

# **In to Ashton Wind**

Windmills On The Air operated by North Bristol Amateur Radio Club  
group on 11th - 12th May 2019

This is clearly an article rather than a report as simply the whole event lacks of underlying argument. Likewise, being a social , educational and competitive presentation, aimed towards promoting wireless radio communication.

## **May is the day**

Having geared up with a club high technological radio equipment we headed towards Somerset where a historical windmill, fully renovated and in its overwhelming glory ,access us shadow: where from the magic begun....

While this is a time of year when weather expected to being kind. We raised our antennas high, set up transmission station and an electricity supply. This all is very cleaver allowing safely for radio communication outdoors.

## **There's no limits**

As windmills on the air is the well known radio amateur event, we managed to contact competing local stations. In contrast , by local station I mean people operating from UK. Number of station reply to our calls, wherever they competed or not and every each of them reported having really good time. Although the radio dialogue have its own rules , it's also pretty open to general chat.

Our communication set allowed for long distance contacts and as such we managed to contact other amateurs internationally, mainly in far end of eastern borders. Russians and Italians were very busy , they have been contesting alone.

## **Everyone is welcome**

The focal point of our station was a purple gazebo. The equipment and radio voices created interest in people visiting this site. People there seems to be curious, however reluctant towards approach. Nevertheless, our well spoken club members greet bystanders explaining all brass tacks.

## **Excitement**

Being a fairly new club member I had a opportunity to use radio for a distant contacts. With help from my colleagues I managed to dialogue with far stations, recalling enormous excitement while performing this.

At the beginning of second week in May this historical windmill surrounded by appealing sounds of Morse transmission and voices magically spell by NATO alphabet created a site to see and experience.

As this is an annual event keep eyes opened and ears tuned for next year news about repetition of Ashton Windmills On The Air. And hopefully see you all there. 73

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P.s This place is a habitat to astonishingly white horse who happen to be SWL and enjoyed event as anyone else.

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