

Lasham Gliding Society Ltd – Deputy Engineer /BGA Inspector

Lasham Gliding Society Ltd is looking for a BGA Inspector to augment our busy in-house aircraft engineering team.

Lasham is the largest gliding club in the World. With a membership of over 700 people, Lasham boasts a sizeable club fleet of 16 gliders, 5 tugs and over 230 private gliders located on the club-owned airfield.

Located just to the South of Basingstoke (GU34 5SS), our modern club facilities are accessed easily from all directions.

Lasham Workshop. The Lasham workshop is a 625 m² purpose-built modern steel-clad hangar complete with professional certified paint spray facilities, tooling workshop and offices, with spare parts store, bonded store, and general storage available alongside the engineer's office on a mezzanine floor. Engineering staff consists of an in-place Chief Engineer (Senior BGA Inspector) and deputy inspectors, supported by an administrative assistant responsible for purchase of spares and consumables, ongoing workshop certification and maintenance of aircraft records (for our 2-seater fleet of Duo-discus, 5 ASK21s, 5 ASK 13s, club single-seat fleet of 3 Discus and 3 Astir / GROB single seaters, and a club Falke). Revamped considerably last year the well-lit and heated working floor space of approximately 500 m² is split into 5 bays with ample storage areas and shelving for each.

Role description: Lasham intends to expand the qualified aircraft engineer workforce and seeks an Inspector to assist the Chief Engineer in maintaining club and possibly tug aircraft. Engineers are expected to:

- ensure all practices carried out in the workshop are safe and H&S compliant.
- ensure that the working environment is of a suitable standard for the planned work.
- comply with the relevant regulatory, technical & operational requirements.
- maintain the Club Fleet and when practical, privately owned gliders under the supervision of the Chief Engineer in line with aircraft operational requirements agreed with the CFI.
 - carry out unscheduled aircraft maintenance as reported by members/instructors as efficiently as possible in order to maintain the required flying fleet.
 - provide time & parts estimates to administrative assistant for both Lasham fleet and external work.
 - Maintain work sheets for all work undertaken.

The Deputy Inspectors would also be expected to take an active role in marketing and promoting the LGS workshop facilities to both the LGS membership and external customers.

Qualifications:

The following attributes or Qualifications are **required**:

- BGA Glider Inspector: ARC Signatory requiring CAA Part 66 L1/L2 license (or equivalent) for pure sailplanes only.

The following attributes are **desirable**:

- Experience at complex repairs for which Lasham has the CAA List 1 status.
- Self-Sustaining Sailplane – L2 Part 66 license.
- Self-launching Sailplane & Touring Motor Glider – L2 Part 66 license.
- Wood Repair - formal accreditation or rating, or evidence of suitable hands-on experience.
- Composite Repair - formal accreditation or rating, or evidence of suitable hands-on experience.
- Active glider pilot
- Previous experience in a commercial aircraft workshop.

If not already qualified to maintain powered aircraft be prepared to work towards the relevant certification to allow tug maintenance in-house (have no restrictions on the Part 66 L2 ELA1).

Place of work/Working Hours/Holidays/Salary/Pension:

You will be expected to work from the main workshop at Lasham. Core working hours are 0830 – 1730 – (40 hours) spread over five days a week although you would occasionally be required carry out some duties outside of normal working hours. Holiday entitlement is 25 working days plus 8 public holidays (or days in lieu). The position comes with a competitive pay (negotiable according to experience) and benefits package, a generous contributory pension scheme and a food allowance in the restaurant.

Deadline: Suitable candidates will be considered and/or selected on receipt of application with CV. The selected candidate is expected to start work at Lasham as soon as possible.

Contact manager@lasham.org.uk for more details / to apply with CV.