



Case Study:

NIGHTLY DRONE PATROL SECURITY

Meadow Park Stadium



The Client



Boreham Wood FC

Sector

Sports & Events Security

Location

Meadow Park Stadium, Borehamwood,
Hertfordshire

Service Provider

Nightly Drone Patrol & Mobile Response

The Background

Meadow Park is a multi-use football stadium hosting competitive fixtures, academy training, and community events. Outside of operational hours, the club required an advanced and cost-effective security solution capable of monitoring a large, open site while minimising risk to assets and infrastructure.

To meet this requirement, a nightly drone patrol service was introduced to enhance visibility, coverage, and response capability during non-operational hours.



The Challenges

Key challenges included:

- ▶ Expansive stadium footprint with limited natural surveillance at night.
- ▶ Multiple access points including stands, perimeter fencing, and service areas.
- ▶ Increased vulnerability to trespass, vandalism, and anti-social behaviour after dark.
- ▶ Requirement for rapid verification of alarms without the need for 24-hour manned security.
- ▶ Need for clear evidence capture and detailed reporting.



Our Solution

We deployed a nightly drone-enabled patrol, integrated with mobile response support, specifically designed around Meadow Park's layout and risk profile.

Key elements of the solution included:

- ▶ Scheduled nightly drone patrol flights providing full aerial coverage of the stadium
- ▶ Thermal and low-light camera capability for enhanced night-time detection
- ▶ Rapid aerial assessment following alarm activations
- ▶ Targeted deployment of mobile response officers based on live drone intelligence
- ▶ Strong visible deterrence to unauthorised access
- ▶ High-resolution video and image capture for evidential purposes
- ▶ Detailed digital reporting after each patrol

Implementation

A detailed site assessment was completed to establish safe flight paths, launch zones, and patrol schedules in compliance with UK aviation regulations. Coordination with club management ensured drone operations aligned with stadium use and local considerations.

All drone patrols were carried out by trained and certified pilots, supported by clear escalation procedures and mobile response backup.

Results

- ▶ Full-site surveillance completed in minutes rather than hours
- ▶ Significant reduction in trespass and suspicious activity
- ▶ Faster and more accurate response to alarms and incidents
- ▶ Improved cost efficiency compared to static guarding
- ▶ Increased peace of mind for club management

The Conclusion

The introduction of a nightly drone patrol at Meadow Park has delivered a modern, effective, and highly visible security solution. By combining aerial surveillance with mobile response support, Boreham Wood FC benefits from enhanced protection, rapid incident verification, and comprehensive reporting, ensuring the stadium remains secure outside of operational hours.





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