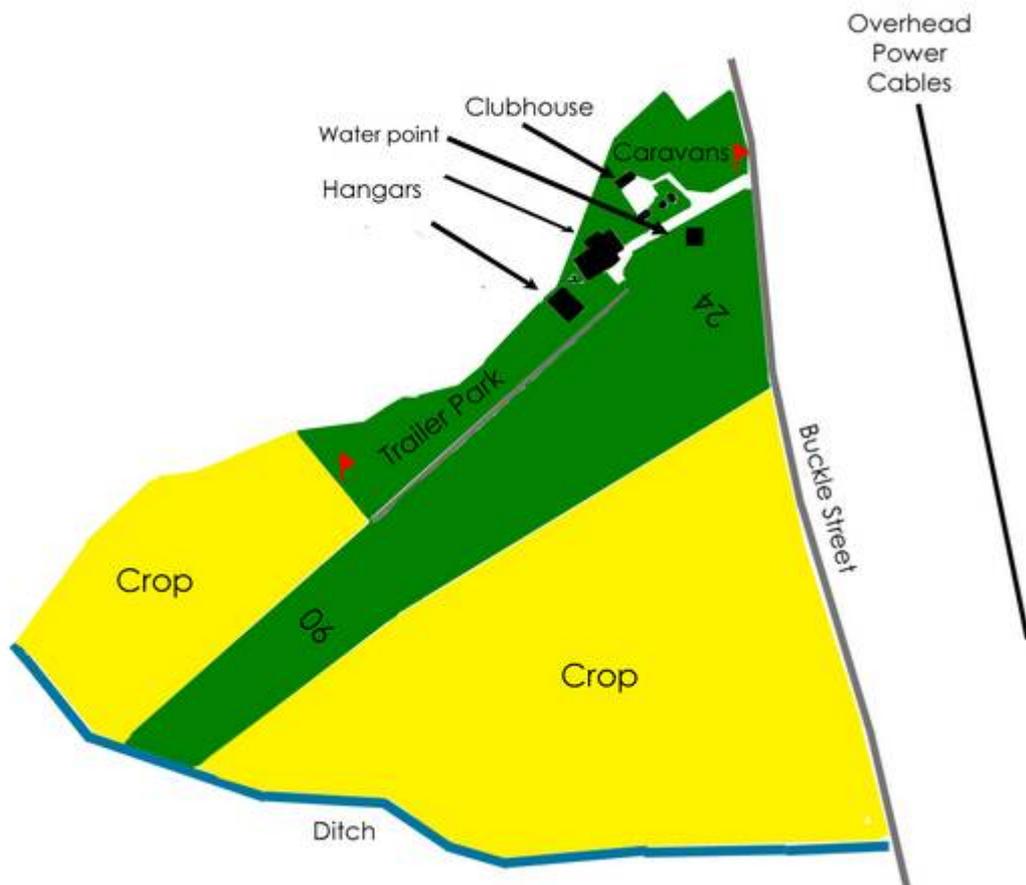


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Visiting glider pilots briefing

