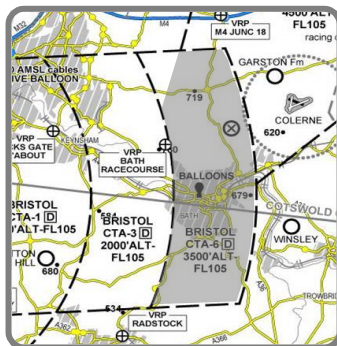


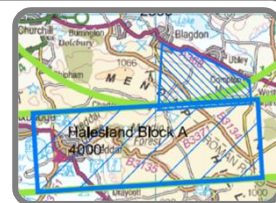
Bath Gap



Bristol CTA-6 (the shaded area centred over Bath) extends from 3500' to FL105, however the bottom 1000' (ie. 3500-4500'), known as the Bath Gap, can be used by gliders, HGs and PGs (flying under VMC) if it has been "activated".

The activation procedure is described on the next page.

Ubley



- Ubley take-off is inside Bristol CTR (SFC to FL105)
- The Ubley Glider Block (UGB) is a triangular chunk of airspace from the surface to 2,500' that can be activated to fly in from 1000-1900
- On xc days a block from 2,500'-4,000' can be requested to be opened in 2 hour slots (NB. 30 min warning required)
- Halesland Block A (HBA) must also be activated if you're planning to go xc from Ubley - this raises the base in this part of the CTA from 3000' to 4000'

Bath Gap Activation

Having arrived at Leckhampton (or Mere):

1. Check on the SW Airspace Telegram group whether the Bath Gap is active.
2. If **yes**, note the activation end time. If this isn't sufficient to allow you to cross the Gap in time go to step 3 and request the opening time be extended
3. If **no**, contact one of the five Avon Club reps by phone, SMS, or SW Airspace Telegram group, and tell them what time you want the BG active from and for how long
4. They will text you back and also confirm activation on the SW Airspace Telegram group.
5. Tell other pilots on the hill!

Ubley Activation

Having arrived at Ubley:

1. Contact one of the six Avon Club reps by phone, SMS, or SW Airspace Telegram group giving details of whether it's just the 2,500' UGB you want open, or 4,000' + HBA, and start/finish times
2. The Avon Club rep will call Bristol Radar and announce via the SW Airspace Telegram group. They will also text you back in case you don't have smartphone / internet
3. If you need to extend the two hour 4,000' UGB slot call one of the Avon Club reps who will then call Bristol Radar
4. Once flying has ceased call Bristol Radar on 01275 473714/5 to let them know. Also announce this on Telegram.

Bath Gap Avon Club Reps

Richard Hellen	07969 819505
Tim Pentreath	07905 271114
Nick Somerville	07891 921651
Ken Wilkinson	07792 833991
Peggy Williams	07791 565864

NB. Please don't always call the same person!

Ubley Avon Club Reps

Viv Fouracre	07966 230206
Mike Humphries	07534 970743
James Lynch	07816 816359
Tim Pentreath	07905 271114
Ken Wilkinson	07792 833991
Peggy Williams	07791 565864

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Remember...

- The Bath Gap can be requested to be opened for chunks of time (eg. 2, 3, 4, 5 hours)
- It can be extended by calling one of the five Avon Club reps who will make the request to Bristol ATC
- It can be activated no earlier than two hours prior to the ETA of the first glider at the boundary of the Bath Gap
- Gliders operating within the Bath Gap are to operate in accordance with VFR at all times (ie. 1000' below cloud, 1500m horizontally)
- Please be realistic when requesting activation - ie. if cloudbase is only 3500' then don't open it!

Visit www.avonhpgg.co.uk for more details

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How to get Telegram

- Telegram is an effective and free messaging app for smartphones, tablets and PCs/Macs
- Go to www.telegram.org to download it
- Once downloaded and installed, message [@TimPentreath](https://t.me/TimPentreath) or email telegram@avonhpgg.co.uk asking to be added to the SW Airspace group, or preferably, copy this link - <https://telegram.me/joinchat/AY58wzu2Lkqv623k3G0lqA> - and paste into a browser on your Telegram device

Westbury

BHPA Pilot rated pilots may, **with permission**, fly through the two areas known as the “**Upton Triangle**” and “**Cow Down**” at the western end of the Salisbury Plain Danger Area.

