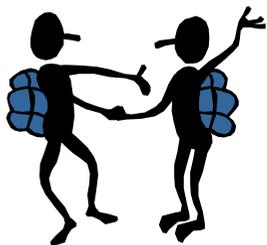


Amateur Radio

Amateur radio is an exciting and varied hobby that is every bit as relevant in the hills as at home. Licensed Radio Amateurs can communicate with people all over the world—often using very simple, low power radio equipment. The hobby is hugely varied with some people enjoying communicating while others enjoy the technical challenges of building their own radio stations! Amateur Radio is a hobby for everyone from 7 to 70 and beyond!



Your local radio club can be contacted at:



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Summits on the Air—a part of Amateur Radio



Summits on the Air (SOTA) is an award scheme for radio amateurs. Amateur radio is a hobby that allows radio amateurs (sometimes called radio hams) to contact each other—often over very long distances. Unlike many hobbies, you can't just go out and get some radio equipment to take part, you need to get a licence. These licences are issued by the Radiocommunications Agency.

So what is amateur radio?

Amateur Radio is a unique, fascinating and friendly hobby that captivates the interest of millions of people around the world. It encompasses a huge range of activities, from people communicating with someone down the street, operating portable radio stations on hilltops, right up to those talking to the International Space Station using the latest digital technology.



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Many Radio Amateurs are working at the cutting edge of radio communications technology whilst others prefer to talk to people from overseas or to build their own radio

Getting a licence

These days, getting an amateur radio licence is easier than ever. The Foundation Licence can be gained in a weekend and allows access to a huge variety of communications systems and facilities. Radio amateurs range in age from 7 to 90+ and with so many facets to the hobby, there is bound to be something of interest to you.

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