

2026 No. 219

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Appleby-in-Westmorland) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -

5th March 2026

Coming into force - -

3rd June 2026

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended gathering there of a large number of persons.

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) (Appleby-in-Westmorland) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 3rd June 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), beginning with 1600 hours on 3rd June 2026 and ending with 0900 hours on 8th June 2026 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,700 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.1 nautical miles centred at 543516N 0022943W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying with a permission issued by Cumbria Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

5th March 2026

Joe Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

(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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Appleby-in-Westmorland for the Appleby Horse Fair that is due to take place there on 3rd to 8th June 2026, inclusive. At the request of Cumbria Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted for reasons of the intended gathering of a large number of persons at that location.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

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

Full details of this statutory instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Thomas Shainberg, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, contactable on telephone number 03301 382515.