

Wells City Archers

General Meeting Minutes

20 October 2025

Wells City Archers Club House

In attendance

Sue Matthews	Paul Grinham	Matthew Rowse
Pam Rowse	Connor Pinder	A Henderson
S Bassett	M Dunn	M Philliskirk
Nick Perkins	Thomas Hudson	Mark Pearson
George Govier	Many Thorpe	Jay Nickholds
Graeme Gillies	John Baker	Phil Ovens
Lynne Evans	Ken Hill	Jane Clulow
Andy Bartin	Richard Gregory	Sue E
Anton Bowers	James Fox	Alan Norsworthy
Chris Mitchell	Catherine Arter	Frances Eyre

Paul Grinham as acting Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence
Philip Dawson, Paul Hughes, Rob Walker, Dave Hudsmith, Clare Hudsmith, Alison Soars, Sheila Pickthorne
2. Minutes of last general meeting and extraordinary general meeting
Proposed by S Bassett. Seconded by M Rowse. Minutes were approved.
3. Matters arising
None
4. AOB
 - 4.1. Item proposed by Rob Walker: "is it worth having a Hall of Fame board or section in the clubhouse to include archers who have excelled such as Tony Usher, yourself, Susan Elkins, ... etc"
PG proposed this should be considered at the next ordinary committee meeting to agree criteria.
CP proposed that the criteria should be validated by an external party to avoid bias.
All present agreed to hand this matter over to the committee. Thanks were offered to Rob for the suggestion.
 - 4.2. GG asked What actions are we proposing to manage the diversity policy as outlined by Archery G. B.? In particular the actions relating to those who are disabled and would like to experience and enjoy archery.
PG responded that the AGB policy states:
This policy reinforces our commitment to providing equal opportunities and fairness for everyone and not provide less favourable facilities or treatment because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, national origin, religion or belief, or sex and sexual orientation (together known as the protected characteristics). We are opposed to all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

Wells City Archers is committed to supporting this policy and recent initiatives include:

(a) Membership form changed in 2023 to ask for preferred pronoun.

Committee will be discussing whether club tournaments will reflect the new AGB competition policy of having an “open” category – so gender does not have to be declared.

(b) In 2024 we introduced a system of asking disabled members what support (if any) they need to help them participate, and if there are any reasonable adjustments that the club could consider. We have no historic records, but since 2023 the disability membership has more than doubled.

(c) Gender – 29% of the club is declared female. Which reflects the status in most clubs. Wells now has more female coaches and it is hoped that this will encourage more female participants on the beginners course to join the club. We are also contemplating “lady only” evenings once a month to encourage participation.

GG responded that the website does not reflect the disabled shooting opportunities; and does not reflect the non-competitive element of shooting.

LE identified that women may not wish to walk alone in the dark for the women’s evening.

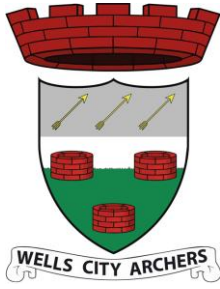
4.3. GG asked: Can the Sports Club be approached to continue the hard footpath along the front of the netball court. This would run from the Archery Hut to the outside range. Will our representatives reinforce this request?

PG responded that there are matters being considered by the WSC which cannot yet be disclosed. The path will be discussed.

4.4. GG stated: I would like to thank the cleaning team for the high standard of housekeeping in the clubhouse, but! I think we could make their job a lot easier if we move the “signing in book” into the front porch. This will eliminate the necessity for members, setting up and shooting outside, to enter the social area. The sock, target face and even the toilet can be accessed without the need to enter the “social area”. The reward will be cleaner floors.

PG responded that this will be carried forward to the next ordinary committee meeting.

Meeting was closed at 7.23pm



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Annual General Meeting

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1. President's remarks

The bigger picture – How does Archery work?

You've read the weekly newsletter produced unerringly by our Secretary – Sue Matthews – Thank you Sue.

All the club news, dates etc are there, but I would like to focus this time in my report on the bigger picture.

In the past six months you will have read of the success of our club members attending tournaments and Championships – it would be wrong to single out one star above many – you know who you are & I salute you for your success at County and Regional events.

There was a good turn out of WCA archers at the indoor championships, and at the Dunster shoots...

So how do you start to look at the calendar and decide what, where, and when... ask the question of our archers who have achieved success.. there is no great secret!

Start small... learn tournament craft, you've an insight from the club monthly shoots, the inter-club shoot with Kingston... then look for the club tournaments within the county, not so far to travel, and this is the best way to start on the most exciting part of our sport – and the friendships made, skills learnt medals to be won.

But...

Not everyone wants to 'compete'?

