

GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

Aircraft Summary Sheet



TYPE	Prefect (Type 30a)
Manufacturer	Slingsby, Kirbymoorside, c/n 548
Year of manufacture	1948 (First flown Jun 1948)
Registration marks	BGA 599, ARK. G-ALLF. Merseyside states "later as PH1".. Dutch records say the glider was in Holland for 2 months late May to early Aug of 1951. However, there's nothing in the logbook to confirm this + it was definitely flying in the UK for much of the time when it was supposed to be in Holland. So a bit of a mystery. Possible it spent a very short time there as Slingsby did sell 8 Prefects to Dutch owners 1951/1952.
Airworthy	No, last CofA expired 10 Apr 2020, last flown at the time of writing 1 Sept 2019. Likely to be flying again in 2024.
History	This is the prototype Slingsby Prefect. First owner Glos GC, Staverton, from May 1949 to Oct 1952. Midland GC to Aug 1965 at least. Maybe short spell at London GC. Oct 1968 sold to Colin Street syndicate. At some point after 1979 the glider was owned by David Ballard but never flown. Dec 1991 bought by Neville Churcher. 1995(?), sold to K.Freeman/J.Hopkins.
Notable flights	On donation to the GHC 3214 hours in 14128 launches. Now 3226 hours, 14160 launches. A few X countries in its career.
Restoration history	Major restoration at Southdown Aero Services, Lasham (Ken Fripp) 1969. Recovered again 1992
Other	Kindly donated to the GHC Oct 2018 by John Hopkins. Arrived at Lasham 2 nd Oct 2018 having been trailed from Watchford Farm airstrip, near Honiton, by Richard Moyse. Unusual for a glider of this age in that the original logbook exists.



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G-ALLF in the second GHC hangar at Lasham (Colin Simpson)

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