

**2025  
EDITION**

**TIGER  
ELICOPTERS**



## **INFORMATION GUIDE**



**Call: 01568 708028**

**Email: [Info@tigerhelicopters.co.uk](mailto:Info@tigerhelicopters.co.uk)**

**[www.tigerhelicopters.co.uk](http://www.tigerhelicopters.co.uk)**



---

## *Contents*

Page 1 – Our Team.
Page 2 – Tiger Fly Away's.
Page 3 – Why Tiger Are Different.
Page 4 – What Can You Do With a Private Helicopter License?
Page 5 – Which Helicopters Will I Get To Fly?
Page 6 – How Long Does The Private Helicopter Course Take?
Page 6 – What To Expect On The Day?
Page 6 – PPL Flying Experience.
Page 6 – PPL Flying Breakdown.
Page 7 – Ground Training & E-learning.
Page 8 – Helicopter Training Exercises.
Page 9 – CAA Medical Requirements.
Page 9 – Minimum Age.
Page 9 – Maximum Weight.
Page 9 – Maintain Your Licence.
Page 10 – Trial Lessons & Air Experience Flights.
Page 11 – Price List PPL (H) Dual Instruction.
Page 12 – No Hidden Extras.
Page 13 – Self Fly Hire Price List.
Page 14 – Advanced Courses.
Page 15 – CPL (H) Flying Breakdown.
Page 16 – Zero to Hero/Example Career Package.
Page 17 – Testimonials
Page 18 – How To Find Us.





# OUR TEAM

*Welcome to Tiger Helicopters. At Tiger, we pride ourselves on offering top-notch flight instruction tailored to your individual goals, whether you're embarking on a career in aviation or simply fulfilling your dream of taking to the skies and obtaining your Private Helicopter License. Our team of experienced instructors are dedicated to providing comprehensive training that instills confidence and expertise in every pilot. From our state-of-the-art facilities to our diverse fleet of helicopters, we provide the ideal environment for you to soar to new heights.*



**Alan Ramsden**  
Founder - Head Of Training



**Fred Perry**  
Business Development  
Director



**Daniela Ramsden**  
Student Welfare Officer

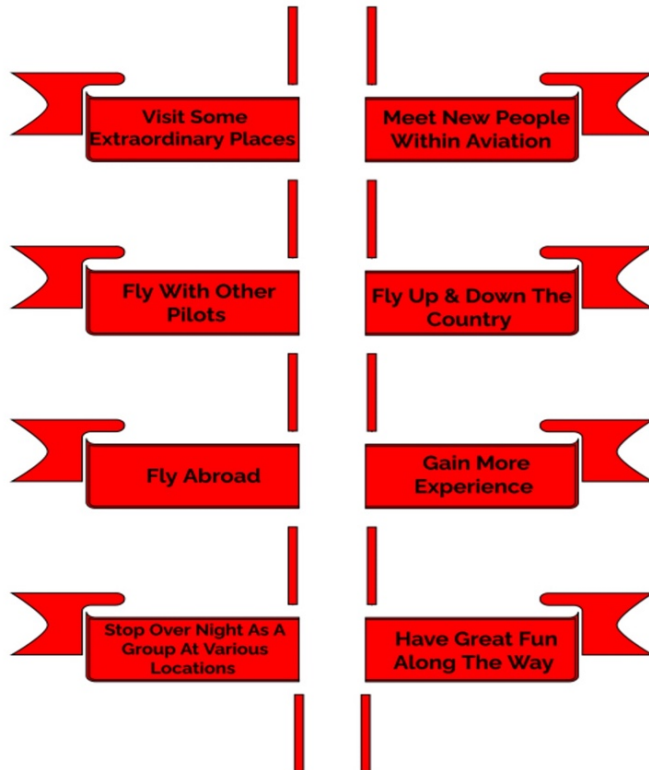


**James Davies**  
Senior Flight Instructor



**Jane Preece**  
Accounts Manager





New  
**TIGER  
FLY  
AWAY'S**



Join our Facebook group for more information

Embark on a journey of camaraderie and adventure with Tiger Fly Away's! Our Fly Away's are designed for students, past graduates, and people in and around aviation, from all corners of the country to come together, socialise, and share the joy of flying. Connect with like-minded individuals, build meaningful friendships, and explore captivating destinations—all while indulging in the exhilaration of flight. Be a part of the excitement and stay informed about upcoming Fly Away's by joining our Facebook group @TigerFlyAways. Come and elevate your flying experience with us!







