

Wells City Archers

Minutes

Wednesday 8 October 2025 at 6:30 pm
Wells City Archers Club House

Present	Paul Grinham	Treasurer (Acting Chair)
	Lynne Evans	President
	Sue Matthews	Secretary
	Mike Philliskirk	Head Coach & Building
	Steve Bassett	Digital Media Officer
	Pam Rowse	Publicity
	Matt Dunn	Welfare
	Matt Rowse	Records
	Connor Pinder	Member Rep
	Paul Hughes	Equipment
	Mandy Thorpe	Housekeeping
	Jay Nickholds	Outdoor

1	Apologies for absence	
	Frances Eyre, John Baker, Sheila Pickthorne, Nicky Everett	
2	Minutes of last meeting	
	Approved.	
3	Matters arising	
	3.10 Notices for CCTV to be applied	MP to organise
	5.2 Hot water in toilet	MP to organize quote
	9.1 Roof – advice gratefully received from Mr Rowse senior. 30% of the bill was paid (instead of the 50% requested). MP stated that the foam the company inserted into the seams has helped prevent some leaks. When leaks are spotted MP treats with filler. MP thanked Dave Mace for re-fitting the tiles around the edge of the kitchen area.	
	13.1 PH will service the mower and sell it to recoup money for the club	PH to service
	13.1 JN gave an estimate of £300-350 for a strimmer with a fitting for a bramble cutter. PH suggested trading in old strimmers against cost of a new one.	Decision to be made by new committee after AGM.
	Standing Items	
4	Finances	
4.1	Report from Treasurer: Balances as of 06-10-25 Current Account: £ 12,402.07 Deposit £ 19,289.88 Total £ 31,691.95	

	<p>Key items since CM of August 6thth</p> <p>Agreed on and settled final invoice to Dixie Clean for £684, total spend £4104.</p> <p>A further £700 received from AGB for range hire</p> <p>And of course, membership renewals with over £9,100 collected so far.</p> <p>The club now has a Stripe account. This was prompted by the process to collect beginners course fees, there often being a significant delay between someone completing the form and paying to actually secure their place, The Stripe payment is now actually part of the process of completing the form. We have collected £700 so far in this way and I have set Stripe to pay out weekly. There is a commission of course but its worth it for the ease of processing. We can also take payments by tap and pay on a phone.</p> <p>The accounts for the year to 30-9-25 have been prepared and have been circulated to you. They are currently being validated and hopefully will be signed off this week.</p> <p>They will be presented at the AGM but in summary the surplus for the year was £2458. At the GM in April, ½ way through the year, I was forecasting a surplus of £9-10K.</p> <p>This forecast did not provide for work on the roof (£4100).</p> <p>Also I did not factor in Auto renewals. 24 members have elected to pay in this way and because the process does not happen until 30/9, they did not pay the club until October. Some have still not paid. This accounts for a further £4,400 of revenue not in the 24/25 accounts.</p> <p>I also circulated a forecast for the current year through to Sept 2026 which I will be looking to get approved at the AGM. The forecast outturn for next year is looking very similar to this but again does not include any major building work.</p>	
4.2	PH reported that foam costs are likely to increase by 30%	PG to amend forecast
5	Building	
5.1	MP reported: The asbestos checks are up to date. The fire regulation checks are up to date.	
5.2	A TV screen will be mounted on the wall in the range for coaching purposes.	MP to fit
6	Safeguarding	
6.1	No issues to report	
6.2	MD is working with JB on parental consent procedure.	MD/JB to report to next committee.
7	Wells Sports club	
7.1	PG circulated a report from the last WSC meeting:	

Lease

The changes to the lease to remove the break clause have progressed with the WSC solicitor progressing as far as they can. Somerset whilst initially insisting that their legal costs were paid up front (which they were) have recently not engaged to progress the changes.

WFC, having initially required the removal of the break clause in order to secure funding, now maintain that the funding actually requires WFC to have a direct lease with Somerset. WFC have issued a proposal (received today) for WFC to leave WSC and for each club – WSC and WFC - to have its own lease with Somerset, each of which covers the respective areas that we each 'own'. The spirit of this proposal is that 'nothing changes on the ground". It is very early days in this discussion.

Car Parking

Space in the car park is a perennial meeting topic. There are two aspects to this :valid use and invalid use.

