STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 748

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Lowther, Cumbria) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*3rd July 2026*
Coming into force - -	*30th July 2026*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intending gathering there of a large number of persons.

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) (Lowther, Cumbria) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 30th July 2026.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), during the period beginning with 0600 hours on 30th July 2026 and ending with 1400 hours on 3rd August 2026 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 1.3 nautical miles which is centred at 543549N 0024329W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Cumbria Police Drone Team.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Karen L Michaels
Grade 7
Department for Transport

3rd July 2026

(**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 Lowther, Cumbria, where the gathering of a large number of persons is due to take place for the Kendal Calling Festival. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is necessary and in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft 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), the Cumbria Police Drone Team may be contacted as notified.

Full details of these Regulations will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Thomas Shainberg, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382515.