



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

AGM and Joe Dart talk - Thanks to everyone who came along to the recent AGM - and very special thanks to Joe Dart who delivered a fantastic exploration and analysis of his amazing 3 amazing flights in the Highlands last May. The official bits of AGM business were straightforward, including reports on all club activities and the adoption of a revised Constitution. Then after a relaxed and enjoyable meal, it was down to the star attraction - Joe Dart who had travelled from Deep South to regale us with tales of epic flights from White Corries (78km triangle), Mount Blair (UK record breaking 139km triangle) and the piece de resistance, a 197km flight from Quirang to Glencoe. This committing flight, in the company of leading Scottish pilots, including LLSC's Ollie Carr, was analysed and explained with detail and insight. Truly inspirational. The talk, and the following Q&A, is available online: https://youtu.be/-P8-dCEINiY?si=EWrDKXSE_ZvXOW7w



LLSC 2025 Trophies - The annual club trophies were handed out at the AGM, all listed in the online Wall of Fame <https://www.llsclub.co.uk/index.php/club/trophies>

Chairman's Trophy - James Gavin (SHPF Novice XC Winner (226.1 pts) , SHPF Best B Wing flight - 3rd (80.6km)

BBQ trophy - David Thomson

Tinto / Dungavel distance shield - Stephen Hallsworth (122km)

Open Distance on an EN A or EN B wing - Graham Tydeman (47.3km, Gin Explorer)

Other notable LLSC results were in the various SHPF awards.

SHPF XC League Hang Glider - Mike Armstrong

Scottish Nationals Overall Winner - George Hawryluk

SHPF Novice XC Winner - James Gavin (226.1 pts in XC League)

SHPF Best B Wing flight - 3rd James Gavin (80.6km)

SHPF Sports Class Hang Glider - Scott



Spring has started - Thermals are now kicking off (when it's not too wet or windy) with some good XC flights already recorded, including **Tim Bridle** (77.6km from Myreton), **Graham Tyeman** (72.3km from Myreton), **Simon Cocker** (34km from Ben Lomond), **James Gavin** (27.3km from Dungavel) and **Kevin McGrath** (21.8km from Gargunnoch). As ever, take care with those punchy spring thermals!

Greenhill - As most of you will be aware, the owner of Greenhill Farm is unhappy about flying happening on Green Hill, and indeed on Tinto generally.

We must also all be aware that sheep farmers need special consideration around this time of year, as in every year, when lambs arrive.

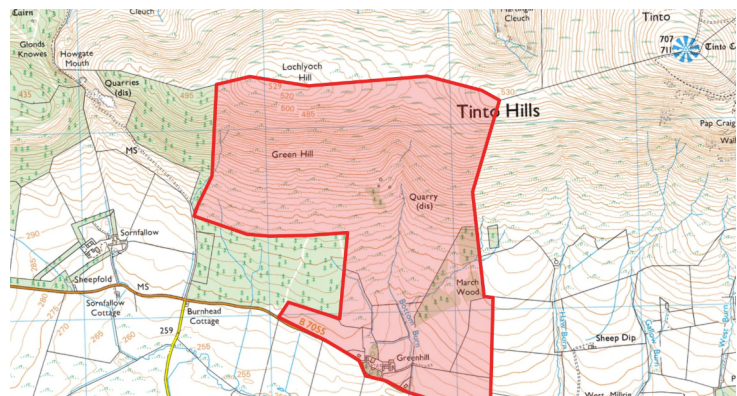
The LLSC committee has accordingly deliberated hard, and strongly recommends that Green Hill Farm land should not be used for access to any take off point for a 6 week period, ending 15th May 2026. This should sufficiently minimise disturbance and avoid any separation issues for new-born lambs at that farm.

The Committee also request that club members, and any visitors, do not land on the avoidance area in the designated period. Overflying, as with other aircraft, commercial and private, may still take place, and being in the air, will be well clear of stock. Flying should generally be near the top, or ridge line of Green Hill.

Slope or bottom landing should be avoided in the area concerned, which is outlined in red on the accompanying plan.

For clarification, the area extends from the trees on Greenhill to the far side of the gully as you approach Big Tinto.

Please respect this request, as the background situation must be handled carefully.



Greenhill Farm - Avoidance area up to 15 May 2026