



## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association Limited will be held at 8 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park, Leicester, LE19 1RJ on Saturday 28th February 2026 at 11.00 am for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Accounts and the Report of the Executive Council for the year ended 31 March 2025.

2. To elect by ballot six members to the Executive Council from the following six candidates:

J Allcock  
M Asquith  
M Chilvers  
G Richardson  
M Schaefer  
S Young

3. To appoint auditors and to authorise the Executive Council to fix their remuneration.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

M. Asquith, Company Secretary.  
8 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park, Leicester, LE19 1RJ

### Notes:

1. Only Full, Concessionary and Honorary Members are entitled to vote. A voting member is entitled to appoint a proxy, who **MUST** be a member who is otherwise entitled to vote in their own right. Proxy forms must be delivered to the Leicester office not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.



## Form of Proxy for Annual General Meeting

I, \_\_\_\_\_ BHPA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(FULL NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

of \_\_\_\_\_

being a Full Member of the British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association Ltd hereby appoint (See Note 1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Chair of the Meeting as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at 11:00 am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and at any adjournment thereafter.

Please indicate with a cross (X) in the relevant space provided whether you wish your votes to be cast for or against the resolutions set out in the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting. In the absence of specific directions your proxy will vote or abstain as they think fit.

### Resolution 1

That the Accounts and the Report of the Executive Council for the year ended 31st March 2025 be approved.

FOR	AGAINST

### Resolution 2

That six members be elected by ballot and appointed to the Executive Council from the following six candidates

(Indicate with a X up to four candidates only):

CANDIDATES	FOR
J Allcock	
M Asquith	
M Chilvers	
G Richardson	
M Schaefer	
S Young	

### Resolution 3

That auditors be appointed and the Executive Council be authorised to fix their remuneration.

FOR	AGAINST

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

Notes: 1. If it is desired to appoint any person other than the Chair of the meeting, their name and address should be inserted in the relevant place, reference to the Chair should be deleted and the alteration initialled. A proxy must be a Full Member who is entitled to vote in their own right.

# Candidates for Election

## James Allcock

Like most people, I joined the BHPA for the freedom of the skies, not for committees. I learned to fly hang gliders in the early '90s, moved to paragliders during the F&M crisis, and have since flown with clubs across the UK while helping organise events from the X-Lakes Hike and Fly to last year's Niviuk Fly Wide Open. These experiences have given me great appreciation for the volunteers and structures that quietly keep our sport ticking along. After 30 years in flying, I'd like to contribute a little more. I respect the dedication and continuity of long-serving Executive members and hope to support and complement that stability. Professionally, I've led teams, managed change and built organisations with strong governance and communication. I'm keen to understand where I can genuinely help—improving communication, supporting clearer processes, or simply offering a fresh pair of eyes. Flying has shaped my life significantly, and I'd now like to give something back.

## Marc Asquith

I currently serve on Exec. as Admin Director, Company Secretary and have a close involvement with the insurance role. I have been on BHPA Exec., and BHGA Council before that, almost continuously since 1989. I am a flying nut, having had Air Experience flights on Chipmunks as an Air Cadet in the mid-1970s, flying solo on gliders in 1975 and achieving my PPL on a Cessna 150 in 1976. I learned to fly hang gliders in 1977 with the Swansea University HGC. I flew microlights and worked as an instructor in 1983/84. I learned to fly paragliders in the mid-1980s. I obtained my PPG and PHG ratings in the mid 1990s, mostly flying my Doodlebug / Discovery combination in and around Snowdonia. I have served 2 terms of office as BHPA Chairman for a total of 16 years. I became the BHPA delegate to Royal Aero Club during my first term as Chairman and became Chairman of the Royal Aero Club for a 3-year stint in the late 1990s. I relinquished my role as BHPA delegate and became an Honorary Vice President of the RAeC when I stood down as RAeC Chairman. As BHPA Chairman I attended the inaugural meeting of the European Hang Gliding and Paragliding Union in 1998 and have been the UK delegate during both my terms as BHPA Chairman. I am currently the Chairman of the EHPU's Management Committee. I am the EHPU delegate to Europe Airports where our main concern is the mandatory introduction of Electronic Conspicuity and U-Space to accommodate drones. To complement that work, I also attend the UK CAA's Electronic Conspicuity Technical Working Group representing the UK interests of our sports. Over the years, I have served the BHPA as PR Officer, Safety Officer, Insurance Officer, Admin Director, Treasurer and Chairman. Professionally I am a Barrister specialising in Aviation Law. If re-elected I would anticipate continuing with my roles as Company Secretary, in Insurance and Admin. and leading our interactions with the CAA in respect of Electronic Conspicuity and drones.

