

Association of Helicopter Aerosports



### **About the AHA**

The AHA provide specialist knowledge to the BMFA regarding all helicopter related issues, so we are in a unique position to get the things we hold dear brought to the BMFA's attention. We are a non profit making organisation of RC Helicopter pilots who volunteer our own time and effort so that the helicopter community as a whole benefits and anyone who is a BMFA member is welcome to join.

There are several events throughout the year organised by the AHA, covering all helicopter disciplines. A common misconception is that we solely concentrate on F3C competition flying, but nothing could be further from reality. Yes we have for many years run the UK F3C contests and UK team selection events but these events have always been open to anybody to enter or simply come along as a spectator. There is also a Sportsman (grass routes) class run alongside F3C where the requirements are less strict than that of F3C. With the emergence of F3N (more commonly known as 3D), the AHA organised events are also used to select the UK F3N team.

Due to the hard work and campaigning for greater helicopter recognition in the hobby, Scale helicopters have gained recognition and are now exhibited at the UK BMFA Nationals and several fun-flies are run for the scale pilot. Visitors to the BMFA Nationals can now see the full range of helicopter skills on display. During the three days of the Nationals we do run competitions for both F3C and F3N, and these competitions count as UK team trials. Not only does the organisation support contest events but we are also active at many fun-flies. In fact the AHA organises possibly the largest helicopter only event in the UK twice a year. The highly regarded Charmouth fly-ins are seen as the flying seasons opening and closing events (details can be found on the Charmouth page of our site) and our now famous raffle helps offset the huge costs of sending our F3C and F3N team abroad to represent us at both the European and World Championship events.

So if you have a little spare time, please come to one of our events and show your support by either competing or just come along for a chat.

Becoming a member gives you a chance to have your say about helicopters and gives you a direct link to the BMFA via its specialist body, the AHA, along with the chance to meet and talk to like minded people.