

CARAVAN VISITORS TO POPHAM AIRFIELD

STAY SAFE AT POPHAM

Welcome to Popham Airfield which is one of the most popular General Aviation airfields in the south of England. More than 100 aircraft are parked and privately owned at Popham. You will find that the members of the Spitfire Flying Club will be more than happy to show you round their aircraft, but before venturing out here are one or two health and safety points to consider.

- 1) We are an active airfield 08:00-20:00 daily, the aircraft movements depend entirely on the weather, a bit like caravanning. so, don't be too disappointed.
- 2) We have two runways at Popham bounded by a fence (Airside Boundary) do not venture onto any runways unless you have been given permission.
- 3) If you have a dog then they must be kept on a lead at all times, despite the open space aircraft noise can frighten dogs and a runaway can be very dangerous.
- 4) We have a model flying field close to the CL in walking distance, again keep to the south of the runway and feel free to talk with our aeromodeller members who are here most days. Regrettably unless you have the relevant CAA licence you cannot fly your own models on this site. If you are qualified then speak to one of the modellers for advice.
- 5) We have two flying schools at Popham, if you fancy a trial flight speak to Airbourne Aviation of Gyrocopter experience with offices adjacent to our clubhouse and Café.
- 6) Our Café is currently closed pending new tenants and a refit but we currently offer takeaway service from the apron until further notice.
- 7) The nearest shop for provisions is one of two garages on the A303 both visible from the airfield. However, it is not possible to walk there without crossing our active runways, this should not be attempted. Also, we are advised by police that walking or attempting to cross the A303 on foot should not be attempted at any time. So, if you leave the airfield by car and turn left onto the A303 and then left after 400m into the ESSO garage and limited shop. If you prefer, then the BP garage on the south bound carriageway has a comprehensive Marks & Spencer shop (recommended). To return to the site or to M&S proceed out of the Esso garage and take the first slip road (about 500m) sp..Non Motorway Traffic A30, slow down at the end of the slip road before the crematorium and turn sharp right under the bridge which returns you to the west bound A303 and the BP/M&S garage.
- 8) The main gate to the airfield is closed between 18:00 in the evening and 07:00 in the morning. To exit the site, move close to the gates which open automatically. To gain entry you need to go to the key pad on the right-hand gate post and enter a unique pin code. []
- 9) We have patrol security on site after hours and video recording on site so any late-night movements will no doubt be our security patrol.
- 10) Enjoy you stay at Popham CL. Please place all rubbish in the blue bins by the field gate before departure. Any problems call 01256 397733 / 07785 313171.

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