

Coventry Airport: Safe local operations

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- > Due to the complexities of adjacent CAS pilots are reminded to **remain outside controlled airspace unless specifically cleared to enter by Birmingham ATC.**
- > The **base of the Birmingham CTA** is **1500 feet QNH** - 1233 feet QFE overlaying the Coventry ATZ.
- > The **portion of Coventry's ATZ that lies within the Birmingham CTA** is **under the control of Birmingham ATC**, not Coventry ATC.



Joins and approaches

- > **Overhead joins are not possible** as Birmingham CTA2 lies over Coventry Airport.
- > For **Runway 23**, route via Draycote Water VRP and join on **left base**.
- > For **Runway 05**, route to Southam VRP and join on **right base**.
- > **Straight in** approaches are available **on request**.
- > Always **give way to circuit traffic** as appropriate.

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Coventry ATS allocated conspicuity squawks

- > Aircraft **in communication** with Coventry ATS may be allocated conspicuity **squawk 0420**.
- > Aircraft remaining **in the circuit** will be allocated conspicuity **squawk 7010**.
- > Allocation of either of these conspicuity squawk does not constitute any radar service.
- > **Aircraft must not select squawk 0420 or 7010 unless instructed to do so by ATS.**



To reduce the risk of an airspace infringement

- > **Take 2** - When able, plan to remain at least 2 NM from the edge or 200 feet below the base of controlled airspace.
- > Think about **turbulence, thermic activity** and **skill fade** when the 200 feet distance may need to be increased
- > Local advice recommends allowing an extra margin and **levelling off at 1200 ft QNH**
- > **Think altimeter settings** - Birmingham CTA is based on QNH.
- > **Use Birmingham Frequency Monitoring Code** - (FMC) FMC 0010 / Channel 123.980 when operating near controlled airspace.

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