



Affiliated Club Survey

1. Affiliated Club Survey Introduction

We would very much appreciate you taking the time to complete the following survey. Your feedback is extremely important to us and will enable us to better target our support to your club. Very few of the questions are compulsory so do not feel you have to answer all questions although we hope you will. You may not have the answers available straight away and may need to return to the survey to complete all answers. Use the survey document attached to the email so you can see what questions you will be asked. Question logic is being used so you may not be asked all the questions depending on answers to earlier questions.

Please pay particular attention to the section on Non-Domestic Business Rates (NDBR), many clubs are not affected by NDBR, however by completing that section you will be providing us with information to better assist any clubs that get pulled in to the business rates system.

Please ensure only 1 survey is submitted for your club.

Kind Regards

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Club Support Officer

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2. Club Details

* 1. Please enter your club name.

* 2. Please enter your club number (If RAFMAA enter 9999)

3. What year was your club formed?

* 4. What BMFA Area is your club in?

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> East Anglia | <input type="radio"/> North West | <input type="radio"/> Mid West |
| <input type="radio"/> London | <input type="radio"/> South Midland | <input type="radio"/> South West |
| <input type="radio"/> Midland | <input type="radio"/> South East | <input type="radio"/> Northern Ireland |
| <input type="radio"/> Northern | <input type="radio"/> Southern | <input type="radio"/> RAFMAA |
| <input type="radio"/> North East | <input type="radio"/> Western | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |

5. How many members do you have?

(Please include members that join the BMFA through you, other clubs and directly as country members.)

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 10 or less | <input type="radio"/> 51 - 60 | <input type="radio"/> 101 - 125 |
| <input type="radio"/> 11 - 20 | <input type="radio"/> 61 - 70 | <input type="radio"/> 126 - 150 |
| <input type="radio"/> 21 - 30 | <input type="radio"/> 71 - 80 | <input type="radio"/> 151 or more |
| <input type="radio"/> 31 - 40 | <input type="radio"/> 81 - 90 | |
| <input type="radio"/> 41 - 50 | <input type="radio"/> 91 - 100 | |

6. How many of those members are juniors? (Below 18)

7. Does your club have a joining fee?

Yes

No

If yes, please enter the amount.

8. How much are your annual club subscriptions?

	£0.00	£1 - £25	£26 - £50	£50 - £75	£76 - £100	£101 - £200	£200 or above	N/A
Senior	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Junior	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
OAP	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non Flying/Social member	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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9. Do you have regular club meetings? (Non flying meetings)

Yes No

10. How often do you have non flying club meetings?

Weekly Fortnightly Monthly Quarterly Annually (AGM etc)

Other (please specify)

* 11. Does your club have an outdoor flying site?

Yes No



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4. Club Details (Flying Sites)

12. How many flying sites does your club use?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- >5

13. Please insert the flying hours your club has available for I/C powered flight below.
If you have more than one site enter times for the site with most hours.

Monday	<input type="text"/>
Tuesday	<input type="text"/>
Wednesday	<input type="text"/>
Thursday	<input type="text"/>
Friday	<input type="text"/>
Saturday	<input type="text"/>
Sunday	<input type="text"/>

14. Please insert the flying hours your club has available for electric powered and/or silent flight below. If you have more than one site enter times for the site with most hours.

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

15. Who owns your club flying site(s)

	The club	Private Landlord (Farmer/business etc)	Council Owned	MOD	National Trust	Common Land	Other
Site 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 5	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. If you own your own site please select the most appropriate statement below.

- We have a board of trustees.
- We are a LTD Company
- N/A

17. What is the annual rental for your flying site(s)? (Enter N/A if your club owns the site)

Site 1	
Site 2	
Site 3	
Site 4	
Site 5	

18. How long have you flown from your flying site(s)?

Site 1	
Site 2	
Site 3	
Site 4	
Site 5	

19. What is the planning status of your flying sites?

	Permanent Planning Permission	Temporary Planning Permission	Certificate of Lawful use (CLU)	No planning permission/CLU	Don't know
Site 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 5	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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As a sports club Model Flying clubs are liable for Non-Domestic Business Rates (NDBR), however many clubs have been either overlooked or local authorities have decided not to levy NDBR. However in 2017 there is to be a re-valuation of all NDBR valuations and it is possible that some clubs who have not previously had to pay rates will get drawn in to the system, it is also possible that if they do they may have to pay "back rates". Please answer the following questions as fully as possible, your answers will help us to be able to provide better advice and help to clubs regarding NDBR.

