

Farm Strip Skills

This course gives the PPL a new insight to uncontrolled airstrips and can be a lot of fun! There are literally hundreds of farm strips distributed around the countryside and nearly all of them welcome flying visitors

On this course you will explore a world of undiscovered landing sites that you never imagined existed. You will also become competent enough with your handling skills to get the aircraft safely in and out of them.

Training

This is nominally a 4 hour course with a flexible syllabus. The first hour of flying would normally be revision of short-field take offs, landings and cross-wind technique using the grass runway 17/35 at Dunkeswell.

The second lesson is a trip to a local farm strip to put the theory into practice. The remaining 2 hours flying is spread over an entire afternoon, visiting 3 farm strips with increasing degrees of difficulty.

The choice of aircraft are either the Citabria 7ECA tailwheel or Cessna 172 aircraft, both of these are excellent short strip performer and the emphasis throughout the course is on accurate handling, tactical and safety considerations.

Please read Safety Sense Leaflet No. 12 Strip Flying which is available by download on www.dsft.co.uk and going to publications.