

Aerodrome

The Aerodrome is open seven days a week throughout the year, from 08:00hrs until 17:00hrs (summer) or 16:00hrs (winter), with late landings until 20:00hrs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Pilots are able to use the aerodrome outside of these hours, although this is unusual. It is rare for aircraft to land or take off after dark.

The Aerodrome caters for fixed wing rotary-engine aircraft up to 5765kg (for example the Pilates PC12), as well as helicopters, but cannot accommodate jet-engine aircraft. The maximum permitted aircraft movements annually is 75,000 – and in recent years the typical annual movements have been around 35,000.

All aircraft activity is regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority. Height restrictions apply in certain areas, and flight paths for both arrivals and departures are specified to avoid residential areas. Details are available via the Goodwood website.

The Goodwood Airfield Consultative Committee

The Goodwood Airfield Consultative Committee was set up in 1970 in response to the Civil Aviation Act of 1968. Similar to the Motor Circuit Consultative Committee the Airfield Consultative Committee is comprised of representatives of parish councils adjacent to the circuit, namely Boxgrove, Lavant, Singleton, Tangmere and Westhampnett Parish Councils, Chichester District Council, The Chichester Society, Summersdale Residents Association, Sussex Police and West Sussex County Council.

Goodwood airfield encourages neighbours to report any concerns directly to Goodwood Air Traffic Control in the first instance so they are able to take any immediate action. The number to use is 01243 755162.

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Goodwood Motor Circuit & Aerodrome Noise Control

A guide for neighbouring communities

Introduction

Sport has been at the heart of the Goodwood Estate, home of the Dukes of Richmond and their families, for more than 300 years, starting with hunting and moving on to horse racing, cricket, golf, flying and motor sport. The Goodwood Motor Circuit dates from 1948, when the perimeter track around the Aerodrome hosted the first UK's post-War motor racing event. Through the 1950's and 1960's the circuit hosted major international events. Although the racing ceased in 1966 the circuit continued to host testing, sprints, track days and race tuition until the 1990's when the present Earl of March re-established the venue as a motor sport facility.

Since 1998 the Motor Circuit has hosted the Revival Meeting each September, the world's most authentic historic motor race meeting. Celebrating the glory days of motor racing at Goodwood, the entire venue is themed and the majority of visitors dress in the appropriate period attire.

The Revival Meeting, Festival of Speed and other motor-related activities are now core elements of the Goodwood Estate. The Estate is the largest private employer within the Chichester area and a major draw for global visitors throughout the year. A survey commissioned in 2008 showed that the Estate had an economic impact of nearly £20 million per annum on the Chichester district.

Motor Circuit

The level of activity at Goodwood Motor Circuit is governed by planning conditions granted by Chichester District Council. These conditions specify the operational hours of the venue and the overall noise output.

The motor circuit is used for high-speed driving on approximately 200 days annually. The circuit can only be used for unrestricted racing on 5 days per year, to date the only unrestricted Historic Race Days used per year have been the three days that comprise the Goodwood Revival – which is by far the largest event on the calendar, attracting circa 130,000 visitors over three days.

Noise output is controlled in three ways. Firstly, all vehicles are subjected to a static noise test prior to taking to the track using a hand-held meter. Secondly, once the vehicles begin to circulate, three trackside monitors record the noise level of each car on each lap, to ascertain whether a particular car is likely to adversely affect the cumulative noise level. If the vehicle exceeds prescribed limits, it is removed from the circuit and asked to fit additional silencers. Lastly, all of the 'drive-by' noise level readings are combined into an analysing system, from which the overall noise output (the LAeq) is calculated. The circuit management controls all vehicle movements to ensure that this half-hourly noise limit is not exceeded.

The Motorsport section of the Goodwood website features an area entitled "Noise Management". This features the latest Motor Circuit calendars and details the noise levels recorded at recent operating days.

The Goodwood Motor Circuit Consultative Committee

The Goodwood Motor Circuit Consultative Committee (GMCCC) was created in 1997 with terms of reference to provide an effective forum for the discussion of all matters concerning the development or operation of the motor circuit.

Membership of GMCCC is comprised of representatives of parish councils adjacent to the circuit, namely Boxgrove, Lavant, Singleton, Tangmere and Westhampnett Parish Councils, Chichester District Council, The Chichester Society, Goodwood Motor Circuit, Goodwood Supporters Association, Summersdale Residents Association, Sussex Police and West Sussex County Council.

The GMCCC regularly receive reports on any noise incidences from the circuit and most are instantaneous occurrences and can be due to a driver missing a gear or a car malfunction. However, as a result of the work of the GMCCC and Goodwood Motor Circuit's willingness to be a good neighbour, the past few years have seen a large decrease in the number of reported noise incidences from the circuit.