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**(Sussex Flying Club is taking flight with new aviation film)**

**(Trainee Pilot from Horsham to star in upcoming documentary at Brighton City Airport)**

In a new documentary being made with Sussex Flying Club, a former Horsham Collyer's student will train as a private pilot and be filmed as she progresses through the course.

Beth Moran, 20, from Horsham, is to receive training for her Private Pilot Licence (PPL) following a partnership between the Sussex Flying School at Brighton City Airport (at Shoreham) and Sussex based film company, Fact Not Fiction Films.

Beth said: 'While it's always something I've wanted to try, I never expected that I would learn to fly or that I would even get the chance to. It's so exciting; I received a trial flight lesson in December as a Christmas gift, took that lesson and absolutely loved it. I'm hoping this film will inspire other people to learn to fly and I'm thrilled to be a part of it'.

The new documentary, entitled *Learning to Fly*, will follow Beth Moran on her journey and will reveal the highs and lows of someone learning a whole new skillset.

Tristan Loraine, the documentary director and retired British Airways Captain said, 'Flying is a really exciting hobby and can be as real as it gets. There are few things that can compare to the excitement of being a pilot and seeing the world from above. This film will really get inside the head of someone entering the unknown and pushing themselves to learn new skills. Beth will have to deal with new challenges on a daily basis and we will be able to capture what promises to be an exciting journey.'

The course consists of 45 hours of flight training, a minimum requirement set out by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), 9 exams that all demand a 75% pass mark and finally a flying test. All of this will happen with the Sussex Flying Club, based at Brighton City Airport, which recently featured in the BBC Film 'The Woman in Gold' starring Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds.

A spokesperson for Brighton City Airport said, 'This documentary will be great for showing what goes on at the airport. We have a range of activities here including a leading commercial pilot training school and various businesses but our focus is mainly on business and general aviation. With lots of smaller regional airports closing, we want Brighton City Airport to continue to thrive; we are one of the busiest airports in the UK

in terms of movements and we want the airport to remain as an airport, first and foremost’.

Beth had her initial Trial lesson in December 2015 and started her training earlier in March this year.

There are two types of aircraft generally used by those taking the course, the Cessna 152 and the Piper Warrior. The Cessna is smaller and typically those learning to fly won’t convert to the Piper until they have obtained their PPL. Beth will be learning in the Piper Warrior.

Beth added, ‘The Piper is definitely more powerful but any concerns I had at the start soon disappeared. The instructors are very experienced. I completely trust the aircraft and all its equipment. I would really recommend, to anyone who has considered learning to fly, to have a trial lesson and watch the documentary so they can see if it’s a hobby or career they want to pursue’.

The *Learning to Fly* documentary will be completed later this year and is also being supported by Pooleys Flight Equipment, Garmin, BOSE, Glider FX and Centreline Aviation Medical Services. More information on the film, regular video updates and details on how to learn to fly can be found on the Sussex Flying Club website and social media at:

[sfc.ac/learning-to-fly/](http://sfc.ac/learning-to-fly/)

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