



A short summary of some LLSC activity and other Scottish paragliding chat.

Leith Chuck & Repack - After a 9 year gap, the chance to simulate and practice your reserve deployment skills is back, in a new venue.

On 13 December around 50 pilots will descend on FirstStage film studios in Leith, ready to launch themselves down a 50m zipline to check how their reserve actually works.

This is a vital bit of training for every pilot, so register now as numbers may be limited. <https://shpf.co.uk/event/leith-repack-2025/>

Once you've deployed your reserve there will be plenty of space to repack on your own, or under the supervision of qualified re-packers.



Registration open

Leith Chuck & Repack
Saturday 13.12.25

Register here <https://shpf.co.uk/event/leith-repack-2025/>

The essential reserve Chuck & Repack zipline returns in a new venue, featuring a 60m zipline with 20m high take-off. Without doubt, the best way to practice throwing your reserve - and then repacking under supervision.

Organised by SHPF and LLSC. Open to BHPA members only.




Cludbase Mayhem - More reserve chat - If you've not heard of it, Cludbase Mayhem is an excellent series of podcasts with Gavin McLurg interviewing a host of interesting flying characters.

Ahead of the *Leith Chuck & Repack* it's worth listening to podcast number 253 "Ask Me Anything with Karlis Jaunpetrovičs", including some useful info on reserves.

<https://music.youtube.com/podcast/IB12Mc-CBDc>

Thoughts and observations from a reserve expert - round vs square vs rogallo, lightweight vs regular weight, how to decide the actual right size, actual lifespan of reserves, repacking them safely, factors on reserve/bridle connections, sink rate, down-planing and size of reserves relative to size of wing and tips on throwing in different situations.



LLSC testing kit - LLSC now owns a porosity meter for testing wing fabric. This kit is managed by Alan Easdale, and is available for loan by members. It will also be at the Leith Chuck & Repack. To request loan of the kit, contact Alan at 0602338e@gmail.com



Tinto - Members may have noticed strange goings-on at Tinto (haybale in front of gate to Greenhill, various notices). Greenhill Farm seems to have an issue with flying at Tinto, although we haven't had a response to our various attempts to discuss. Everyone should continue to follow the Scottish Access Code guidance when exercising their right to fly at Tinto. Please report any contact with, or actions by, Greenhill Farm to a member of the committee.

Scottish Nationals - George Hawryluk (LLSC) is still the current top points scorer - and is likely to stay there for this year's series.

Hopefully there will be a bigger push to promote and encourage participation in 2026. <https://shpf.co.uk/comps/scottish-nationals-competition/>

Big winds - There are 2 Holfuy weather stations (Tinto and Broughton) funded and managed by the club, under the control of Kevin McGrath plus another at Witchie Knowe managed by WingBeat. They are perfect for live updates - with other locations being considered. As a testament to their durability, the Broughton Holfuy recorded a gust of 161km/h during Storm Amy on 4 October.

Time	16h	17h	18h	19h	20h	21h	22h	23h	Sat
Speed	97	109	118	108	90	97	90	99	103
Gust (km/h)	136	151	161	160	123	142	123	135	133
Direction	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Dir (deg)	S	SSW	SSW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Dir	168°	196°	205°	226°	234°	234°	231°	233°	2
Temp. (°C)	10.8	12.1	13.4	12.4	9.0	7.7	6.4	5.7	5.8

Winter Socials - The first of the season is 7pm, Wed. 12 Nov. at the Admiral Woods, 29 Waterloo St, Glasgow. As well as catching up with flying stories over a few drinks, the guest speaker will be Angus Pinkerton. Angus has been deeply involved in the sport - instructor, constructor, competition pilot, record holder and long-time champion of flying safety and innovation.

He'll be giving a fascinating talk on the history of hang gliding in Scotland, with plenty of stories, insights and laughs.



Merchandise - There are a few caps and Ts still available - £12.50 for caps and £11 for Ts. They'll be at the Leith Chuck & Repack.

Advance AGM diary date - This will be in Linlithgow on Friday 27 February 2026. More details in January.