

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Drone Policy

The use of small unmanned aircraft or “drones” is strictly forbidden on these premises, unless express authorisation from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust has been granted in advance.

Our reserves are important areas for wildlife and many of them are used for breeding. These sites are sensitive to disturbance; for instance, birds may feel threatened by drones and abandon their nests.

Applications for permission to fly a small unmanned aircraft will only be considered in the following circumstances:

- The pilot operating the unmanned aircraft holds a CAA Permission for Commercial Operations and can provide proof thereof
- The pilot has suitable insurance and can provide a copy of the policy

Any flight undertaken shall be conducted in accordance with the Air Navigation Order 2016, with special attention to the following:

- The pilot should only fly the aircraft if reasonably satisfied that the flight can be made safely
- The pilot should maintain direct, unaided visual contact with the aircraft
- Flight must not exceed 400 feet above ground level

No flying shall take place in the following circumstances:

- Within 50 metres of any vessel, vehicle or structure which is not under the control of the person in charge of the aircraft
- Within 50 metres of any person not under the control of the person in charge of the aircraft
- Over or within 150 metres of an organised open-air assembly of more than 1,000 people

Information and guidance from the CAA can be found on its website [here](#).

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust obtains drone footage of our reserves to assist our conservation work, but it is done by a licensed operator, or with our permission if we are confident the operator is licensed and insured and that wildlife will not be injured or disturbed.

If you have any questions about drones on our nature reserves please contact info@wiltshirewildlife.org