

# **CIMA Plenary 2021**

## **Delegate's report** **GBR United Kingdom (Microlights)**



### **1) Introduction**

*Overview of activity since the last plenary meeting:*

*Participation in FAI Cat 1. competitions: None*

### **2) Sport in your country in 2021**

*Locally organized competitions: None*

*FAI CIMA records : none*

*Special achievements or awards : None*

*Colibri activity : None*

The BMAA also runs the Wings Scheme which is very popular:

<https://www.bmaa.org/information-library/wings>

### **3) Regulatory and legal issues**

The Air Navigation Order was changed in August 2021 to allow 600kg microlights. The BMAA is now working with aircraft suppliers to bring new, heavier microlights to the UK. We are calling these new aircraft 'Light Sport Microlights'.

The BMAA has collaborated with the Czech LAA and the German DULV to compare design approval codes. The result is that an aeroplane which meets the German/Czech design codes will only need to provide design approval information for the parts in the UK code that are different from the German/Czech codes. This will make the import and export of aircraft easier.

### **4) Statistics**

*Numbers of members in our association: 3891*

*Number of aircraft in permit: Approx. 1600*

We have a deregulated (SSDR) category with several hundred aircraft – these do not need an airworthiness permit.

*Accident statistics (2020): No fatalities*

### **5) Any other comments:**

The Chief Executive of the British Microlight Aircraft Association (BMAA), Geoff Weighell, retired after 15 years. He was replaced by Rob Hughes who had previously been BMAA Chairman.

Rob Hughes

BMAA Chief Executive <https://www.bmaa.org/>

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