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BRITISH KITE FLYING ASSOCIATION

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National Kite Group born at local school

Cokethorpe School has just hosted the first Council meeting of the newly formed British Kite Flying Association. This new organisation has been set up to support kite clubs across the UK.

Newly elected chairman Mark Bowlas explains: "This is the first time UK kite clubs have had an elected organisation to represent them. Currently BKFA has ten member clubs with most of the others supporting our aims. We hope over the next twelve months to bring the majority of the other clubs in the UK on board."

Mark added: "Although kite flying is generally such a gentle sport, there have been a couple of very tragic accidents over recent years. BKFA will be working with clubs, landowners and event organisers to make kite flying as safe as possible and to show how it is accessible to everybody."

Cokethorpe School provided facilities for this first ever Council meeting at which the Committee were elected. It was a vital first step and Jerry Swift who organised the meeting at the school said: "The surroundings were perfect and I am sure contributed to the success of this first meeting. Being kite fliers we all wanted a chance to fly a few of our kites so the location was ideal – the middle of the country, good links, good facilities for the meeting and splendid grounds to fly in afterwards."

Warwick Daniels, External Affairs Director at Cokethorpe added: "The school were pleased to make facilities available to BKFA and the chance to see some magnificent kites from some of the country's leading fliers was an added bonus. We hope we will be able to welcome them again in the future."

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