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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Newtown and
Llanidloes) Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - *20th February 2026*

Coming into force - - *26th February 2026*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the areas specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of intended Royal visits that are due to take place there.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Newtown and Llanidloes) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 26th February 2026.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), on 26th February 2026 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,100 feet above mean sea level—

- (a) within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 522648N 0033219W during the period beginning with 0900 hours and ending with 1500 hours, and
- (b) within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 523044N 0031918W during the period beginning with 1200 hours and ending with 1800 hours.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by Dyfed-Powys Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

20th February 2026

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Newtown and Llanidloes, Wales due to Royal visits that are scheduled to take place there. At the request of the Dyfed-Powys Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in those areas for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same as Greenwich Meantime (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), Dyfed-Powys Police may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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