* 20. Has your club been assessed for Non-Domestic Business Rates previously (NDBR)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know



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6. Non Domestic Business Rates

21. Is your club a Limited company?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

22. Does your club have Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) status?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

23. Please enter the amount you pay annually for NDBR. (If known)

24. Who is your Local Authority for NDBR?

25. Local Authority reference number (if known)

26. Are you receiving any of the following NDBR reliefs?

- Small Business Rate Relief
- 80% Rate relief for CASC status
- Local authority discretionary rate relief
- Other (please specify)

27. What area of land does your club own/rent? (Hectares)

Site 1	<input type="text"/>
Site 2	<input type="text"/>
Site 3	<input type="text"/>
Site 4	<input type="text"/>
Site 5	<input type="text"/>

Please note 1 Acre = 0.405 Hectares, 1 Hectare = 10,000 sq mtrs, 1 Hectare = 11,960 sq yds

28. What area of land does your club actually use?(Hectares)

(Include take off/landing strip, pits, car park etc but not land you overfly)

Site 1	<input type="text"/>
Site 2	<input type="text"/>
Site 3	<input type="text"/>
Site 4	<input type="text"/>
Site 5	<input type="text"/>

29. What are the rateable values for your flying sites? (If known)

This figure should be £xxx per hectare for the land.

Site 1	<input type="text"/>
Site 2	<input type="text"/>
Site 3	<input type="text"/>
Site 4	<input type="text"/>
Site 5	<input type="text"/>

30. What are the rateable values for any buildings on site? (If known)

Please enter the rateable value and the floor area in sq metres.

Site 1	<input type="text"/>
Site 2	<input type="text"/>
Site 3	<input type="text"/>
Site 4	<input type="text"/>
Site 5	<input type="text"/>

31. Please select the usage the land you own/rent for your flying site has.

	Exclusive use	Shared use with agriculture	Shared with another model flying club/group	Shared use with other sport/recreation	Shared with full size aviation	Other shared use
Site 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site 5	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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* 32. What disciplines do you fly?

Fixed Wing I/C

Helicopter Electric

Control Line

Fixed Wing Electric

Multi Rotor

Free Flight (Outdoor)

Gas Turbine

FPV (Fixed wing or Multi-rotor)

Rocketry

Silent Flight (eSoaring, Slope & Thermal soaring)

Indoor (R/C)

Helicopter I/C

Indoor (Free Flight)

Other (please specify)



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8. Noise and your club

Noise is one of the most serious factors affecting clubs and it is very likely that in to the future model aircraft noise will generate even more pressure on flying sites.

33. Does your club conduct noise testing of aircraft?

Yes No

34. Is your club aware of the DOE Code of Practice for the minimisation of noise from model aircraft?

Yes No

35. Does your club have it's own sound level meter?

Yes No

36. Please provide the manufacturer and model number of your Sound Meter.

37. Does your club use 82dB(A) as the maximum noise output per model?

Yes No

38. If you entered no to the previous question is the dB(A) level you use higher or lower?

Higher Lower

Why do you use a different maximum noise level than 82dB(A)

39. If your club has a maximum noise limit for aircraft that is NOT 82dB(A) What is the level?

40. Are all I/C powered aircraft tested before they are permitted to fly?

Yes No

41. Are I/C powered aircraft only tested if they are considered to be too noisy?

Yes No

42. Does your club noise test electric aircraft?

Yes No

43. Does your club keep a record of all noise testing?

Yes No

44. Is the take off point at your site greater than 500m from the nearest noise sensitive premises (NSPs)?

Yes No

45. How far from the take off point are the nearest noise sensitive premises? (metres)

46. Do any I/C powered aircraft fly closer than 200m from the nearest noise sensitive premises (NSPs)?

Yes No

47. Do silent and quiet flight aircraft have more flying hours available than I/C powered aircraft?

Yes No

48. Is your club restricted to electric and silent flight only due to noise issues?

Yes No

49. Please select all statements below that are correct for your club.

A) We have never received a noise complaint.

B) We have received noise complaints from private individuals

C) We have been investigated by Environmental Health after complaints about noise from our sites

50. If you answered B or C above please give more details, include how you dealt with the complaint, what the outcome was and any changes you implemented to mitigate the complaints.



