



Membership

A guide for applicants

What is Aviation Heritage UK?

AHUK, formed in 1967 as the British Aviation Preservation Council, is the national body for the preservation of aviation related items.

It is a voluntary staffed body which undertakes a representation, co-ordination and enabling role.

AHUK membership includes national, local authority, independent and service museums, private collections, voluntary groups and other organisations involved in the advancement of aviation preservation in Britain.

A number of overseas aircraft preservation organisations have affiliated membership.

BAPC was renamed Aviation Heritage UK on 28th October 2017, our 50th Anniversary.

The activities of AHUK include:

Members Meetings

Member's Meetings have been held in locations throughout the United Kingdom, from National Museums to small independent collections. At these gatherings, the business of AHUK is undertaken as part of a formal meeting. This is started by the host organisation making a presentation about its history, aims and objectives. Opportunity is provided to discuss individual projects informally, seek advice and parts. Each member organisation is invited to submit a written progress report for inclusion in a newsletter which is circulated to all member organisations.

Sample agenda

10.00 Museum opens for arrival and viewing.
11.00 Tea and coffee available for delegates.
11.30 Main Member's meeting.
13.00 Lunch
14.00 Presentation by host
14.30 Member presentations
15.00 Tea break.
15.10 Speaker presentation
16.00 Close. Final opportunity to view museum.

The National Aviation Heritage Register

This includes all airframes held by organisations that are open to the public on a regular basis. These are 'graded' according to agreed criteria. Work is underway to expand the Register to include aero-engines and rocketry.



Register of 'Anonymous' Aircraft

This was started in the 1980s to identify and record the many aircraft which were never allocated an official military or civil identity. These include hang gliders; such as Percy Pilcher's 1896 Hawk; RAF 'plastic replicas', film replicas, German and Japanese aircraft and homebuilt aircraft.

The National Aviation Heritage Strategy

For over 50 years, the BAPC has been working with other interested parties to produce a national strategy for the preservation of aviation heritage by identifying priorities for preservation, seeking additional resources and promoting improved conservation and training standards. A programme has begun with five key targets:

- Protecting aviation items, archives and sites
- Ensuring the availability of skilled manpower.
- Raising standards of education, interpretation and customer service.
- Improving the effectiveness of restoration and conservation.
- Raising the profile of Britain's Aviation Heritage.

PartsFinder Service

Advice is available regarding possible sources of spare parts and technical publications. Wants, Sales and Disposals lists are circulated by email regularly as items become available.

Conferences

A series of seminars and conferences have been organized to discuss aviation preservation issues and provide practical advice. All conference papers are published and provided free of charge to all **AHUK** Member Organisations. Additional copies, and copies of past papers, are available from the Secretary at a modest price.

Specialist Help

AHUK has appointed a number of **Specialists** who have particular knowledge of certain aircraft and engines types and may be able to advise you about the availability of spare parts, technical manuals and specialist knowledge. Other **AHUK Specialists** will be able to advise you about non-aviation related subjects such as insurance. Most of this advice is available for the cost of a telephone call. Contact details for **AHUK Specialists** are available from the Secretary.

All Party Parliamentary Group for General Aviation

Our greatest Member benefit. As active members of the Heritage Working Group of this influential APPG, we are able to take our sector's concerns, problems and suggestions direct to Parliament.

We also work with the Heritage Alliance, giving us serious representation with several Government departments including DCMS.

Aviation Heritage UK Facebook Group

One of our best Member resources. Our Facebook Group allows Members to interact directly with each other and is a great source of current, dynamic information of interest to Aviation Museums and Groups.

The Group is available to all staff and volunteers in your organisation.