So, how do tournaments get organised, ask Matt organising the Marie Eden.. and then volunteer to be work party at a tournament such as the Somerset Championships in Dunster, a plea went out on the Newsletter from the Somerset Council seeking volunteers, it's very satisfying too!

Next... To Judge a tournament. Many tournaments have had to bring in judges from outside the county or region... there is judge training available, start as a Field Captain, and find that you can be part of the tournament scene, and enjoy the camaraderie – want to learn more – contact the County Judge Organiser

Be warned.. your could get hooked and travel far & wide

And finally, don't do what I do.. 40 years ago I wanted to know how things worked outside of just shooting at the club, and in competitions, attending meetings – club, county, region national and yes international... there's a role out there for you too!

2. And 4. Chairman and Secretary report

The club continues to go from strength to strength and so it is easy to report lots of areas of development from the last six months since the April GM.

Membership

Our membership is currently 100. Many members renew on 1 October, but this will be the first year when we will have staggered renewal dates for members who join through the year. Thank you to Sheila who has been managing this process.

Coaching

The coaching team has been busy. Next Steps sessions continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings

There have been three general beginners courses since the GM. Plus two beginners course specifically for Young Archers.

Over the summer Wells hosted an Archery GB Session Coach course where eight club members successfully completed their qualification – congratulations to all of them. We now have 18 qualified coaches in the club. This must be some kind of record.

Wells has also hosted a Development Coach course, and we can expect to have two newly qualified Development Coaches in the next couple of months.

Thank you to all the coaches who are contributing to beginners courses and next steps sessions. There are regular meetings of the coaching team with initiatives being planned for the coming year – so watch this space.

Club tournaments

The monthly tournaments were run over the summer months culminating in the second Club Championships. Many thanks to Paul for continuing to manage these.

There were also informal monthly 252 shoots – with many members achieving their badges over the summer.

The Maria Eden tournament was another great success – thanks to Matt and Pam for organising a great day and getting publicity for the club.

It was wonderful to see so many club members taking part.

This month sees the start of the indoor season and the Portsmouth and Frostbite tournaments. We will also be defending our championship position of the Somerset County Postal Leagues.

Inter club tournaments

Home and away matches were shot against Kingston Archers for a trophy made by a Kingston archer.

We lost the overall tournament by just one point. It was lovely to visit another ground and to host archers here.

Young Archers

Our Young Archers section continues to grow. These archers have been working towards their 252 badges and participating in the Young Archers Progression Scheme where skill and knowledge are also rewarded by badges. We are grateful to John and Dave, and the team of Supervisors for supporting our young club members.

External success

Some of our members have been venturing out to external tournaments over the summer and their successes have been recorded in the newsletters.

Notably Richard Gregory, Clare Hudsmith and Sue Elkins have returned with medals, trophies and silverware. Clare and Sue have also been shooting for, and representing, Somerset county – congratulations to them for their successes.

Records

Thanks to Matt and Golden Records many members have been able to monitor their shooting progress, achieve classifications and get club records.

Some members also achieved county records through the club championships.

Building

The building has continued to be maintained. Most things are working well.

We did attempt to make the roof more secure and watertight by employing a company to clean and then cover and seal the roof.

Due to the poor construction methods of the original roof, this did not work and we had to abandon the project.

The company did put sealant into some of the gaps which has helped keep the roof watertight. They also removed the ceiling tiles in the kitchen area which were soaked through. This has enabled us to identify sources of the leaks in that area.

Thanks to Mike and Dave for their hard work in this matter. The new committee will consider the next steps.

Cleaning rota

The cleaning rota is on the board and we are very grateful to those members who complete the tasks. Huge thanks to Mandy who organises and completes a lot of the cleaning. If you are not giving to the club in any other capacity – please take on a cleaning task - sweep the floor, wipe down the kitchen tops or sanitise the areas that members touch to stop germs from spreading.

Boss repairs

Thank you to the members who get involved to help repair the bosses. With so many members shooting so well, the bosses do need a lot of TLC.

White lining

Thank you also to Jay and the white lining team. The outdoor range has been looking smart over the summer months.

Socials

Meals and social gatherings at local pubs have given members a chance to socialise outside the club. The pub visits are every month and all members are welcome to come along. The meals happen more infrequently, but have included Italian and Thai this summer – thanks to Connor for organising them.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone who has taken part in events, tournaments and working parties; everyone who has helped clean, tidy and maintain the indoor and outdoor ranges; and thank you to all my fellow committee members who have worked hard behind the scenes over the last year. As I step down as secretary after two years, I wish the new incumbent and all members of the new committee good luck for next year.

3. Treasurer's report

The accounts for the year to Sept 30th were prepared in early October, independently verified and a copy has been made available to you if you wish to pass any comments or have queries.

