



# Amman Valley Radio Control Club



## The AVRCC Model Club

**AVRCC is a small, friendly, BMFA affiliated radio control club operating from the Maerdy Site, Gwauncaegurwen.**

AVRCC was established several years ago, and its aim is to halt the progressive decline in interests of radio control modelling and to encourage newcomers, especially the younger generations, to the excitement of R/C Model Flying.

AVRCC has members of all ages ranging from 10 up to 70 and over. There are also several disabled members and even some lady modellors.

AVRCC has developed a structured training programme to suit all ages, and has a team of dedicated instructors, who devote the maximum amount of time to the needs of the beginner. AVRCC has its own training aircraft, and all newcomers are welcome to learn to fly with these aircraft, whilst they decide on a suitable model for themselves.

Over the last few years, AVRCC has been awarded several small Youth Training Grants from the local Sports Council, Carmarthenshire County Council and Celtic Energy to enable us to continue with our training programme.

In 2005/6 AVRCC was awarded a substantial grant from Communities First to develop our activities at the Maerdy Site and secure the Club's activities for the foreseeable future.





## Communities First funding and how it has helped us.



The Communities First grant has enabled AVRCC to concentrate on 3 distinct areas of development.

1. Improved all weather access to the flying site with a particular focus on access for disabled members.
2. A Club cabin / storage container and toilet facilities.
3. Training aircraft and equipment.

AVRCC has been able to prepare a suitable hardcore surface for vehicular access joining to the existing road and enabling members to drive to, and park safely behind the pits area and flight line. Vehicles are no longer required to cross the take-off area to reach the parking area.

A 20 foot secure storage container was purchased to act as a Club house and storage. It has been fitted out with toilets especially for our female and disabled Club members.

The Club also purchased two Almost-Ready-To-Fly training aircraft complete with engines, computerised radio equipment and buddy training leads.



## Communities First funded training facilities.

Seen below are two of our junior members who have benefited from the training facilities to 'solo' standard and now enjoy the sport of model flying with their own aircraft.

One of our disabled members has recently successfully completed his first solo flight. This would not have been possible without the new training facilities that the grant has enabled us to purchase. Anyone interested in participating in Model Flying and has contacted AVRCC, is offered a trial flight using the new training aircraft and computerised 'buddy' training equipment. All training is offered to Club members without charge for the duration of their training.