Publications:

Ahead Together : seminar papers

Stopping the Rot 1 : seminar papers (7 papers available as re-prints)

Stopping the Rot 2 : seminar papers

Stopping the Rot 3/4 : seminar papers

Stopping the Rot 5 : seminar papers

Stopping the Rot 6 : seminar papers

Stopping the Rot 2003 : seminar papers

PartsFinder - Wants, Disposals and Sales listings

Regular Newsletters

National Aviation Heritage Register : Airframes Held in Museums and Collections in the UK

Register of Historic Aero Engines

Register of 'Anonymous' Aircraft

All available from the Member's area of our website.

www.aviationheritageuk.org

Types of membership

Member

This category is open to organizations based in the United Kingdom which are involved in the active preservation of aviation heritage.

All applicants for membership will be elected as Provisional Members for a probationary period of 12 months from date of acceptance. Acceptance is granted by vote of Members.

During the probationary period, a representative should attend at least one quarterly meeting and make a formal presentation about the history, aims and objectives of their organization. Failure to do so will mean that a new application must be made. A written draft of this presentation should be sent to the Secretary one month before the presentation and may be circulated to member organizations for comment. Applicants may receive requests for additional information.

Upgrading from Provisional Member to Full Member status is granted by vote of Members. A membership certificate will be presented.

Affiliate

Affiliate membership is open to organizations and invited individuals based in the United Kingdom, or elsewhere, who wish to support the work of the Council.

Individuals seeking Affiliate Membership should apply in writing to the Membership Secretary.

All applicants for membership will be elected as Provisional Affiliate Members for a probationary period of 12 months from date of acceptance. Acceptance is granted by vote of Members.

During the probationary period, a representative should attend at least one quarterly meeting and make a formal presentation about the history, aims and objectives of their organization. A written draft of this presentation should be sent to the Secretary one month before the presentation and may be circulated to member organizations for comment. In some cases, for example overseas applicants, a written draft alone may be accepted. Applicants may receive requests for additional information.

Upgrading from Provisional Affiliate to Full Affiliate Member status is granted by vote of Members. A membership certificate will be presented.

Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions are due from the time when Provisional Membership is offered, and on January 1 each year following.

How to Apply

Complete and return the Application Form to the Membership Secretary: membership@aviationheritageuk.org

This information will be stored on a data base and the Nominated Delegate email details only made available to the AHUK Membership in the Member's area of our aviationheritageuk.org website. AHUK does not share these details with other organisations.

MAKE SURE THAT YOU ALWAYS KEEP YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE !



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND POST OR EMAIL IT TO :

The Membership Secretary : membership@aviationheritageuk.org

10 Langleys, Basildon, Essex. SS16 5DL

Name

The name of your museum or group _____

Address

Leave blank if none _____

Post Code _____

Telephone No _____

Email address _____ Web site _____

Nominated Delegate

All meeting papers will be sent to this address

This could be a home or Group Address

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone No _____

Email address _____

Other Key Managers

Chairman/CEO

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

Treasurer/Finance Manager

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

Your Organisation Details

Are You:

A Museum		If yes		Registered with Arts Council		Registered with Area Museum Service	
Y	N			Y	N	Y	N

A Private Collection	Y	N	An Aircraft Operator	Y	N	A Restoration Group	Y	N
An Enthusiast Group	Y	N	i.e. Working on a single project					

What do you collect and/or restore											
Airframes		Engines		Avionics		Uniforms		Medals		Equipment	
Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Photos		Film		Archives		Ephemera		Paper Records		Other	
Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N

Are you open to the Public	If yes, opening Times	
Y	N	

Are you open to Researchers	If yes, Contact Details	
Y	N	

Please forward copies of any of the following which you may have available

Mission Statement
Constitution
Collecting Policy Document
Business Plan
Accounts and Annual Report

Failure to forward supporting documentation may delay the processing of your application.

Members/Affiliate Subscriptions

Full year Membership subscription for 2026	£50.00

Notes:

- Cheques payable in sterling to "Aviation Heritage UK" or by bank transfer to Sort Code 30-62-32 Account no 58340368.
- Overseas members please pay by INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDER OR STERLING CHEQUE drawn on a UK bank – otherwise please add the equivalent of £5.00 to cover commission payments.