

About Your LAA Coach

Sir Chris Harper



Chris Harper has recently retired from the Royal Air Force after more than 40 years' of service.

His flying career started with gliding when he was 16 year's old and then gaining a PPL, through an RAF Flying Scholarship, when he was 17. Having commanded at all levels of the RAF, Chris has more than 4700 hours of flying experience, with a wide variety of types in his logbook ranging from the Jaguar, CF-18 and Typhoon to the Berkut, Yaks, Vans RVs, Extras, and Chipmunk.

He has previously held a civil display authorization (solo and formation aerobatics) and been an instructor at the North Weald Yak/Extra formation schools. Chris qualified as a Certified Rating instructor in 2016 and became an LAA Coach later that year.

He is a long-time member of the LAA and is also a member of the Royal Air Squadron.

He co-built, owns and flies a Vans RV8 (G-NRFK) and completed the initial, aerobatic and autopilot certification test flying for that aircraft.

Chris is more than happy to assist with type conversions; test flying; tailwheel conversions; aerobatic, formation or farm strip training; biennial PPL revalidation, and with differences training (complex props/retractable undercarriage etc). He will also provide advice on flying and touring overseas.