

# Helicopters come to Docklands



**Established in 1987, Heli-Charter specialises in Helicopter Charter Trips in addition to Pilot Training, Film Work and Weddings.**

WHETHER IT BE FOR PLEASURE, BUSINESS OR even learning to fly yourself, Heli-Charter can meet all of these requirements and as such boasts clients throughout the U.K.

When the company started out it had just 1 helicopter and flew an average of 76 hrs a year. To date, the company has a fleet of 18 helicopters which includes the largest working fleet of 5 Bell Long Rangers and 7 Bell Jet Rangers. The rest of the fleet is made up with 4 Robinson R22s, 1 Robinson R44 and 1 Twin Squirrel. Overall, Heli-Charter clocks up 1000's of hours of flying time each year.

Heli-Charter currently employs 10 full time, 10 freelance commercial pilots/instructors and 10 general handling ground crew, all of whom are highly skilled in their respective fields.

The company offers a range of packages at affordable prices for both business and private customers.

A number of companies have become aware of the savings they can make by chartering helicopters to take staff to business meetings and other events and now regularly use Heli-Charter as a reliable and affordable travel option.

Because only flying time is billed there is no pressure for the customer to hurry through meetings in order to meet with travel deadlines.

Helicopter Pilot Training at Heli-Charter has also proved popular over the years.

A bank of highly qualified instructors can take students through from their first trial lesson to a full Private Pilots Licence, on to a Commercial Pilots Licence or even an Instructor Rating.



Operating a large fleet of helicopters guarantees having machines available for private lessons and self-fly hire.

A selection of courses are available for pilots once they have gained their licence.

Increasingly, people are using helicopters for special occasions such as Weddings, Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Sometimes it is even possible to fly directly from a customer's home, with people surprising loved ones with a helicopter trip to a restaurant or somewhere of their choice.

The Staff at Heli-Charter are happy to cater for individual needs and will sort out all the necessary permissions, safety procedures and insurance.

Heli-Charter are well established in the field of Corporate Events as they have worked on major events such as:

British Grand Prix – Silverstone;  
World Super Bike – Brands Hatch;  
Isle of Man TT; R&A British Golf Open at Sandwich, Kent 2003, and a 6 year contract starting 2005 at St. Andrews, Scotland;  
Ascot Races; Cheltenham Gold Cup;  
Epsom Derby; Eastbourne Air Show Festival & BBC Radio One Road Shows.

As helicopters provide such an excellent platform for aerial filming and photography,

Heli-Charter has become well established in this area.

They have served most of the leading film production companies and television channels including the BBC – Auction Man Documentary, Yorkshire TV – Emmerdale opening title sequences, Channel 4 & Meridian TV – News outside broadcasts, as well as filming for the national newspapers.

Because the company has its own camera mount and full harness facilities, for the cameraman and his equipment it makes Heli-Charter facilities quick and easy to hire.

A purpose built maintenance facility within the hangar at Manston, Kent is approved by the Civil Aviation Authority and provides a wide range of maintenance services as well as completing all types of helicopter refurbishment.

Moving into the hangar facilities at Manston Business Park in 2000 has seen the company double in size and Heli-Charter have recently opened a second branch of their training school at London Ashford Airport Ltd (Lydd) in Kent and a third branch at London Docklands in June 2005

They plan to continue their expansion programme to include more facilities and increase customer service and awareness.

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