

The HeliPad's Helifest Day on the 18th July 2021

I was pleased to visit the HeliPad event on the 18th July and was made most welcome. For information the club was formed in 1996, they are a small club based on the South coast of the UK who fly from a field just North of Portchester / Fareham in Hampshire. The weather on the day could not have been better, the sky cloudless with only a gentle breeze. (See the Drone shots later in this report.)

The club flies most types of RC helicopters with general sport flying being the main interest with the occasional aerobatics but no 3D. They fly mainly larger electric helicopters 450 size and above with some IC from .30 size to Turbines.



The turnout was impressive with around 54 helicopters of all shapes and sizes being on display and flying.



These two photographs give a flavour of the variation of models on display all waiting for a slot to fly from one of the three flight lines set out.

During the day one of the members flew a multi-rotor (Drone) to take some aerial shots two of which are included below.



Of particular interest to me were the 3 Chinook helicopters as I live in Basingstoke the Odiham based Chinooks are often seen overflying the town. As can be seen all are work in progress but two flew, and impressive they were too.



The above pictures with the proud owners and the pictures below are of the models alone and one actually being flown by David Smith, this model he tells me will eventually sport the British Airways livery.



A view copied from Wikipedia to give a flavour of what David's Chinook it will look like once the final details have been added and the paint job completed.