Valid Use : It is recognised that when the events are on, sporting and hire of the pavilion, the car park can be insufficient for everyone to park. Other than extending the car park into the playing area, there is no obvious solution to this. The agreement for contractor vehicles to use the tarmac area (which is under WFC control by historic agreement) continues until around Feb 26. As of the end of October all evening use of the practice pitches will stop as WFC use Blue School facilities over the winter months.

Invalid use. There is a perception that with the increased parking restrictions in central Wells more people are seeing the car park as a free option. Signage as used in controlled private parking areas will be installed to try to discourage such use. It was acknowledged that to take this to the next step of using a parking firm was not appropriate at this time.

Toilet Access

Access to WFC toilet facilities – either in the pavilion or in the stadium area - should be available for any training or match session including Sunday morning juniors and thus requests to use ours can be politely rebuffed.

En plein air use of any area of the site especially adjacent to the range is not tolerated and WFC will reinforce this through their own communication channels. Please note any instances. Key info is day and time, age group e.g. junior, youth or adult and if a training session or a match. If it is local lads having a kick about it still should be noted.

Bonfires

WCA asked WSC to report the burning of noxious rubbish in one of the properties behind the range.

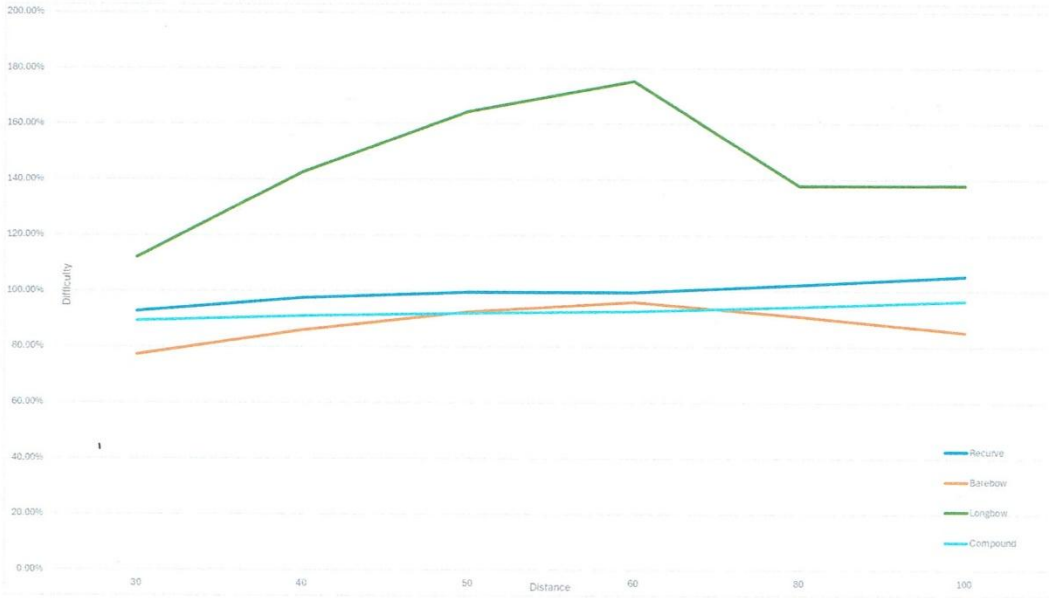
Events

The annual Firework Display will be on Friday October 31st. The car park will be closed at 4pm.

	<p>Tennis Reported that they are still progressing planning towards building a new club house, broadly in the position of the current one. On the sporting front they were promoted to a higher division in their interclub league.</p> <p>Netball Have secured team sponsorship . There will be a banner / sign reflecting this on the club house at some point.</p>																
7.2	LE reported that WSC will write to the homeowner that produced noxious smoke.	MP to find address															
7.3	LE reported that the Truespeed sponsorship banners were erected without appropriate planning permission. They may be moved to the back wall of the car park.																
7.4	CP asked for an update on the flooded corner. PG replied that this was raised several meetings ago – but has not been discussed since.																
7.5	PR asked if the fireworks for the Football Club display were launched from inside our archery range; and if so, does the archery club receive payment?	LE to raise with trustees.															
8	SCAA and GWAS																
8.1	Nothing to report																
	Additional Items																
9	Membership																
9.1	<p>SP had circulated a report: Wells City Archers Membership Stats as of 6/10/2025</p> <p>September renewals</p> <table> <tr> <td>Renewed AGB</td> <td>71</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paid Club Fees</td> <td>63</td> <td>Includes 1 non-shooting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not renewed (informed club)</td> <td>11</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not renewed</td> <td>9</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>20</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Total number of members 99</p> <p>The club has lost 20 members which equates to 17%. The average attrition rate for sports clubs is 32%.</p>	Renewed AGB	71		Paid Club Fees	63	Includes 1 non-shooting	Not renewed (informed club)	11		Not renewed	9			20		
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10	Club badges																
10.1	<p>SM stated that the club rules ask that all club members display a membership badge. She asked if the club wished to continue with this.</p> <p>All agreed that this requirement should be removed.</p> <p>A replacement for the badge to be investigated by the next committee.</p>	SM to remove from rules															