## Mike Chilvers (Chilly)

As this is my first time standing for election to the BHPA Executive Council, I would like to offer some background about myself and explain why I am putting myself forward. I am 60 years old and joined the BHPA in 2005 when I began flying paramotors. From the outset I was highly motivated, and after discovering the world of paramotor competitions, I decided to take part. In 2006, I was awarded my BHPA Pilot Power Rating through the alternative entry route, which enabled me to compete. In my first British Open Competition in 2006, I received the "Best Newcomer" trophy after placing 10th overall. I subsequently joined the British Team for the 2006 European Paramotor Championship, where we won the Bronze medal. Over the following years, I enjoyed consistent competitive success, earning further Silver and Bronze team medals, achieving 9th place individually in Europe, and finishing as the top British pilot. During this period, I was also elected to the BHPA Competitions Committee, where I served for several years, contributing to policy, event development, and the overall direction of competitive flying within the Association. In 2010, I moved into the organisational side of the sport, directing events including the British League and the British Open. In 2016, I served as Competition Director for the FAI World Paramotor Championships, hosting 150 competitors from 15 countries. I was later invited to manage the paramotor discipline of the FAI World Air Games; although I declined, the event was ultimately cancelled due to Covid restrictions. My contributions to the sport have been recognised through several honours, including Royal Aero Club Certificates of Merit, the Johan Bossuyt Trophy, and the Royal Aero Club Ann Welch Memorial Award for services to instruction. I began paramotor instruction part-time in 2009 and was awarded my Senior Instructor Licence in 2017, allowing me to establish a BHPA-registered school. Ufly4fun became the first "paramotor-only" BHPA school in the UK. I have operated the school full-time since 2017, providing ab-initio training, conversions, and alternative entry routes. We have successfully supported one TI progressing to Instructor and currently have two further TIs in training. Outside aviation, I bring additional management experience, having served as a Company Director of a busy construction firm employing up to ten staff, as well as holding retail management roles within a major electrical goods chain. I believe the BHPA Executive Council benefits from members who possess both passion and experience. I bring both. Every discipline deserves representation by individuals who understand it deeply and are committed to protecting and developing it—particularly the powered side of our sport. After more than 20 years as a BHPA member, I am standing for council to give something back to the organisation and the community that has given me so much. If elected, I will work hard to represent all members fairly and effectively. I would be honoured to have your vote.

## Guy Richardson

58 years old, full time Paragliding Senior Instructor, Tandem Pilot and Emergency Parachute Repacker. Having run many repacking events for paragliding clubs and paramotor clubs throughout the country, though primarily the north of England, I help people understand their rescue systems, learn to repack to BHPA standards and assist people to qualify as packers. Through the school I enable people to fly better and safer, working towards more advanced qualifications. I have flown in many places around the globe and assisted other organisations to understand and collaborate with our sports.

## Mark Schaefer

I am a Paraglider Pilot and Club Coach. I am a member of the Pennine Soaring Club and the Derbyshire Soaring Club and a member of the tiny and informal group of Llyn Flyers. I am 57, still working and as I have only been flying since 2021, I still strongly relate to beginners and low airtime pilots. I am very grateful for the advice, support and encouragement I received from my clubs, the coaches and practically every pilot I meet. I am an engineer with commercial and marketing experience, and I hope I can use my skills to repay some of that support by serving on the BHPA Exec.

## Steve Young

My name is Steve Young, I am a retired petrol engine design engineer with a career working on Land Rovers, New Mini, and Aston Martin cars. I have been flying Hang Gliders since 1978 mainly in the midlands and Wales but also, I've had regular trips to the alps. I have been on the committee of various clubs for most of my flying career. I am a senior hill coach and an aerotow coach. I stood and was elected to the BHPA Exec 3 years ago, not knowing what to expect, but have found it very enlightening and interesting. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes that is essential to the running of the association, but nobody gets to hear about it. At first, I was given various tasks that did not fit into anyone else's remit but now I have been asked to take on the management of Skywings which I am greatly looking forward to. I am also very interested in promoting the sport and have been looking at ways to generate more members by promoting the BHPA particularly from other sporting groups. I am also helping out on a subgroup looking for submissions for a new BHPA Website.



## The 500 Club Monthly Lottery

A chance to win cash prizes and help the Association.

### Why 500 Club?

The 500 Club originally started in 1979 with a target set at 500 members, each paying £1 per month. Half the proceeds go into general funds to help the Association, the other half is distributed as 10 cash prizes:-

**1st Prize** 40% of the prize money pool

**4th Prize** 6% of the prize money pool

**2nd Prize** 20% of the prize money pool

Then 2 prizes of 5%, 2 prizes of 4% and 2 prizes of 3%.

**3rd Prize** 10% of the prize money pool

Those whose 'ticket' money appears in the bank account on that day, will then participate in the draw on the following 20th of the month.

In order to keep the system simple no tickets are issued. Additionally, although the tickets are recorded at 25p to comply with the Gambling Act, we cannot cope with anything but £1 items, hence the format of the Bankers Order.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTRY

Please complete the form fully (**LEAVE THE REFERENCE NUMBER SPACE BLANK**) and return the entire form to the BHPA at the address below. The draw will take place on the 20th of each month.

To: The Promoter, BHPA 500 CLUB, 8 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park, Leicester, LE19 1RJ.

Please include me in the '500 CLUB' and purchase four tickets at 25p for each £1 subscribed on my behalf, monthly until further notice.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### The BHPA 500 Club Lottery BANKERS ORDER

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Bank

Full postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Market Street, Leicester, LE1 6DN Sort Code: 16-23-21

The sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ (must be whole pounds) on the **2nd day** of every month until further notice.

For the credit of BHPA Lottery A/c No. 11226804

Ref: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Account Name (as it appears on account): \_\_\_\_\_

Account No: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Sort Code: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_