

GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

Aircraft Summary Sheet



BG Gipsy 135	
Manufacturer	Birmingham Guild, construction number BGB5.
Year of manufacture	1973. First flight Aug 1973 and flown every year to 1977. Then a huge gap – no flights from 1978 until the next flight in 2002.
Registration marks	BGA 1921, CYV
Airworthy	NO, last flew Nov 2022. 326 hours from 453 launches. Exhibition piece, unlikely to fly again.
History	5 separate owners recorded from new, The first Dr P.Bradwell and the final one Stuart North in 2012.
Notable flights	Non recorded.
Restoration history	This BG135 came to the BGA on 16 Jan 2024. The intention was to get the glider flying again but a detailed inspection revealed very serious corrosion in the tail section of the fuselage. It “could” probably be repaired but would take an enormous amount of effort + difficulty in obtaining metal longerons of the right dimensions. So agreement reached with Stuart North that it would become the “Gate Guardian” for the GHC.
Other	Donated by Stuart North. During the spring and summer months the glider is the GHC “Gate Guardian” next to the peritrack to the north of the Chris Wills hangar.



BG135 as Gate Guardian

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