Willy Howe Flying Club

Special feature - Report by James Richardson







Willy Howe is a large, round barrow which was rescued and removed from Historic England's at Risk Register in 2020.

Wolds Weekly reporter James Richardson gets a lesson from club chairman lan Howard.



Ithough conditions have been surrounding it, but difficult in recent weeks as Storms also travel from Malik and Corrie left their mark on the area, a model flying club based in the shadow of a neolithic mound on the fly their creations, Yorkshire Wolds is looking to promote some of which the sport to a new audience in a bid to are put together increase its membership

The Willy Howe Model Flying Club was - an advancement formed 12 years ago by three local model in technology that aircraft enthusiasts, with 30 members club secretary, lan Maggs, believes will currently flying from a field between Wold Newton and Burton Fleming.

Just above the field, where a variety of model aircrafts of all shapes and sizes are flown, sits Willy Howe, a 7.5-metre-high large round barrow, which was rescued and removed from Historic England's at Risk Register in 2020.

It's a picturesque setting for the small,

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friendly club which is hopeful for a bumper year as it helps to celebrate a significant milestone in the history of model flving in the UK.

year sees **British** Model Flying Association celebrate its centenary and a number of events are planned to mark the occasion, including a world record attempt involving clubs from around the country.

When the Wolds Weekly went along to the flying club last week, the blustery conditions meant flying wasn't possible, however, members are still able to keep their eye in over the winter months thanks to indoor facilities in

Willy Howe members not only hail from Driffield and the villages

across East and North Yorkshire to using 3D printers soon become the norm.

"The club was formed 12 years ago by a group of model aircraft enthusiasts. Originally, there were only three members, but it has grown over the years to a high of 40 and currently 30," said lan.

"Most of the members live in the surrounding villages, but also come from Driffield, Pocklington,

Scarborough and Malton.

"In the summer months, it gets very busy, but it's a hobby that is very weatherdependent.

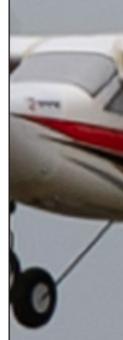
"Between October and March, we can flv indoors Bridlington, in where we use the sports hall and it provides us with an opportunity to maintain our skills.

without the interference of the weather, whilst the nature of the hobby means that if we're not flying, we're making.

"Regulations have changed recently and it is now a legal requirement by the **Civil Aviation Authority that nearly every** model is registered.

"It is then given a unique model number and if a plane is infringing, it can be traced back to the owner. Larger models go





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hings in the future.

There are around 780 affiliated clubs and a combined membership of over 36,000. The Association has a motto of 'United We Achieve' and its hoping to live up to this when its membership attempts to





hrough more rigorous procedures. "We can't fly near low-flying aircrafts, which is occasionally an issue, but it's just a case of looking out for them and being

"One of the reasons that people take part is sport but also the social element. Our members get together regularly, although there is a core who come along to the very manageable. club most weekends, unless the weather

"The bulk of the models we use are petrolheads who compete with each other general.

is something I never thought would be of our members live." possible, but is going to be the way we do

s it celebrates its 100th anniversary. the British Model Flying Association ontinues to promote, protect, organise and encourage the sport in the

aircrafts flying at the same time. The Willy Howe Flying Club is also said lan. hopeful of being involved in fairs, festivals and fetes in the local area, as it

looks to increase publicity. We are all associated to the British in existence for 100 years," said lan.

"As a result, we are trying to support some of the celebrations and we hope to be involved with a Guinness World Record attempt for the most models flying at any time, which is taking place during May. "I think the record is 167, so it's

"We will also be travelling

to Elvington over the Easter weekend, helping to promote the electric, however, we do have three avid air museum and model flying in

"We are also hoping to take "And we now have models which have part in other local events, been created using 3D printers, which perhaps in Kilham, where many

> y getting out into the mmunity, lan and the club's other members hope to attract a new cohort of pilots, particularly those who are slightly younger than the current membership. The club is also open to

anyone who would like to give model flying a go, with full assistance from members on offer.

"I was fortunate that my father

break the record for the most model encouraged me to take up sports and other activities that got me outside the house."

"In general, children today don't have a reason to get out. But if we can get people engaged and show them the fun we get from flying models, there is an opportunity Model Flying Association and it has been to pull in a younger audience, who can take over from our current members in the future

> "Anyone can come along and have a go and hopefully that will expand our mbership.



Tony Jadzinski with his Infinity Wing, which was made on a 3D printer.



For more details, contact the club via whmfc.bmfa.club or visit Willy Howe Model Flying Club on Facebook