Building the F1BIU Transceiver

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Sources of Components

- Roger: PCBs
- Barend Hendrikson HF Elektronica BV:
 - Boxes, Neosid coils, ceramic Filters
 - SMC capacitors, trimmer capacitors, trapezoidal capacitors
 - •M66715, TSA511, 3SK183, BA479, BB405, BFR91a, BFY90, MC3356, Crystals
- GH Engineering: MAR-8
- Maplin: Resistors
- Rapid Electronics: The rest
- PIC code: F1BIUVictor Hassine

Costs

• For 2 transceivers: £365

• A lot of work so far!

Construction

- Notes by Jason Flynn G7OCD were useful
- Problems
 - •Box for receiver was not high enough should have got 40mm.
 - Managed to destroy TSA5511.
 - Tracks for trapezoidal caps near 3SK183 cut away.
 - Need BNC connectors with small intrusion into box.
 - Need metal spacer for RF module heatsink to avoid long legs.
 - •PIC needs timing capacitor increasing to 68pF to slow its clock otherwise display does not work.

Next Stage

- Connect Rx synthesizer control from Tx
 - Long wires suggested so Tx can be used to as signal source for Rx alignment.

No urgent demand for high speed radio links now that permanent Internet connections are cheap.