The surplus for the year was a £2,458.

As ever the main source income was our membership fees with £11,689 being collected. £5500 of that related to renewals at the start of the year, and new members during the year, with a further £6,100 coming from the recent renewal period.

The second most significant source of income was our beginners courses which raised £3,682. 52 individuals took part over the year and a number have joined and have become active members of the club. This source of income would not exist without the contribution that the coaches have made in running and supporting the courses over the year. By my rough calculation there was probably in excess of 250 coaching hours over the year.

Hiring out the range to AGB has also been lucrative raising £1300 and I hope that the resulting unavailability has not been too intrusive.

No less important has been the funds raised from your donations made in the spare kit box, the vending machine and bulk purchase margin on some of the merchandise, in total a further £530 of income.

Expenditures

- Our “fixed costs” of rent, insurance and utilities was £4,569 (cf £5,116 in the previous year).
- Archery consumables mainly foam and faces was £1823, over twice the prev. year when foam was not available.
- Updating the kit we use for our courses and equipment used by all both consumed around £520.
- £845 was spent on maintaining the outdoor range : grass cutting, line paint and stand repairs.
- Alongside of these costs was £5,288 spent on the maintenance of this building and its contents.
- £4350 which was spent on the project to clean and seal the roof.
- £450 on the trestle tables and £195 on the window decals.

Aside from the roof works we did not have the numerous maintenance tasks that were such a feature of the previous year.

Budget

I have prepared a budget for the current year drawing on the experience gained over last year and at the moment it shows a surplus of around £10k.

It assumes a growth in membership similar to last year as well as similar rate of renewal as well as similar number of beginners passing through our courses, both reasonable assumptions at this end of the year.

At the moment the budget only includes day to day running costs. The budget will need to be completed by the new committee once they have formed and decided on the projects they wish to take forward in this year.

The independently reviewed accounts (attached to the minutes) were proposed by J Nickholds; seconded by P Ovens. All agreed.

5. Election of committee members

SM reported that every post received a nomination. However there was only one nominee per position. Therefore there will be no need for voting. The new 2025/6 committee is:

President: (in the third year of the three year term)	Lynne Evans		
Chair	Sue Matthews	Housekeeping	Mandy Thorpe
Secretary	Pam Rowse	IT	Steve Bassett
Treasurer	Paul Grinham	Membership Secretary	Sheila Pickthorne
Welfare (Safeguarding)	Matt Dunn	Outdoor range	Jay Nickholds
Building	Ken Hill	Publicity	Pam Rowse
Competitions	Andy Bartin	Records	Matt Rowse
Equipment	Paul Hughes	Social events	Jane Clulow
Coaching	Mike Philliskirk	Young Archers	John Baker

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Wells City Archers - Income and Expenditure Account - Year to September 30th 2025

	£	Doc. #	Expenditure	£	Doc. #
Income					
Membership Subs (Current Year)	5,568.00	1	Affiliations (Current year)	1,227.09	20
Membership Subs (Upcoming year)	6,121.00	2	Affiliations (Upcoming year)	0.00	20
Affiliations (Current Year)	434.00	1	Equipment	523.53	21
Affiliations (Upcoming year)	472.00	2	Archery Consumables	1,823.56	22
Beginners Course	3,626.32	3	Beginners Equipment	518.21	28
Taster Course	15.00	3	Coaching Costs	420.00	28
Junior Coaching	0.00	3	Building & Maintenance	5,288.44	23
Events (net of event expenses)	20.61	4 & 27	Outdoor Range	845.77	24
Range Hire	1,300.00	4			
Visitor Fees	5.00	4	Admin and Housekeeping	343.27	25
Vending (net of cost)	58.02	5 & 25	Safekeeping training	170.00	25
Keys/fobs	75.00	4	Insurance	797.53	26
Badges (Net)	-142.70	5 & 27	Electricity	2,458.33	26
Custom buys (Net)	81.75	5 & 27	Rent	1,139.00	26
Donations / Equipment Sales	383.12	5 & 6	Water	174.54	26
	18,017.12				
Deposit Interest	170.89				
Total income for year	£ 18,188.01		Total Expenditure for year	£ 15,729.27	
Surplus/(overspend) for year	£2,458.74				

Balance Reconciliation

As at 01.10.2024		As at end of 30.09.2025	
Current Account	£ 15,654.97	Current Account	£ 8,977.82
Deposit Account	£ 10,138.01	Deposit Account	£ 19,273.90
Cash in hand	£ -	Cash in hand	£ -
Total Funds	£ 25,792.98		
Surplus / (overspend) for year	£2,458.74		
At at 30.09.2025	£ 28,251.72		£ 28,251.72

Independent Reviewer

Cyndie Star

Date

9/10/2025