

## Radio Procedures – Aston Down

The Aston Down airfield frequency is 118.665 MHz and is active from the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024. This should not be confused with our airfield ground operations radio which uses the callsigns ‘Cotswold launch/Winch/Buggy’

The following is intended to provide a helpful reference for using the airband radio at Aston Down. With our own frequency, pilots are encouraged to use the radio for situational awareness, downwind calls and information.

### Types of call and typical responses.

items in red are from the aircraft to Aston Down, blue are the typical responses –

<b>Aircraft requests a radio check</b>	<p><b>“Aston Down, Kilo November Kilo radio check”</b></p> <p><b>“Kilo November Kilo readability 3”</b> The number is using a scale of 1-5 where 1 is unreadable, 5 is perfectly readable.</p>
<b>Aircraft requests information</b>	<p>EG <b>“Aston Down, Kilo, November Kilo, 10km from the NE, confirm runway in use”</b></p> <p>EG <b>“Kilo November Kilo, Aston Down, runway in use is 21”</b></p> <p>EG <b>“Aston Down Kilo, November Kilo 10km from the south, advise wind direction and strength”</b></p> <p>EG <b>“KNK, Aston Down, wind is NW (045), 10 knots.</b></p>
<b>Aircraft calls Downwind usually prefixed “Aston Down Traffic”</b>	<p><b>“Aston Down Traffic, Lima Romeo Tango downwind left hand for 03, landing long”</b></p> <p>This is an awareness call so does not need a response from Aston Down unless some useful information can be communicated. EG <b>“Lima Romeo Tango, Aston Down, be aware gliders are being recovered to the hangar”</b></p>
<b>If you need to contact an aircraft.</b>	<p>EG <b>“Kilo November Kilo, Aston Down”</b> <b>“Aston Down, Kilo November Kilo, pass your message”</b> <b>“Kilo November Kilo, your next trial lesson has arrived”</b> <b>“Aston Down, Roger, Kilo November Kilo”</b></p>