STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 579

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hay-on-Wye) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*13th May 2025*
Coming into force - -	*1st June 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended gathering there of a large number of persons in the vicinity of Hay-on-Wye, Powys.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016(**a**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hay-on-Wye) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 1st June 2025.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(**b**).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning at 0800 hours and ending at 2200 hours on 1st June 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 520403N 0030817W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft—

(a) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Dyfed-Powys Police Airspace Co-ordinator, or

(b) operated by or on behalf of a Police Air Support Unit.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Karen L Michaels
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Department for Transport

13th May 2025

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant.
(**b**) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the Hay Festival 2025 where a large gathering of persons is due to take place on the 1st June 2025.

At the request of the Dyfed-Powys Police Service, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of Hay-on-Wye, Powys, for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Dyfed-Powys Police Airspace Co-ordinator may be contacted on telephone number 101 or via email DroneExemptions@dyfed-powys.police.uk.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.