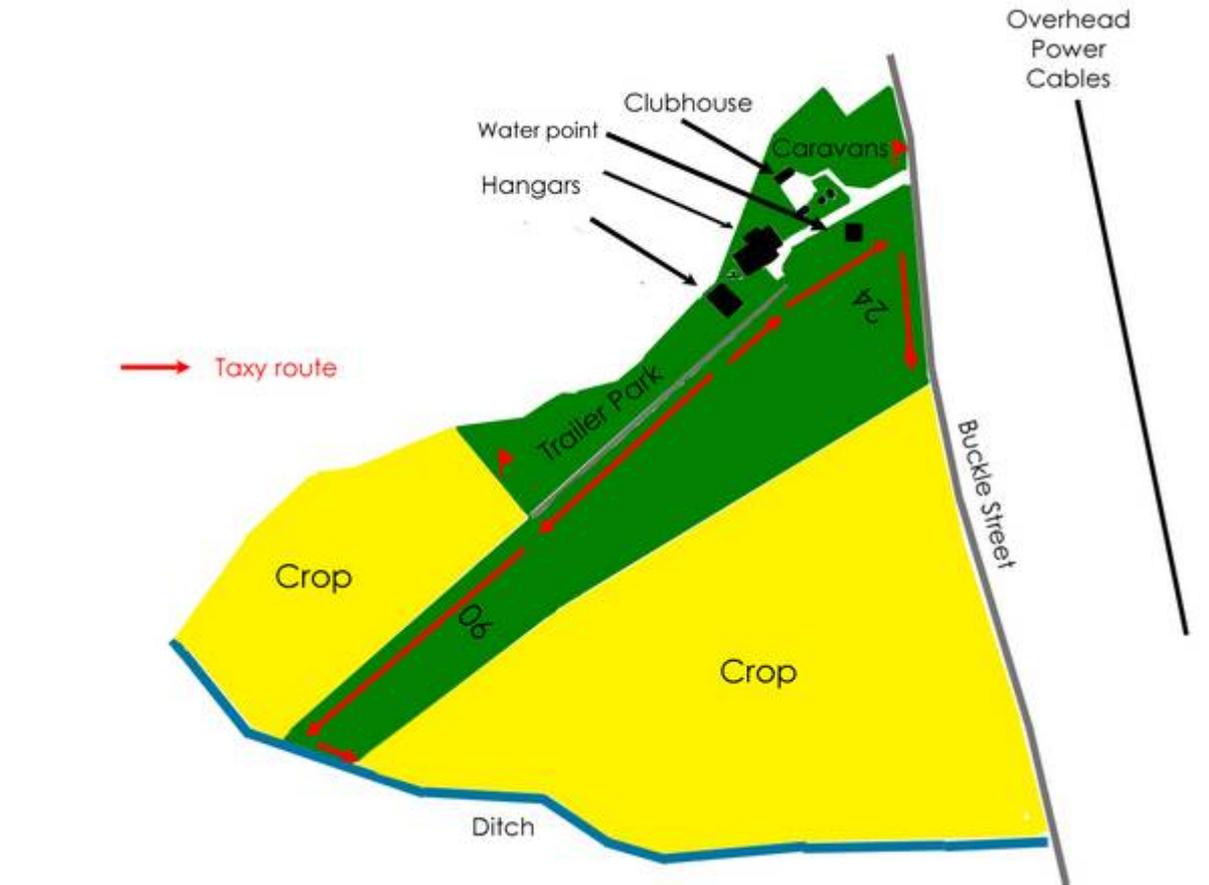
Be aware

- The airfield frequency has changed to 118.685MHz.
- There are overhead power cables on short final to runway 24
- There is a road marking the eastern boundary of the airfield. Passing traffic includes large lorries and double deck buses.
- There is a four foot ditch at the threshold to runway 06.
- The northern half of the airfield can be very soft and standing water after long periods of rain. The southern half is better draining.
- Beware of hollows and collapsed drains on the airfield within 5 metres of the grey gravel track. There are also reports of rabbit holes in the trailer park.
- Drive slowly (5mph) along the gravel track by the trailer park to avoid dust blowing over parked gliders.
- Do not park cars or trailers near to the refuelling point. Park to the East of the water point



