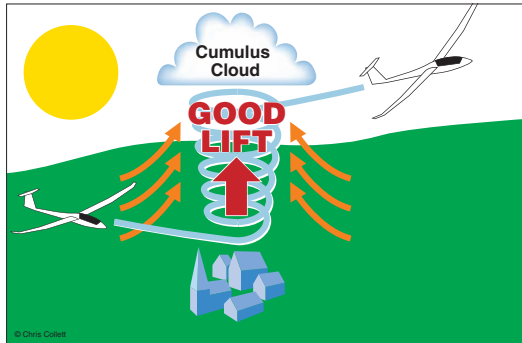


How gliders stay up

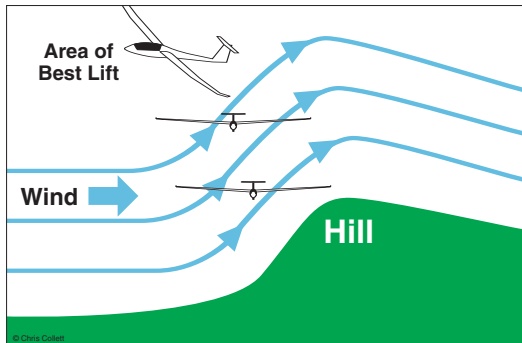
Thermal Soaring - cross-country

The pilot can fly long distances by climbing in rising air and gliding to the next source of lift.



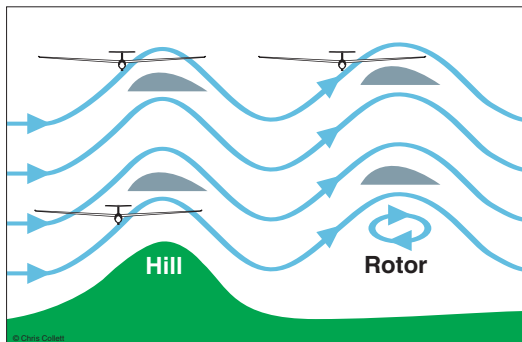
Hill Soaring

Wind against a hill or ridge will produce consistent lift.



Wave Soaring

Wind deflected by a hill forms a wave pattern in which the pilot can climb to great heights.



FAQs

- Q Will I have to pay any extra ?**
A Only if you exceed the flights included in your course. You can take extra flights at member's rates within the 3 months of your club membership. All we ask is you keep your account in credit, or pay as you go.
- Q Will I fly with the same instructor ?**
A During your course we will do our best to allocate the same instructors. After your course you are likely to fly with different instructors. It's a good idea to get to know a couple of instructors so that they are familiar with your progress.
- Q How long is the average flight ?**
A The length of the flight depends what you are practising. Your instructor will try to ensure that you get value out of every flight.
- Q Does this course include soaring flights ?**
A As these are winter courses designed to teach you basic gliding skills, soaring flights are unlikely. But if the chance to extend your flight arises your instructor will do so. If after your course you continue gliding through the winter and go solo, you will be in a great position to experience soaring and cross country flights in the spring.
- Q What is the average number of flights to go solo ?**
A The usual rule is about 40 or as many flights as your age, but this is only a very rough estimate. Like any learning, progress depends on regular practice, ideally a minimum of two flights a week.



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Designed to get you started and give you an understanding of gliding and an appreciation of the art of soaring flight.

Our winter course, designed to ideally run over two long weekends Friday to Sunday, or three consecutive weekends includes approximately 14 glider flights, plus an hour in a motorglider to give you a better understanding of circuit planning.

Also included in the price is your first three months' membership of the club, so that you can continue flying at member's rates after your course.

Courses are run in small groups with a dedicated group of instructors for the weekend, which will ensure rapid progress towards your first solo, putting you in a good position to develop your soaring skills in the spring.

Launches at Booker are all by aerotow that is, you are towed behind a powered plane giving you more time in the air to learn the art of gliding.

Courses run Friday to Sunday, from October to March.

All this at an inclusive price of £625

Aerotow flights are normally 2,000ft subject to weather conditions and exercise being flown.

Please Note: The club will only offer refunds within 7 days of purchase.

What to expect

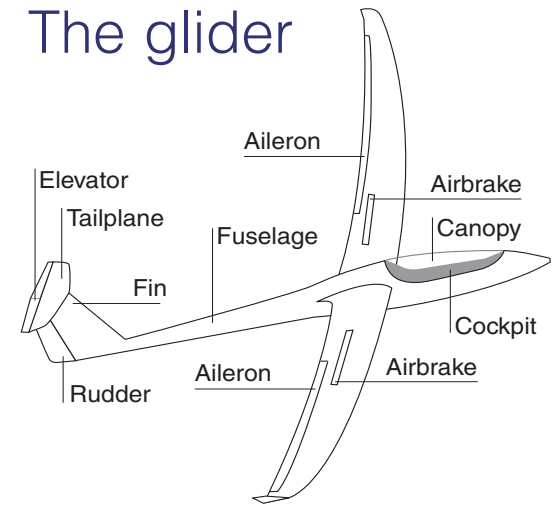
Your course is structured to include a mix of practical hands-on flying and ground school. You will cover topics such as the theory of flight, meteorology, airspace, launch procedures and ground handling, plus a full safety briefing.

The course includes a gliding text book to help you understand the theory, and your personal gliding logbook and record card, to log your progress.

Most of our instructors are club members who instruct for pleasure, and all are fully qualified to British Gliding Association standards.



The glider



The glider is an aircraft like any other, but without an engine.

All the component parts and control surfaces are the same, as shown above.

The instruments



The instrument panel of a typical training glider in this case a K21, (clockwise from top left).

Air speed indicator (ASI) - Compass - Vario (mechanical) - Altimeter - Turn and Slip indicator - Vario (electric) - G-meter.