# WHY TIGER ARE DIFFERENT





## Best Services


 Fly extremely well maintained aircraft throughout our whole fleet.

 Job placement assistance.

 Transport and accommodation available.

 Highly qualified training staff.


 Intensive courses available.


 A personalised career plan for each individual.


## About Us

Tiger Helicopters are one of the UK's leading Aviation Schools for PPL and CPL courses for Helicopter Training.

## Why Choose Us?

 Ideal training location over the beautiful Herefordshire countryside.

 Friendly Airfield without long holding times which is great for training.

 Flexible scheduling to suit you.



# SO...

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PRIVATE HELICOPTER LICENSE?



There are over 3,000 listed places to land Helicopters in the UK including hotels, clubs and racecourses, not forgetting all the airports.

There is even an app called 'Helipaddy' which lists most sites worldwide suitable for helicopter landings.

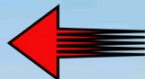


# WHICH HELICOPTERS WILL I GET TO FLY

Helicopter tuition is carried out in the Robinson R22, Robinson R44 or the Bell 206 JetRanger.



The Robinson R22 is a 2 seat, single engine, piston helicopter with 40 years in the training market. The R22 is one of the most popular training machines and certainly one of the most reliable.



The Bell 206 is a 5 seat, single engine, turbine helicopter. The Jet Ranger is an extremely popular & reliable machine. Being a jet engine helicopter, the time acquired flying this type of helicopter will contribute greatly towards a Commercial Pilots experience and increase job prospects.



## HOW TO GET STARTED?

Most people start with a trial lesson. They are a great way to get 'a hands on' experience of flying a helicopter with a fully qualified Flight Instructor sat next to you! You will also have the opportunity to explore our world class training facility & chat to other instructors & students.



## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

You may choose to book lessons on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. You can also block book days or weeks at a time. We can also schedule the training to suit your own requirements. Some of our students learn at weekends or in the evenings to fit around their jobs, others take the time out to train intensively in a short time period. If you choose to attend every day, five days a week, you should allow between six to eight weeks to complete your course.

## WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY

Our trial lessons includes a pre-flight briefing on basic helicopter procedures and aircraft controls, a pre-flight inspection as well as the start-up and shut down of the helicopter. In the air, you will be able to fly the helicopter yourself. Your instructor will introduce you to flying straight and level as well as how to turn, climb and descend. They will also introduce you to the art of hovering.

## PRIVATE PILOT'S LICENCE (HELICOPTERS) COURSE SUMMARY

### Flying Experience

The PPL (H) requires a minimum of 45 flying hours' experience in total; however, it is not unusual to take longer, between 55 – 60 hours would be about the average. If you already hold a current PPL(A) you are entitled to a slight reduction to the minimum required.

### The breakdown of hours is:

35 dual flying training hours (training with an instructor in the helicopter with you)  
10 supervised solo flying training hours  
45 flying hours is the minimum required, and the total will depend on you reaching the required standard to pass the PPL Skills Test.



# GROUND TRAINING AND E-LEARNING

At Tiger Helicopters, we will help guide you in your study towards the following CAA examinations which you will take here at Shobdon.  
There are nine Theoretical Knowledge exams which consist of multiple-choice questions and one oral examination for the Radio License.

## **Aviation Law**

This subject covers all the legal requirements for flying in the UK and Europe.

## **Operational Procedures**

Air and safety procedures.

## **Helicopter Aircraft General Knowledge**

Understanding the mechanics of the helicopter.

## **Principles of Flight**

How and why does a helicopter fly.

## **Navigation & Radio Aids**

The art of planning a route to arrive at your destination safely and on time.

## **Meteorology**

This subject covers basic principles of weather and introduces you to all the information available for pre-flight planning

## **Human Performance and Limitations**

Knowing your own physical limits and restrictions with relation to flying.

## **Flight Performance and Planning**

The loading of the aircraft and its limitations relative to the conditions of the day.

## **Communications**

Learn how to communicate with air traffic control and other services using the aircraft radio.

## **Flight Radiotelephony Operator's Licence Examination**

An oral one-to-one test with a flight radio examiner.



## **HELICOPTER TRAINING EXERCISES**

During your flight training you will complete the following 30 Exercises as per CAA Regulations. These will teach you all the skills required to safely pilot the Helicopter.

