

## COVID19 Response: Fenland Airfield Implementations

As many will know the restrictions on recreational GA flying were lifted on Friday 15 May, however new guidelines were published; these were updated on the 20 May:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-recreational-general-aviation/coronavirus-covid-19-recreational-general-aviation>

The many articles published in the GA press have been based upon these guidelines.

Throughout the whole 'lockdown' period the Committee has been keeping the airfield operational; fuel has been tested (although once a week); grass has been cut, and the runways given attention where needed.

Last weekend the airfield 'opened' for solo flying (unless with a family partner) to members and visitors operating social distancing and following the published guidelines.

This Bank Holiday and holiday weekend we are again open for business but we ask you to respect the limitations and follow guidelines. Also, if you wish to come down during week days please do, but observe the guidelines:

The Clubhouse will be closed, however you can order a takeaway meal and collect it by arrangement. Please use the sanitisers at the main entrance when ordering or when booking in or out at point 'C'. Keep social distancing. The toilets will be accessible from the emergency door entrance at the rear; antiseptic wipes will be available in the toilets.

The Tower is closed to all members and visitors. Ray is providing ATC services, but will remain isolated at his own request; notices are posted.

Voluntary members of the IER team will be on hand if you need advice. John Parker is the temporary Safety Officer as Tim James is unavailable due to self-isolation. John's decision on the ground is the final decision.

The police and local authorities have powers to close us down and to prosecute the club if we do not abide by the published guidelines, therefore we ask everyone to help us continue to keep flying safely and responsibly.

These restrictions will not last indefinitely, but they do provide us with the ability to continue to enjoy flying during these unusual times.

Updates are being published on the Fenland Airfield website (since 25 March): COVID19 link and Airfield Status on the Home Page; <http://www.fenlandairfield.co.uk>

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