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* 51. Is your club a control line only club?

Yes No



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10. The BMFA Achievement Scheme and your club.

52. Does your club actively promote the BMFA Achievement scheme?

Yes No

If no why not?

53. Please enter the number of examiners and instructors you have below.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or more
Club Examiners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Approved/Qualified Instructors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Club Instructors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

54. Please select all appropriate statements below.

- We do not use BMFAAS tests to determine whether a member can fly unsupervised
- Members must hold the relevant A certificate to fly unsupervised
- Members must hold a B certificate to fly over 7kg aircraft unsupervised
- Members must hold a B certificate to fly gas turbines unsupervised
- The club has its own tests for pilot competency

55. Would you permit your BMFA area to run an examiners workshop at your flying site?

Yes No Possibly, please provide more information.

56. Please enter any comments you would like passing to the Achievement Scheme Review Committee



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11. Your club and flying instruction

57. Do you provide flying instruction for beginners?

- Yes No

58. Is flying instruction provided free to beginners?

- Yes
 No
 We permit some members to charge for instruction

59. Please select all statements below that apply

- We have specific sessions for training beginners
 Training is provided on an ad-hoc basis if an instructor is available
 We use the BMFA Flight Training Manual "A flying start" (formerly Up and Away) as the basis for our training program
 We have a club trainer aircraft
 We offer trial lessons making use of the "First Time Inexperienced Flyer" insurance cover.

60. We can provide instruction for the following disciplines

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed wing power (I/C & electric) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Turbine Flying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopters | <input type="checkbox"/> Control Line Flying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Rotors | |



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12. The BMFA and your club.

61. How satisfied are you with how the BMFA communicates with your club?

Very Unsatisfied

Unsatisfied

Neutral

Satisfied

Very Satisfied

62. How could the BMFA improve communication with your club?

63. Does your club use the online club management portal? See [here for details](#)

Yes No

If no, why not?

64. Does your club appear on the BMFA club map? See www.clubmap.bmfa.org/

Yes No

If no, why not?

65. Does your club enter details of it's events to the online BMFA Contest and Event calendar? See [here for details](#)

Yes No

If no, why not?

As well as the BMFA news the other main source of publishing information to members and clubs is via the BMFA website, Facebook page and the news feeds that you can subscribe to.

66. Have you subscribed to receive notifications of club bulletins? See www.bmfa.org/Clubs/Club-Bulletins

Yes No

67. Have you subscribed to receive notifications of news articles? See www.bmfa.org/News

Yes No

68. Are you aware of the BMFA Facebook page? See www.facebook.com/BMFAOfficial

Yes No

69. Please add any comments you would like us to pass to the Website/Online development team



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13. Your BMFA Area and you

70. Did you know that your club is a member of your BMFA area committee?

Yes No

71. How satisfied are you with how your BMFA Area communicates with your club?

Very Unsatisfied

Unsatisfied

Neutral

Satisfied

Very Satisfied

72. How could your BMFA Area improve communication with your club?

73. Which of the following statements best describes your club

- We usually send a delegate to area meetings.
- We send a delegate to area meetings when we want something or there is an agenda item of interest
- We rarely or never send a delegate to Area meetings
- We have no information about area meetings.

74. If your club rarely sends a delegate to area meetings what are the reasons?

75. Do you receive regular communications from your area committee?

Yes No

76. Please provide contact details your area can use to contact you

Full Name

Email address

Tel No

77. Please add any comments you would like us to pass on to your area committee



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14. Further questions.

78. Would your club consider hosting a BMFA competition?

Already do Yes No Possibly.

79. If you have answered yes or possibly to the above question, what type of BMFA competition could you host?

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Flight | <input type="checkbox"/> RC Helicopter | <input type="checkbox"/> Control Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RC Scale | <input type="checkbox"/> Pylon Racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Fly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RC Aerobatics | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Flight (Soaring) | <input type="checkbox"/> FPV Quad racing |

Other (please specify)

80. The BMFA is evaluating the feasibility of establishing a National Model Flying Centre. Would your club consider running some fund raising events to assist such a project?

Yes No

81. Would your club consider making a donation towards a National Model Flying Centre project?

Yes No

82. Does your club usually send a delegate to the BMFA AGM?

Yes No

If no, why not?