

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL MEMBERS

This Code of Conduct which has been approved by the National Farmers' Union (NFU) is to be read in conjunction with the British Parachute Association (BPA) Operations Manual and is to be observed by all members.

1. Introduction

If we are to continue to enjoy our sport it is important that we retain the goodwill of other sections of the community. Foremost amongst those sections, which have shown appreciation of our requirements and difficulties, and have been helpful in providing us with facilities for our sport, are farmers and landowners. It is unfortunate that it has been these same people who have from time to time been inconvenienced by parachutists landing uninvited on their property. The British Parachute Association is most grateful to those farmers and landowners for the understanding they have shown and hastens to emphasise that parachutists must be aware of their responsibilities in such instances.

2. The Code

The following code is a reminder of the conduct which the BPA and NFU expect of all parachutists:

- 2.1. Do not make a parachute jump unless you are reasonably certain that you will land within the parachute landing area (PLA).
- 2.2. If a landing outside the PLA should prove to be unavoidable the parachutist is to attempt to land in an area that will cause the least possible inconvenience to the owner. Particular care must be taken during the summer months when standing hay, growing cereal and other crops are in evidence.
- 2.3. If a landing in standing hay, growing cereal or other crops proves to be unavoidable, the parachutist must:
 - a. Restrict movements to an absolute minimum.
 - b. Gather the parachute in such a manner as to avoid further damage to the crop.
 - c. Leave the field by such a route as will help to avoid further damage.
 - d. Discourage any onlookers from entering the field.
- 2.4. If a landing on grassland on which there is livestock is unavoidable the parachutist must do his/her utmost to avoid any unnecessary disturbance of the livestock and ensure that any gates he/she may use are left as he/she found them.
- 2.5. If an uninvited landing does occur the owner of the property may have reason to claim for compensation for damage caused by the parachutist. The British Parachute Association holds Third Party Public Liability Insurance cover for all members.