- |                  |                                                                                                                     |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1 &amp; 2</b> | <b>Familiarisation with helicopters, pre and post flight actions and all Safety procedures (Ground briefs only)</b> |
| <b>3</b>         | <b>Air Experience – Your first flight</b>                                                                           |
| <b>4</b>         | <b>The effects of the controls in forward flight</b>                                                                |
| <b>5</b>         | <b>Attitude, speed and power changes</b>                                                                            |
| <b>6</b>         | <b>Straight &amp; Level flight</b>                                                                                  |
| <b>7</b>         | <b>Climbing</b>                                                                                                     |
| <b>8</b>         | <b>Descending</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>9</b>         | <b>Turning</b>                                                                                                      |
| <b>10</b>        | <b>Basic Autorotation's</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>11</b>        | <b>Hovering</b>                                                                                                     |
| <b>12</b>        | <b>Take-off and Landing</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>13</b>        | <b>Transitions from hover to climb and approach to hover</b>                                                        |
| <b>14</b>        | <b>Circuit, approach and landing</b>                                                                                |
| <b>15</b>        | <b>First solo flight</b>                                                                                            |
| <b>16</b>        | <b>Sideways and backwards hover manoeuvring</b>                                                                     |
| <b>17</b>        | <b>Spot turns</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>18</b>        | <b>Hover OGE and vortex ring</b>                                                                                    |
| <b>19</b>        | <b>Simulated Engine off landings</b>                                                                                |
| <b>20</b>        | <b>Advanced autorotation's</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>21</b>        | <b>Practice force landings</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>22</b>        | <b>Steep turns</b>                                                                                                  |
| <b>23</b>        | <b>Transitions</b>                                                                                                  |
| <b>24</b>        | <b>Quick stops</b>                                                                                                  |
| <b>25</b>        | <b>Navigation</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>26</b>        | <b>Advanced take offs, landings and transitions</b>                                                                 |
| <b>27</b>        | <b>Sloping Ground</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>28</b>        | <b>Limited Power</b>                                                                                                |
| <b>29</b>        | <b>Confined Areas</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>30</b>        | <b>Basic instrument flight</b>                                                                                      |



## **KEY NOTES**

### **CAA MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The PPL (H) applicant must have a valid Class 2 Medical Certificate. We have a local Doctor who is an Aviation Medical Examiner and can issue the required Certificate. Please get in contact with us for further information.

### **MINIMUM AGE**

Experience gained from the age of 14 years can count towards your UK CAA PPL (H) application, however an applicant for the PPL(H) must be at least 17 years of age.

### **MAXIMUM WEIGHT**

With the R22, the maximum pilot weight is 240lbs (17stone or 109Kg), The R44 has a maximum pilot weight of 280lbs (20 stone or 125kg) and the B206 doesn't have a specific limit.

### **MAINTAIN YOUR LICENCE**

Once you have obtained your PPL (H), it is important that you remain current. It is therefore a CAA requirement that you fly a minimum of 2 hours per year, as well as take an annual proficiency check to keep yourself current.



## **Trial Lessons & Air Experience Flights**

R22 - 30-MINUTE TRIAL LESSON .....	<b>£225.00</b>
R44 - 30-MINUTE TRIAL LESSON .....	<b>£325.00</b>
B206 - 30-MINUTE TRIAL LESSON .....	<b>£375.00</b>
R22 - 20-MINUTE AIR EXPERIENCE FLIGHT .....	<b>£155.00</b>
R44 - 20-MINUTE AIR EXPERIENCE FLIGHT .....	<b>£288.00</b>
B206 - 20-MINUTE AIR EXPERIENCE FLIGHT .....	<b>£312.50</b>

*Please note that we offer longer flights, please get in touch  
for further information.*





