

# Anna Tansley

## Air Pilots Flying Club Scholarship



Having experienced this amazing opportunity, I would definitely recommend applying to everyone! When I arrived, on the journey to the club, I was struck by the stunning backdrop of Camphill. We spent the first evening getting to know one another - I met Ronika, Nigel, Sarah and Jack, who were also scholarship winners. We were a good mix, coming from different parts of the UK, having differing levels of flight experience, but all around the same age of 16/17.

Throughout the week we would have friendly competitions of pool, who could fly the highest, who could fly the longest etc (Us girls beat the boys overall).

I had no previous flying experience, so when on the first day I was given the controls, it was ace - I spent my first flight of 17 mins learning turns and practicing lookout. I managed three more flights on the first day, again practicing effects of the controls and pre-flight checks but also getting involved with the running of the club, where I sent light signals to the winch operator, maneuvered gliders from the floor and drove a tractor to tow the gliders from their landing sites.



The weather was good throughout the week, so I had 15 launches, one false launch, and 300 mins of flight time.

The most memorable flight for me was a long ridge-soaring flight, where I was up for over an hour and a 30 min thermal flight where I flew up to 4500 ft above sea level. By the end of the week I had perfected my pre-flight checks, landed the glider, done a winch launch in the glider, practiced stalls and reduced G symptoms and become good at steep/shallow turns.



It really was a once in a lifetime experience for me, and I feel very lucky to have been awarded the scholarship. It has reinforced my love of aviation and given me a good base to build my future career around.



I would also like to thank everyone at Derby & Lancs gliding club for being so friendly and knowledgeable and to Sylvia for the great food.