11	AGM	
11.1	SM outlined the procedure for the AGM on 20 October.	
12	AOB	
12.1	<p>Records</p> <p>MR reported that the results sheet from the Club champs was sent to the Somerset County Records Officer and club members have achieved county records.</p> <p>MR has asked if club tournaments would be eligible for records and is awaiting a response.</p>	
12.2	<p>252 Awards</p> <p>MR has analysed scores required for the 252 awards according to bowtype. It is evident that the LB scores are harder to achieve than recurve and barebow.</p> <p>MR will put forward a proposal for change</p>	MR to write proposal for new LB scores.
	Date for next Meeting	
	Wednesday 19 Novemer at 6.30pm	
	Meeting ended at 19.20	

252 Target score difficulty vs equivalent AGB classification by bow type - York / Bristol Round



Round Type	No. Arrows
York/Bristol	144
252	36

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Style	Distance	AGB Round	AGB Round #Arrows	252 # Arrows	Classification	AGB Score	252 Score	252 Avg	AGB Avg	Difficulty	Adjusted
R/C	30	York/Bristol	144	36	A3	1088	252	7.00	7.56	92.65%	272
R/C	40	York/Bristol	144	36	A2	1034	252	7.00	7.18	97.49%	259
R/C	50	York/Bristol	144	36	A1	1012	252	7.00	7.03	99.60%	253
R/C	60	York/Bristol	144	36	B3	1012	252	7.00	7.03	99.60%	253
R/C	80	York/Bristol	144	36	B2	985	252	7.00	6.84	102.34%	246
R/C	100	York/Bristol	144	36	B1	957	252	7.00	6.65	105.33%	239
Avg:											254

Style	Distance	Round	AGB Round #Arrows	252 # Arrows	Classification	AGB Score	252 Score	252 Avg	AGB Avg	Difficulty	Adjusted
BB	30	York/Bristol	144	36	A3	978	189	5.25	6.79	77.30%	245
BB	40	York/Bristol	144	36	A2	879	189	5.25	6.10	86.01%	220
BB	50	York/Bristol	144	36	A1	818	189	5.25	5.68	92.42%	205
BB	60	York/Bristol	144	36	B3	787	189	5.25	5.47	96.06%	197
BB	80	York/Bristol	144	36	B2	721	164	4.56	5.01	90.98%	180
BB	100	York/Bristol	144	36	B1	651	139	3.86	4.52	85.41%	163
Avg:											201

Style	Distance	Round	AGB Round #Arrows	252 # Arrows	Classification	AGB Score	252 Score	252 Avg	AGB Avg	Difficulty	Adjusted
LB	30	York/Bristol	144	36	A3	585	164	4.56	4.06	112.14%	146
LB	40	York/Bristol	144	36	A2	460	164	4.56	3.19	142.61%	115
LB	50	York/Bristol	144	36	A1	399	164	4.56	2.77	164.41%	100
LB	60	York/Bristol	144	36	B3	374	164	4.56	2.60	175.40%	94
LB	80	York/Bristol	144	36	B2	366	126	3.50	2.54	137.70%	92
LB	100	York/Bristol	144	36	B1	293	101	2.81	2.03	137.88%	73
Avg:											103

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CP	30	York/Bristol	144	36	A3	1254	280	7.78	8.71	89.31%	314
CP	40	York/Bristol	144	36	A2	1232	280	7.78	8.56	90.61%	308
CP	50	York/Bristol	144	36	A1	1217	280	7.78	8.45	92.03%	304
CP	60	York/Bristol	144	36	B3	1210	280	7.78	8.40	92.56%	303
CP	80	York/Bristol	144	36	B2	1187	280	7.78	8.24	94.36%	297
CP	100	York/Bristol	144	36	B1	1162	280	7.78	8.07	96.39%	291
Avg:											303