## CURRENT PRICE LIST 2024

### PRIVATE PILOT COURSE (R22)

PPL DUAL INSTRUCTION (HOURLY RATE) .....£450.00

(10-HOUR BLOCK RATE) ..... £400.00

### PRIVATE PILOT COURSE (R44)

PPL DUAL INSTRUCTION (HOURLY RATE) ..... £720.00

(10-HOUR BLOCK RATE) .....£650.00

### PRIVATE PILOTS COURSE (B206 JET RANGER)

PPL DUAL INSTRUCTION (HOURLY RATE) .....£950.00

(10-HOUR BLOCK RATE) ..... £860.00

### PRIVATE PILOTS COURSE PRICE

ROBINSON R22 (45HOURS/PLUS VAT) .....£18,000.00

ROBINSON R44 (45HOURS/PLUS VAT) .....£29,250.00

BELL 206 JETRANGER (45HOURS/PLUS VAT) ..... £38,700.00

**THE SKY IS NOT  
YOUR LIMIT**



## PRIVATE PILOT COURSE NO HIDDEN EXTRA'S!

CAA LICENSE ISSUE FEE .....	£202.00
EXAMINERS FEE FOR THE PPL SKILLS TEST .....	£350.00
FLIGHT BAG (INC CHART & NAV EQUIP.) .....	£295.00
INSTRUCTOR SERVICES (HOURLY RATE IF LEARNING ON YOUR OWN A/C) .....	£120.00
LANDING FEES AT OTHER LOCATIONS .....	AT COST
LANDING AND CIRCUIT FEES AT SHOBDON .....	FREE
PPL(H) EXAMS (EACH) .....	£40.00
GROUND SCHOOL TUITION, (OPTIONAL) (HOURLY RATE) .....	£45.00
ENROLMENT AND INSURANCE EXCESS WAIVER .....	£200.00





## SELF FLY HIRE / HOUR BUILDING RATES

*All prices correct on 1st February 2025 and subject to  
VAT at the current rate.*

R22 SELF-FLY HIRE (HOURLY RATE) .....£385.00

(10-HOUR BLOCK RATE) ..... £350.00

R44 SELF-FLY HIRE (HOURLY RATE) .....£680.00

(10-HOUR BLOCK RATE) ..... £600.00

B206 SELF-FLY HIRE (HOURLY RATE) .....£850.00

(10-HOUR BLOCK RATE) ..... £760.00

*\*Lower rates may be available subject to larger  
numbers of hours being deposited.*





## ADVANCED COURSES

The majority of your training will be carried out within about a 30 mile radius of Shobdon. We fully appreciate that once you achieve your PPL(H), you may want to broaden your flying horizons & keep challenging yourself! With this in mind, we offer additional, flexible, dual courses aimed at continually improving your skill and experience as a pilot, as well as taking in some stunning scenery and having lots of fun!

### Introduction to Mountain flying

This 2-day course consists of 5 hours flying and all relevant ground schooling to teach you the basics of safe & enjoyable flying in and around mountainous areas. The course initially takes in the Black Mountains near Hay-on-Wye before moving onto the Welsh Mountains and Snowdonia with a refuel (and lunch!) stop at Caernarfon.

### Advanced Navigation

This 4-day course is designed to hone your skills in both planning and executing flights through controlled airspace, military airspace and finally, the London Heli Routes! The course consists of 10 hours flying and all relevant schooling & briefings to enable you to confidently fly through airspace you may previously have avoided and most excitingly, 2 flights through the London Heli Routes. Although challenging, flying the London Heli Routes will be one of the most rewarding flights you will ever fly & certainly one of the most scenic!

### Foreign Flying

Conquered the Heli Routes? How about another country...? We can create a bespoke course to teach foreign flights with schooling and briefings to cover issues such as long water crossings & crossing international boundaries. Flights to France can easily be arranged - Le Touquet being a popular airfield to fly to or perhaps Deauville if you are interested in a flight over the Normandy Beaches. Or you might elect to head west to the Isle of Man & Ireland.



## **CAREER PACKAGES**

### **YOUR CAREER IN HELICOPTER FLYING**

Interested in becoming a professional helicopter pilot?  
This is made incredibly easy with Tiger Helicopters.

Having obtained your PPL (H), you must now acquire further experience to advance your career and become qualified to earn money as a Helicopter Pilot.

### **HOURL BUILDING**

Your next step in gaining further experience is hour building. This is the term used in the industry to describe an approved and structured programme, which enables you to achieve the pre-entry requirements for the Commercial modular course.

#### **These are:**

- 155** hours' total time in the helicopter
- 50** hours must be pilot in command
- 10** hours' cross country flying (Aeroplane licence holders are entitled to a reduction in these hours).

During your hour building you will increase your skills as a helicopter pilot. You will undertake many flights around the country, experiencing flight in controlled and military airspace. You will also practice and perfect normal manoeuvres.

As part of your pre-entry requirements, you must have passed the commercial ground exams. We would strongly recommend that you study for these exams alongside your hour building & we can advise you on which school to study with.



## **EXAMPLE OF A FULL CAREER PACKAGE (Using the R22)**

This is an approximate guide price using CAA minimums for each course and includes the complete PPL, Hour-building & CPL Modular Course. (The final price will be subject to individual student performance and future price changes)

Total: £72,250.00

ATPL Ground School Course (six months full time home study) £5,200.00

Total: £77,450.00

### **ADVANCED TRAINING COURSES**

**TYPE RATINGS** (To add additional Helicopter types onto your License)

The Single Engine Type Rating Course consists of a minimum of 8 hours of Ground instruction, 5 hours of Flight instruction on the specific Helicopter Type, and then a Skills Test with an examiner.

