



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

Big flying days already! - Both Tinto and the Moorfoots have seen some epic cross-border raids south into England in April and May. On 19 April there were at least 4 cross border flights, with Ollie Carr (LLSC) making it to Morpeth (115km). Then on 11 May Tinto saw 8 pilots make 100km+ flights south with Richard Meek (who had travelled north in order to fly south) getting to Blackburn (225.73km). Ollie Carr was again top LLSC pilot with a 141.07km flight to Appleby-in-Westmorland.

Log your flights please - There are some LLSC pilots who are recording great flights - but not loading them onto XC League or XC Contest. Remember distance flights for club trophies must be on XC League to be considered. Flights also contribute to the SHPF Club Challenge Trophy. Your club needs your flights!

Alex makes X-Scotia debut - The 2026 X-Scotia move to Glencoe was a resounding success - despite the distinctly "average" forecast. Race winner Dougie Swanson Low proved his reputation as one of the UK's best Hike & Fly athletes, completing the course on Saturday in a time of 6hr 30mins. Big congratulations to LLSC member Alex Poole who finished 8th, first home on Sunday morning. He managed one of the longest flights, from Crieese, over the col below Bidean nam Bian, through Glencoe onto the Pap and round into Loch Leven, landing a few km short of Kinlochleven.

"Great flying, beautiful scenery. I'll be back next year and I recommend it to anyone" said Alex.

[X-Scotia](#) is supported by LLSC.

The 2027 dates are 1-2 May, back in Glencoe.

Greenhill - We have reached the end of our voluntary suspension of using Greenhill (May 15). So we are now back to exercising our rights within the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

If you use Greenhill, the area of open hillside to the east of the plantation, please:

- walk up beside the wall next to the plantation, or use the access road through the plantation
- do not launch, fly or land on the lower portion of Green Hill below 400m (1300 ft). This is roughly below the top of the obvious band of bracken
- stay away from any groups of sheep on the hillside and particularly any animal feeders on the lower level, which will be obvious from above
- don't scrape low over or disturb any groups of sheep.
- avoid congregating in large groups
- use the field to the west of the parking area for landing

If you are approached by anyone, always be polite and please report any contact to the committee.

Glasgow LoA sites reminder - Very few people are being recorded as using these sites. Looks like only twice this year for Campsie and Fairlie. Please ensure you follow the correct procedure as per the [LLSC website](#).

Significant changes are proposed for Glasgow airspace. If we can't demonstrate SoN (Statement of Need) it may be difficult to negotiate any improvements for free flying. Please follow the procedure so we can record usage. Flying outwith the rules may also jeopardise your insurance cover.

Reminder - Club BBQ 13 June 2026 - Put the date in your diary. It's always a great weekend, no matter what the flying conditions. Camping (tents/vans) is £15 per person or cabins can be booked direct with [Wiston Lodge](#)

Wing checking kit - The club owns a porosity meter & line measurement kit, plus spare lines. The equipment is managed by Alan Easdale & is available for loan by members. Contact Alan to arrange a loan 0602338e@gmail.com

Mountain Rescue donations - LLSC regularly donates mountain rescue teams where we fly regularly. This year we have given £500 to Moffat and £500 to Glencoe.

Moorfoots airspace reminder - If considering XC from Moorfoots, airspace above 3500 feet must be opened in accordance with the [Letter of Agreement](#). You do not need to open airspace if just soaring the ridge.

