

news release

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Shoreham Airshow Crash Inquest postponed until February 2022

The inquest into the deaths of the 11 men at the Shoreham Airshow Crash has been postponed until 2022 due to a High Court hearing taking place this autumn.

At the Pre-Inquest Review Hearing held on Monday 26 April 2021, the Senior Coroner ruled that she would now be making an application to the High Court to formally request permission to access certain "Protected material" used in the criminal trial in order to assist her with her investigation.

It is unfortunate that any High Court hearing will not be taking place until the autumn due to the pressures on the Court service.

The families have been informed that the inquest will be postponed from its October dates and the Coroner has provisionally secured a new date from Monday 7 February 2022 – Friday 18 March 2022.

West Sussex Senior Coroner, Penelope Schofield, said: "It is with regret that I have had to further postpone the inquest due to take place in October this year. However, it is not possible to continue with the inquest until the outcome of my application to the High Court is known."

The 11 men who died in the air crash, when a Hawker Hunter jet crashed during a display at the Shoreham Airshow on Saturday 22 August 2015, were:

- Maurice Rex Abrahams, 76 of Brighton;
- Dylan Archer, 42 of Brighton;
- Anthony David Brightwell, 53 of Hove;
- Matthew Grimstone, 23 of Brighton;
- Matthew Wesley Jones, 24 of Littlehampton;
- James Graham Mallinson, 72 of Newick;
- Daniele Gaetano Polito, 23 of Goring-by-Sea;
- Mark Alexander Reeves, 53 of Seaford;
- Jacob Henry Schilt, 23 of Brighton;
- Richard Jonathan Smith, 26 of Hove;
- Mark James Trussler, 54 of Worthing.

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