### **COMMERCIAL MODULAR COURSE**

The Commercial Modular Course consists of a minimum of 30 hours of Flight instruction and 5 hours of Night Flight instruction (35 hours total)

### **FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR COURSE**

The Flight Instructor Course consists of a minimum of 30 hours of Flight instruction and 125 hours of Ground instruction.

The current advanced payment rate for the Commercial and Flight Instructor Courses using the R22 is £450 (plus vat). Prices for courses conducted on other aircraft types are available on request.

All prices correct from 1st February 2024 and subject to VAT at the current rate.

Students are given 10 months (prices guaranteed to be held) to fly the block hours paid for, after which a price review might be required.





## TESTIMONIALS

**Here's what some of our current/most recent students have achieved whilst doing their training with us at Tiger.**

Lauren Waring -

Lauren successfully passed her PPL (H) with us. Not only has she mastered the skies as a helicopter pilot, but Lauren has also spread her wings as a proficient fixed-wing pilot too! The passion for aviation doesn't stop there – her father, Gary, is currently undergoing helicopter pilot training with us too, showcasing a remarkable family commitment to the world of aviation...



Ryan Ward -

Ryan achieved a remarkable milestone by successfully passing his CPL Skills Test! Presently, he is soaring to new heights as he navigates a fleet of diverse AW109 helicopters within the Helicopter Charter Industry.



Darren Staples -

Darren successfully completed his PPL (H) with us doing his whole course on the Bell 206 JetRanger. Darren has worked really hard to perfect his flying skills and was complimented by his examiner on how well he completed each and every exercise. Congratulations Darren!



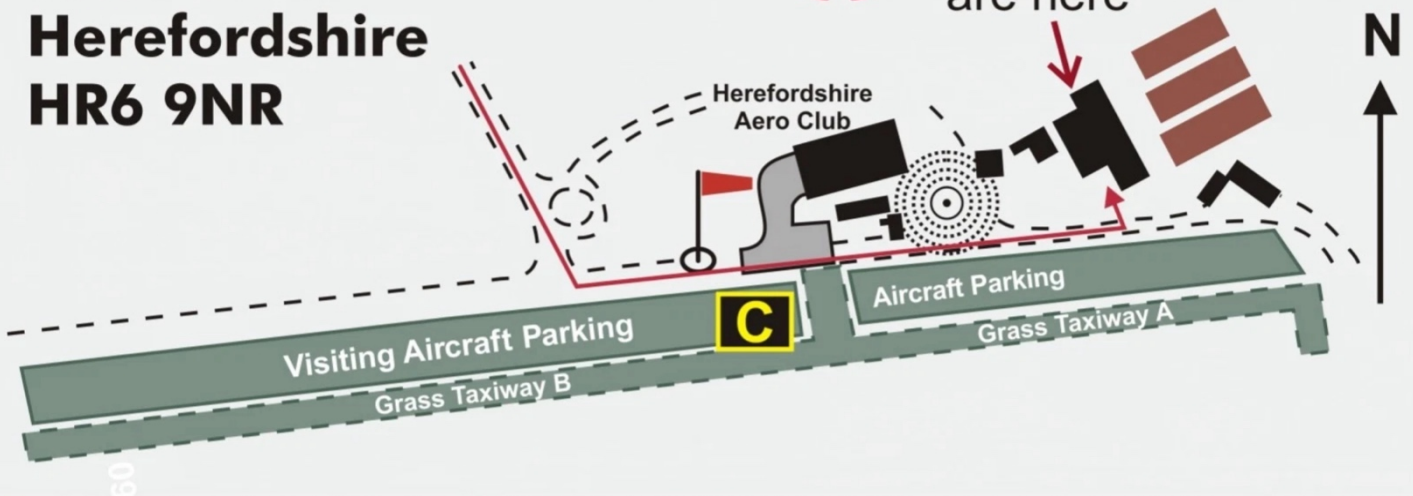




*When arriving at the Airfield by car, please follow the signs directing you to "Tiger Helicopters."*

**Shobdon Airfield**  
**Leominster**  
**Herefordshire**  
**HR6 9NR**

**TIGER**  
**ELICOPTERS**  
are here



@tigerhelicopters

