

# City Flyer

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Dornier Do228  
at City Airport  
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The Business  
and General  
Aviation airfield  
for Manchester”***

## Introduction

Welcome to this second edition of the **City Airport (Manchester Barton)** newsletter, titled ‘**City Flyer**’

Summer is the primary time to put in some major surface improvements, and this Summer has been no exception, with some significant works being undertaken.

We've had our usual share of interesting visitors, including a large Dornier Do228.

Unfortunately, our Open Day and Fly-In during May was hampered by bad weather, although despite this we still had an enthusiastic mix of public visitors to the airport, taking a peek ‘behind the scenes’ courtesy of the Barton Heritage Centre Airport Tours.

We are now looking firmly ahead to our next event, our Open Day and Fly-In in 19<sup>th</sup> September. We hope to see you there!

## Dornier Do228

The largest fixed wing aircraft ever to land at the airfield was the legendary Lancaster Bomber in 1946. However on 1st June we received a visit by a Dornier Do228 D-CMNX, operated by the airline Manx2.com.

The aircraft, which has space for two crew and 15 passengers, made easy work of Runway 09L.

The aircraft's STOL capability made the visit of the Do228 look quite straightforward!

Do you have any interesting information or views about the Airport?  
If so we want to hear from you!  
Email us:  
[info@cityairportmanchester.com](mailto:info@cityairportmanchester.com)

## Runway and Surface Improvements

Work commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> June to provide improvements to the surface of Runway 09R/27L. This allowed a substantial part of the runway surface to be re-profiled and to give additional improvements to the drainage.



Photo Nick Duriez

Whilst we hope disruption is kept to a minimum pilots can do their bit to help by ensuring that they have identified the correct runway in use when lining up and when established on final to land and that they clearly understand information published on the Computer/Web ATIS.

The newly laid turf is settling in nicely at present and so we expect the Runway will be ready to re-open toward the end of the Summer Season. Runway 09L/27R remains available throughout this period.

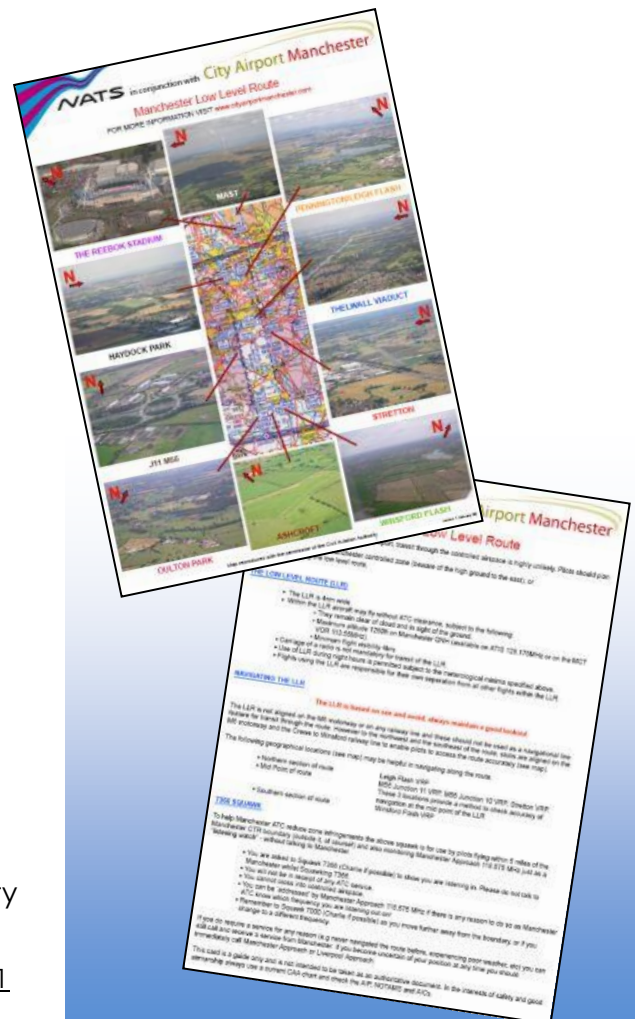
Other improvements completed recently include newly laid turf and re-enforcement matting at Holding Point A3. This has now established well and should ensure less taxiway closures in this area through the Winter period.

## Manchester Low Level Route Guide

City Airport enjoys a close working relationship with NATS at Manchester Airport – this includes both organizations participating in the **Manchester Lower Airspace Safety Team (LAST)**, hosted at City Airport.