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Tow out route



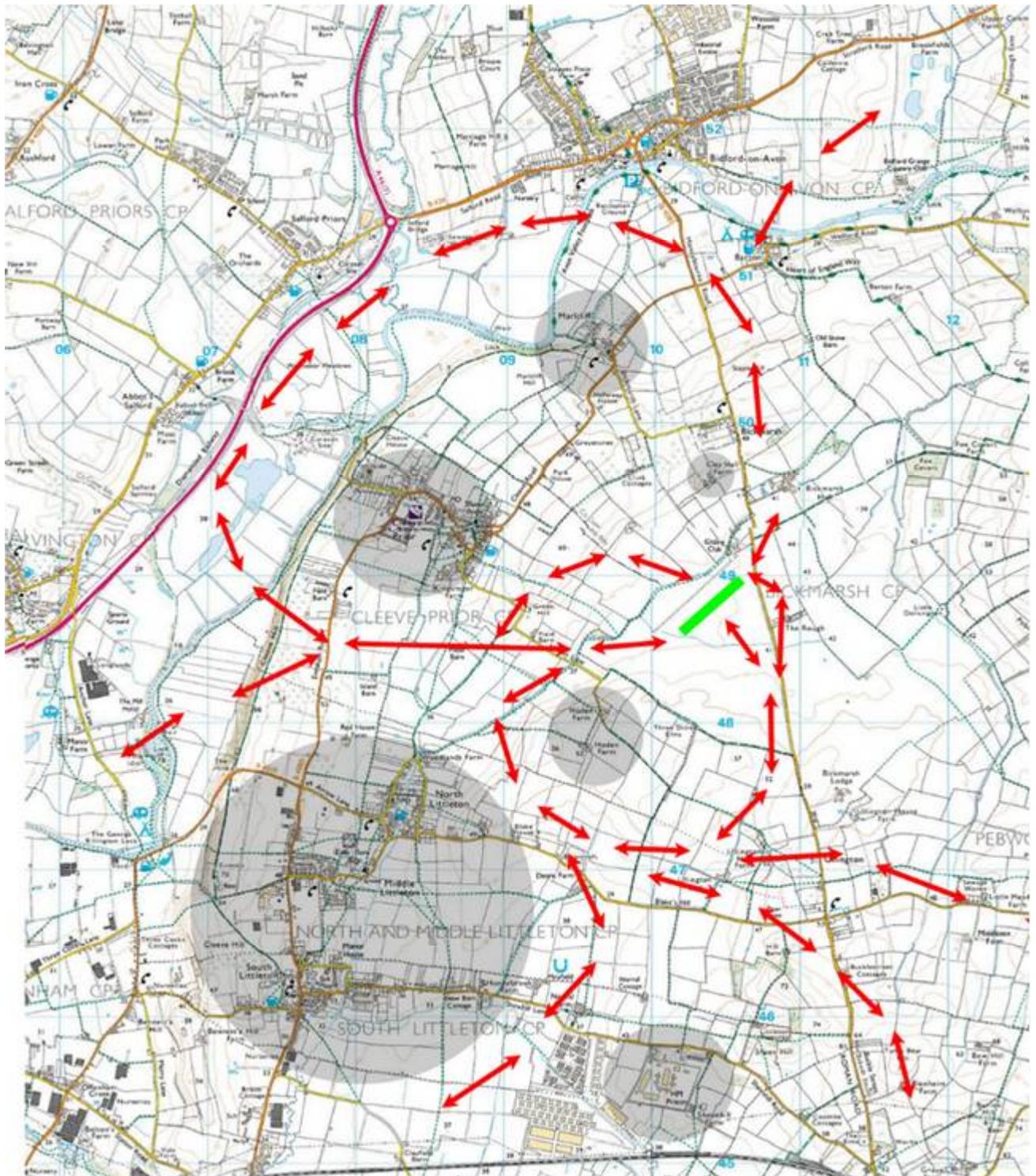
Glider Landings

The smooth part of the airfield that is used for both take and landings is the southern half. When landing if you are sure that there is no other glider in circuit, clear to the north on the last part of the ground run.

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Powered Aircraft Inbound and Outbound Routes

The diagram below shows the tug and powered aircraft inbound and outbound routes. Note the offset departure turn just after take-off from runway 24 and the corresponding offset arrival track to runway 06. This is so that powered aircraft avoid over-flying the two farmhouses to the south of the extended centre-line. Gliders do **NOT** have to avoid overflying the farmhouses.



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Local Area



- If approaching from the east, Long Marston airfield is 6km away. There are no aircraft operating from here and the airfield will shortly be developed for housing.
- Wellesbourne (070°/16km) is a busy general aviation airfield. They are very helpful to gliders as long as they make radio contact on 124.030MHz. Aerotow retrieves are possible.
- Snitterfield (040°/13km) is the home of Stratford on Avon Gliding club. They are winch launch only and due to planning constraints there can be no Aerotow retrieves.
- Sherington (100°/24km) is the home of Sherington Gliding Club. They are predominantly a winch operation, but have tug aircraft that may be available.
- Other airfields – Croft Farm (255°/19km) is a narrow strip with crop either side of the runway. Unlikely to be suitable for big wings.
- Pershore (270°/12km) is used for lorry and car training. There are plenty of hazards to avoid. However it is a large airfield.
- Pershore - Laser site - Unlimited in altitude 12km to the west of Bidford.