

Information Sheet for Wells City Archers Members

Emergency:

In an emergency call 999.

The post code for emergency services is BA5 1TU

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Club emergency contact: 07507 312454

Normal contact details:

secretary@wellscitvarchers.com

Club committee:

Email addresses for all committee members are available on the club noticeboard and the website.

Shooting times:

You are welcome to shoot at any time. However, there are some regular organised events that you are asked to work around - although most of them you are welcome to attend.

Sundays: Once a month tournament
Monday evening: Occasional beginners courses

Tuesday evening: Club night

Thursday evening: Next Steps coaching

Friday evening: Occasional beginners courses

Saturday morning: Junior club session

AGB Membership card

You should receive a membership card from Archery GB. Please keep this with you when you are shooting.

Coaching

Thursday nights are coaching nights - we call it Next Steps. There is also normally a coach availabe on Wednesday afternoons.

If you have just completed your beginners course, we especially recommend coming along to these sessions, so that you avoid picking up bad habits from the start. You will also get to meet a lot of fellow club members.

Juniors

We have a thriving junior section. Juniors have their club session on a Saturday morning 10am-12noon. Parents of juniors are welcome to shoot, but we do ask that other senior members avoid this time. Juniors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.

Facebook

Connect with your fellow club members by joining the Wells City Archers group Facebook page.



WhatsApp

Connect with your fellow club members by joining the Wells City Archers WhatsApp group.



Social events

We also have social events through the year - parties for Hallowe'en and Christmas - plus our annual Quiz. Details will be in your emails.

Communications

We regularly send out emails to all club members – and it is a condition of club membership that you are on our emailing list. Please read the messages when they come through as they will contain important information as well as details of events, tournaments and coaching dates.

If you do not receive a newsletter style email within the next fortnight please let us know as soon as possible and we will check your details on our mailing list.

Target Equipment

Foam targets are left outside permanently, most are on wheels and can be moved up and down the lanes to the required distance. Please ensure that the stands are staked down before you start shooting. All target faces should be put away tidily in the cupboard in the entrnce of the club house at the end of shooting.

Indoors please place the target faces either side of centre and shoot three arrows at a time only.

Shooting equipment

If you have any questions about your own shooting equipment please do ask the coaching team.

If you borrow club equipment, please put it away at the end of your shooting and report anything that may have got damaged.

Club house

We don't have any paid staff - so if you see something in the range that needs doing please get involved. We have a "Just One Thing" policy., where every time, after you shoot, you look around and find one thing to do to help keep the ranges tidy. Find a broom and sweep the floors, wipe down the kitchen surfaces, take home a full bin bag, even give the toilet a clean!

If everyone does something, then we spread the load.

Club house key

As a senior member, once you have your own equipment and have been assessed by a committee member or a coach, you can apply for a key for the clubhouse door.

Shooting on the field

For all bows shot off the fingers (recurve, barebow, longbow)

You may shoot:

Up to and including 60 yards on all 8 lanes Up to and including 70 yards on lanes 3, 4 and 5 only Up to and including 80 yards on lane 4 only

If you are shooting in lanes 1, 2 or 3 you are required to have another adult with you who does not shoot at the same time as you, and acts as lookout. As our overshoot area extends sideways beyond the fence - if anyone enters the area within 5 yards of the fenceline you must cease shooting immediately. It is therefore recommended that you shoot mainly on targets 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 if possible.

Compound bows shot with release aids are not allowed on our field.

When you are shooting on the outdoor range you MUST take the flag (windsock) with you, and ensure that it is flying for the duration of your shooting. When you finish, if you are the last one on the field, remove the flag and replace it in the clubhouse.

The flag is stored in the entrance lobby. The poles slot into each other, and the ends are colour coded - so just match the colours as you put it together. If you are unsure how it works - please let me know and we can arrange a demonstration.

The flag then slots into the tube on the fence post by the entrance to the range.

Shooting on your own

Archery GB Rules of Shooting state:

103. Numbers Present

- (a) When any shooting is in progress there must be a minimum of two people present each being a minimum of 18 years of age, one of whom may be a non-archer to act as a lookout. The archer is responsible to inform the lookout of all safety aspects applicable. Where two adult archers are present and shooting together they will alternate on the shooting line so that the non-shooting archer can act as the lookout.
- (b) Juniors. When junior archers (ie archers under 18) are shooting individually or in groups they must be supervised by an adult member of Archery GB and a second adult must be present.
- (c) On private land which is fenced all round, where the public has no legal right of access and with a warning notice displayed at all entrances and points of access, the following concessions may apply notwithstanding the provisions of 103(a) and (b) above:
- (i) Solo shooting by senior archers (ie archers 18 and over) is permitted. Any member shooting on their own is doing so at their own risk in respect of personal injuries.
- (ii) Provided that they are an adult member of Archery GB, one parent/guardian alone may supervise their own child(ren).

Tournaments

We run a competition every month (even in the winter). These are just for club members and are friendly shoots. Consider giving them a go sooner rather than later. Details will be in the emails we send out and you will need to enter in advance.

Golden Records

Golden Records is an online archery records website which stores and manages your scores. We encourage all club members to sign up for this - even if you are not yet ready to shoot a tournament.

To obtain your login for the club Golden Records account, simply complete our online form.



Classification and 252 badges

If you take part in the competitions and achieve certain scores you can claim a classification badge. These are graded archer and bowman third class, second class, first class. If you then shoot in external competitions you can claim master bowman and grand master bowman.

252 badges can be claimed for achieving a score of 252 at different distances.

These are national schemes run by Archery GB. If you want to know more about it read the handy information sheet, or chat with the Records officer,

The badges cost around £3 each.

Club shirts

If you would like to wear club apparel, you can order direct from:



Volunteers

We have fantastic members who also help with bigger jobs like line marking, boss maintenance, shooting equipment maintenance, etc - so if you would like to get involved in this too, please let us know.

Important notice

Should the ceiling of the range become damaged by an arrow, please follow this procedure:

- Do not touch the roof material or debris
- Do not retrieve your arrow
- Leave the range immediately
- Stop other people entering the building
- Close all doors behind you
- Call Mike on 07989 399420

There is a lot to enjoy at Wells City Archers You can take part in as much or as little as you wish. We hope you will be an integral member of this club and that we see you at our events and gatherings.