- The **Upton Triangle** extends from the westernmost point of Salisbury Plain Danger Area to easting 87
- **Cow Down** covers the 1km strip from easting 87 to easting 88

Emergencies

In the event of any unplanned landings on the MOD estate, notify Salisbury Plain Air Ops immediately on **01980 674710/674730**. If SP Air Ops is closed contact the Range Ops Room **01980 674951/674877**

Keevil Drop Zone



Keevil (approx 1mile NE of Westbury), is only occasionally used as a parachute drop zone and so it is possible for us to fly through if we ascertain beforehand that it's not in use.

The drop zone is under the control of the military at Brize Norton. Brize have a forward schedule of planned activity, but unfortunately it can't be published

Keevil Activation

If you plan to fly Westbury (or perhaps Uffington) and want to fly through the drop zone and submit a valid cross country flight, then send a request to the SW Airspace Telegram group:

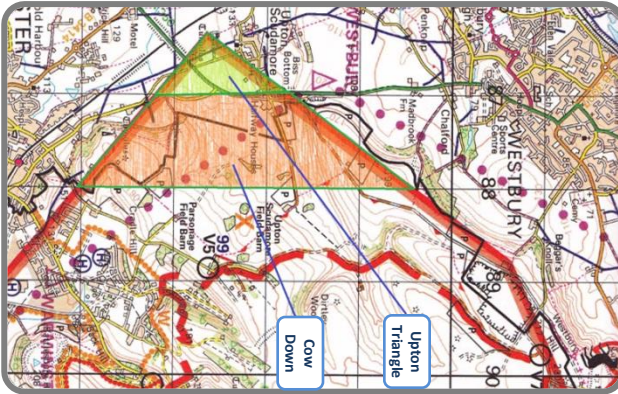
- eg. “Please check Keevil drop zone for Saturday 29th March”

One of the nominated representatives will call operations to establish if parachuting will be happening

The response, posted on Telegram, will be either:

- “Warning - parachuting at Keevil on Saturday 29th March”
- or
- “No parachuting at Keevil on Saturday 29th March”

NB. Forward planning is required for weekends and Bank Holidays as Brize is only manned Mon-Fri 0900-1700



Westbury Activation

- Activation requests can only be made by authorised members of the Avon HG&PG Club between certain hours:
 - Monday – Friday: 0800-1700
 - Weekends & Bank Holidays: Before 1200 on the last working day prior to the weekend / holiday
- For weekend flying you will need to **PLAN IN ADVANCE!**
- Once you have phoned or texted one of the Avon reps, or requested activation via the “SW XC Airspace” Telegram Group they will text you back to confirm activation, and they will also confirm on the “SW XC Airspace” Telegram Group.
- **NB. DO NOT ASSUME THAT ACTIVATION WILL BE GRANTED!**

Keevil Avon Club Reps

The nominated reps are HG pilots as the zone is upwind of Westbury and presents a regular obstacle for closed circuit flights

Nev Almond	07786 090504
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Notes

- This is not a legal requirement; it is simply sensible self-regulation
- Even if there is no parachuting, Keevil airfield is still typically active with Sailplanes, C130 Hercules & other big military/transport aircraft – this process is solely to mitigate the risk of collision with parachutists.
- XC flights passing through Keevil will be deemed invalid by the XC League unless there is proof on the SW Airspace Telegram group that no parachuting is taking place.

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- Once downloaded and installed, message @TimPentreath or email telegram@avonhgpg.co.uk asking to be added to the SW Airspace group, or preferably, copy this link - <https://telegram.me/joinchat/AY58wzu2Lkqy623k3GOLqA> - and paste into a browser on your Telegram device

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