

Ollie Wells

Commercial drone operator

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Fully insured, qualified drone operator with authorisation from the Civil Aviation Authority (GVC, A2CofC).
Specialist in FPV (First Person View) film and photography

GVC

I hold a valid GVC (previously PfCO) remote pilot competency qualification, allowing me to carry out operations within the specific category; flights deemed greater risk to those within the open category.

I have undertaken the training and assessment to allow me to operate a drone legally and safely.

A2CofC

I am also a holder of an A2 Certificate of Competency allowing me to operate in the A2 subcategory of the open category (lower risk flights).

I'm able to fly my drone in more environments and scenarios, including in built up areas and with reduced separation distances from people.

Insurance

I have full commercial drone insurance with public liability cover to £5m, and in compliance with EC785/2004 regulations.

All equipment is insured and inspected for airworthiness before and after each flight, with digital pre-flight plans and post-flight records updated accordingly and available for review.

Operations Procedure

Each flight is planned beforehand. A site assessment is completed, taking into account specifics about the location such as ground hazards, legal requirements and safety procedures, alongside a flight risk assessment outlining mitigation procedures for any potential problems with the planned flight itself. Both the site assessment and flight assessment are documented and available to review before or after any flight.

Equipment

I use two drones for filming, each with strengths in specific scenarios and each with different filming styles. Raw footage can be provided, or colour grading & editing is available as an extra service.

DJI Mavic Air 2 S

Intelligent GPS drone

- GPS stabilised drone with altitude hold and optional autonomous flight modes
- Live camera feed on mobile phone
- 20 megapixel still photography
- Up to 5.4K gimbal-stabilised video
- Wide angle, higher altitude, documentary style footage

Reptile cloud "Cinewhoop"

First person view (FPV) cinematic drone

- Fully manually controlled drone (GPS emergency rescue system)
- Live FPV camera feed through operator-worn headset
- 12 megapixel still photography
- Up to 4K video
- Close proximity/indoor, lower altitude, immersive footage