

Communication with LTCC

Many years ago when the control of aircraft approaching Luton airport moved from Luton to NATS we were forced into moving from a light system which was not failsafe to a mobile phone and radios system. Due to the poor mobile coverage at Dunstable this has proven on a number of occasions to be a less than perfect arrangement too.

During the last round of negotiations with NATS (LTCC) we agreed to implement an expensive improvement to the previous system. We now have a radio system with good coverage across the entire site which links into a telephone land line. The radios have no other useful purpose and are completely useless if not in reach of the mast at Dunstable. They will take some getting used to!!

Below is a picture of the device.



It is to be left on at all times and left on charge in the locked tower at night.

Instructions for use:

Ensure that the unit is switched on and the volume set at ¾ full.

The radio MUST be attended at ALL times that the airspace is open.

The airspace must not be closed until all aircraft have returned or been accounted for.

If it rings.....

Pick it up and press the PTT – Just say Hello , London Gliding Club and let go of the button.

The Supervisor at the other end will say who he is and what he wants. Wait until he/she finishes.

Press the PTT again and say your bit remembering to release the button at the end.

When the call is over press the back/home button and the call will end. Press the same button as many times as required until the radio gives the channel number.

Replace the radio onto its charger (this takes a bit of concentration as the correct slot is quite limited)

To call LTCC.....

Press OK button, “contacts” will be highlighted

Press OK again and a list will show.

Use the down arrow to select LTC or LTCC

Press OK and OK again to call.

When they answer and have finished speaking press the PTT to talk and remember to release it when you have finished what you have to say.

To end the call press the Home button and repeat pressing the home button until the radio gives its channel number.

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NEVER.....

Attempt to “add contacts”

Attempt to make emergency calls

Attempt to make calls to those other than in the contacts list.