One of the LAST's functions is to review recent airspace infringements and look for ways in which these can be avoided. As such NATS in conjunction with City Airport and local Flying Schools have produced a handy A5 size guide to the Manchester Low Level Route. This provides photographs of the VRPs along the route as well as describing the route itself, how to navigate it and the use of the 7366 'Listening In Squawk'.

You can download a copy from [www.cityairportmanchester.com/pilotinfo](http://www.cityairportmanchester.com/pilotinfo) today!



## Flying abroad this Summer ?

We can help you with filing the required GAR forms and Flight Plans for your flight. Simply contact the Duty Manager on 0161 789 1362 or for guidance, visit [www.cityairportmanchester.com/pilotinfo/index.asp?id=11](http://www.cityairportmanchester.com/pilotinfo/index.asp?id=11)

## Aircraft Shares

Did you know that you can view aircraft shares for sale on the City Airport Website?

Exclusively for aircraft based at City Airport, it's free to advertise your own share

Visit [www.cityairportmanchester.com](http://www.cityairportmanchester.com)

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## Ready for Departure? – Check...



Photo Mark Knowles

Once you are at the holding point and, having completed your pre-flight checks, are ready for departure, before you call on the radio and advise 'G-CD Ready for Departure' always make sure of the following:

**Turn the aircraft so that you can see the Runway Approach.** There's little point in calling ready only to be told 'Hold Position' when you can anticipate that anyway.

**Do not call ready until you can see that a gap in Final Traffic is available.** This saves unnecessary RT Time which enhances the smooth and efficient running of the airport.

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## Hangar Repairs / Restoration

Over the past 12 months, extensive internal repairs and restoration have commenced on the three main aircraft hangars at the airport.

This project work is ongoing on the hangars and will continue over the next 2 years.

Whilst around the hangars, you may see this work being carried out. Areas may be cordoned off at times. Please respect these cordons which are for the safety of pedestrians in the vicinity of the works.

Please contact the Duty Manager for any queries.

## Land After... ?

Picture the scene. You are on final for Runway 27R, an aircraft is ahead, and probably for a Touch and Go...

You continue your approach in anticipation, descending below 200ft.

As you approach the numbers, you realise the aircraft ahead has slowed right down and done a full stop landing. Decision...Go-Around or Land?

### What would you do?

When on final, it is your responsibility to decide upon your actions and to ensure the safety and legality of your flight. The FISO cannot issue a 'go-around' instruction, but will advise of traffic ahead or 'Runway Occupied' as appropriate.

### Remember the 200ft Rule ..

The Airfield Go-Around 'decision height' is 200ft. That means that you should not continue your approach below 200ft if:

- The approach ahead or runway is occupied or obstructed by aircraft, vehicles or personnel.
- You feel that the approach or landing is becoming unsafe.

If you do continue, as in the scenario above (which shouldn't happen if you've observed the 200ft Rule) then...

### Remember Rule 14 of the Air Navigation Order

***"a flying machine or glider shall not land on a runway at an aerodrome if there are other aircraft on the runway"***

(the exception being where an Air traffic Control Unit specifically authorises you to do so – this option is not available at City Airport).

### Make sure you are familiar with the Go-Around procedure at City Airport.

See our Pilot Handbook available from our website or from the Control Tower reception.

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### LAC Flying School

0161 787 7326

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### Mainair Flying School

0161 787 9034

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### The Manchester Helicopter Centre

0161 787 7125

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### Ravenair Flying School

0161 788 9911

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# Pilot Handbook

Did you know you can download your own copy of the  
Pilot Handbook from our website:

It contains useful rules and procedures for  
operating from the Airport. Free paper  
copies also available from the  
Control Tower.

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You will receive details recent news items, pilot safety information,  
rules and procedure changes and more.

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## Diary Dates

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009

#### Landing Competition

Organised by LAC Flying  
School in conjunction with City  
Airport, this competition is  
open to all entrants.

For information contact  
0161 787 7326.

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009

#### Aircraft Fly-In and Open Day

This year we are offering **FREE**  
landings to **ALL** based and  
visiting aircraft and helicopters  
(Visiting Heli MTOW 1200kg)

If you are flying away to  
another airfield, please take  
one of our posters (available  
from the Control Tower  
Reception).

More information and posters  
will be available soon from our  
website.



## STOP ! – SAFETY FIRST

We all want to enjoy flying and to  
do so in safety.

If you see something unsafe,  
ensure you do report it  
immediately.

### Key Points;

- Always ensure the area surrounding your aircraft is clear before starting engines – check you will have a clear route out from your parking position.
- Always wear high visibility jackets/ vests airside.
- Never run engines at high power where your prop wash blows in to open hangars
- Never allow your passengers or guests to walk unaccompanied airside.