

FILMING WITH DRONES

Advance permission is required to fly a drone over any Museums Worcestershire sites. This includes The Commandery, Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum, Worcestershire County Museum and the Collections Centre.

This document outlines Museums Worcestershire's policy on the use of unmanned aircraft and the relevant Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) regulations.

WHY DO WE LIMIT THE USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT DRONES?

Our museums are open to the public including visitors, museum staff, staff from other organisations and school children

Many of our sites are listed buildings

We wish to be considerate of our neighbours which include private houses, businesses and schools

The presence of unmanned aircraft or drones can impinge on the enjoyment of visitors and neighbours and potentially present a public nuisance.

WHAT ARE THE KEY CAA REGULATIONS?

<https://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Model-aircraft-and-drones/Flying-drones/>

Civil Aviation Authority (or CAA) regulations state that drones should not be flown above or near to people. Our museums are publicly accessible spaces in constant use therefore unauthorised drone flying is illegal and potentially puts people at risk.

The CAA states that:

You must not fly within 150m of either a congested area or within 50m of people or properties/objects that are not under your control

You must not fly over 400ft above the ground

You must always maintain Visual Line of Sight (VLOS), i.e. keep the drone in direct line of sight.

CAA CERTIFICATION

Even if you are certificated you need to obtain permission to fly over Museums Worcestershire buildings and grounds.

To obtain permission you must be able to supply in advance:

- *Drone insurance*
- *A drone risk assessment specific to the flight*

- *A flight map, including launching / landing spots*
- *CAA authorisation (Flyer ID) and / or registration (Operator ID)*

For any commercial filming including via drones a charge will be made in accordance with fees and charges set by the Joint Museums Committee and Worcester City / Worcestershire County Councils.

There is a fine of £700 for any unauthorised commercial use of images or video/film.

To enquire about seeking permission to fly a drone over Museums Worcestershire sites please email Helen.Large@worcester.gov.uk