

Press Release

Model aircraft enthusiasts land new home thanks to SBW

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Roger Harrington, SBW's Managing Director (centre) joins (left to right) Adrian Sharpe, Mike Roach, Bob Corfield and John Thompson of the newly formed Longham Reservoir Model Flying Group at their new flying home

Model aircraft enthusiasts are sky high after landing a new home described as “one of the finest flying sites in the country”.

Sembcorp Bournemouth Water (SBW) has given permission for members of Christchurch and District Model Flying Club to use Longham Reservoir.

Twelve members of the newly formed Longham Reservoir Model Flying Group are now using the location for their flying boats and floatplanes.

Group Secretary Mike Roach said: “The reservoir is the only fresh water location in southern England and is one of the finest sites in the whole country, being open and clear of all obstructions in all directions.

“We fly our flying boats and floatplanes there as often as conditions are suitable. On most calm and sunny days you will find a few of us there.

“We're hugely grateful to Sembcorp Bournemouth Water for allowing us to use such a fine location for the enjoyment of our members.”

Aircraft flown by members range from ready-to-fly models, which can be flown on the day of purchase, through to complex scale models which have taken months to design and build.

All the planes are radio controlled and powered by electric motors which are quiet to run and can easily be restarted on the water after a flight.

Roger Harrington, SBW's Managing Director, said: “We have always wanted to facilitate quiet enjoyment of our reservoirs by the local community. These models make almost no sound when flying.

“I am very pleased that we have been able to help this club to secure a superb location to carry on its members' passion for flying model aircraft. We wish them every enjoyment.”

New members are always welcome for the group. Full details about Christchurch and District Model Flying Club can be found on its website at www.cdmfc.org or email Mike Roach at roachfoxwood@aol.com