BMFC / Forestry double lock currently on that gate will be replaced by a single Forestry-only lock. The current Forestry Commission information is [here](#). Remember, [our Regulations](#) remain as before for all flyers.

A note on the virus. I am sure I speak for everyone when I say that none of us want to contract the Covid-19 virus, and none of us want to spread the virus. If you consider the risk of infection or transmission is still too great to mix with other people (and for some with other health conditions this is a serious point) then it is still best not to go to the airfield and risk being exposed. If you are prepared to accept the risk, then it is sensible to go to the flying field, but do protect yourself, and others. You may wish to use a mask, as on buses and in shops, but as we are an outdoor activity the risk is low.

Social spacing (2 metre gaps) is still recommended. We have marked the pits area with small circles at 2m station points. The Pilot box has been divided into 2m positions. It is recommended that you use these as guides to ensure spacing is achieved. It is up to each of us to protect ourselves, and to respect others, by acting sensibly and keeping within the current Government guidelines, as well as the existing Forestry By-laws, and the existing BMFC regulations.

R/C flying. All models must be within the limits set by our Regulations (no model greater than 7Kg in take-off weight).

Free Flight flying is now permitted. It is recommended that when retrieving your planes after flight you check for any remains of ground nesting birds which may still be present. The Forestry ecologist has confirmed that most species have completed fledging now.

Multi-rotor electric self-stabilised aerial vehicles (drones) are now permitted. They should be operated as indicated in [Rule 13](#) (on the main runway at the first intersection beyond the hard runway). Note also that First Person View (FPV) is not permitted.

Some recent activity: The splendid Vulcan bombers of Ralph and Ian are shown here (right). Ralph says: *our Graham Dorschell 68" Avro Vulcans this morning at Beaulieu. Both flew extremely well and both planes went home safe. Both are pusher props not EDF's so good for 8 - 10 minute flights.*

Conclusion Thank you for cooperation, and have fun flying. The BMFC wishes you have a successful outing.

A lost model has been reported found. If it is yours please contact me.

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