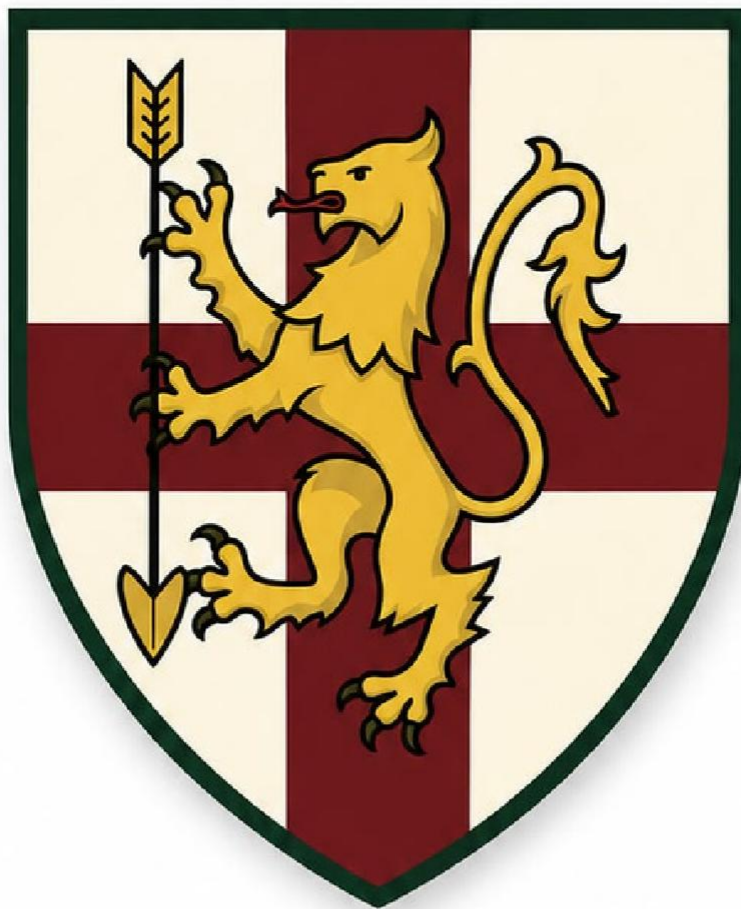



BEBINGTON ARCHERS

CLUB HANDBOOK



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WELCOME

This guide has been created to support every member of Bebington Archers, whether you're brand new to archery, returning after a break, or have been shooting with the Club for many years.

Inside, you'll find everything you need to feel confident on the range and get the most out of your archery: how the Club is organised, the rules and etiquette that keep everyone safe, what your Archery GB (AGB) membership covers, and how to track your progress through classifications and handicaps.

We recommend taking a little time to read through the information provided. If anything is unclear or you'd like some guidance, our committee members, coaches, and experienced archers are always happy to help.

Please remember that your feedback is important; it helps us continue improving the Club for everyone. We're glad you're here and we look forward to supporting you throughout your archery journey.

Ryan Holden

CHAIR



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CLUB INFORMATION

YOUR COMMITTEE

Role	Name
Chairman	Ryan Holden
Secretary	Noah Mettle
Treasurer Records Officer	Ross McLean
Welfare/Safeguarding Officer	Mark Currums
Vice Chair	Lee Padmore
Equipment Officer	Alex Currums
Media Coordinator	Andrew Mulvihill
Webmaster	Michael Bond

COMMUNICATIONS

The best ways to stay connected with the club are:



Website: <https://www.bebington-archers.co.uk>



WhatsApp



Facebook



Instagram

Notice Boards are also in situ at both ranges. Please remember to check them at every session.



INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ARCHERY AT THE CLUB

Our indoor season runs from October through to March. Shooting takes place at our dedicated indoor range, with distances of 18m or 20 yards depending on the round being shot. The shorter distances and controlled environment make indoor shooting ideal for focusing on technique and consistency, and it's a great time of year to work closely with coaches.

The outdoor season runs from April through to September, when we move to our outdoor field. Distances extend significantly, up to 100 yards or 90 metres depending on your bow and experience level, and you'll encounter the added challenges of wind, light, and varying ground conditions. Outdoor shooting is where many archers really develop their range and confidence.

Many members shoot both seasons, and we'd encourage you to try both. Some archers have a clear preference, while others find the two seasons complement each other perfectly.

Both ranges are formally assessed and registered with AGB. This registration is a condition of AGB affiliation and ensures that both ranges meet the safety standards required for club shooting and for scores to count towards handicap, classification, and record purposes.

**AS A TARGET ARCHERY CLUB,
WE SHOOT RECURVE, BAREBOW,
COMPOUND, AND LONGBOW
DISCIPLINES.**

SHOOTING TIMES & LOCATIONS

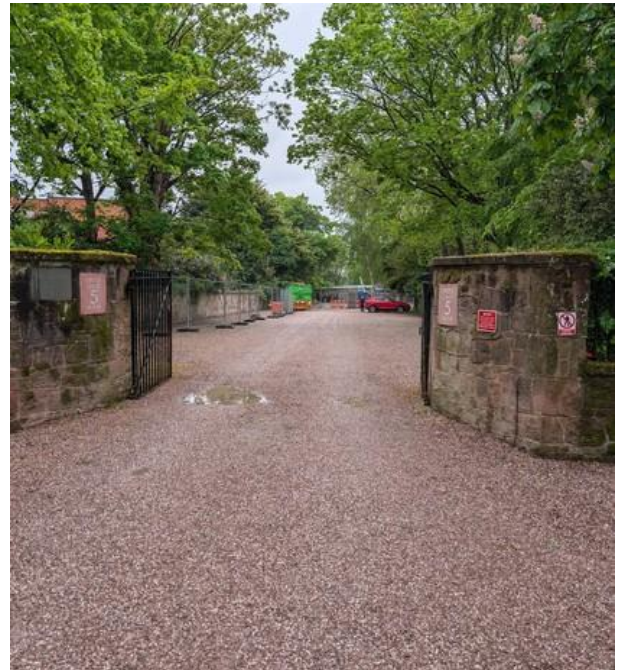
A detailed fixture list is published the week before the beginning of each season and club competitions are usually scheduled on Sundays.

OUTDOOR SEASON (1 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER)

L C McAllester Memorial Playing Fields
Bidston Road, Oxton, CH43 2JY

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The field offers shooting distances from 10 metres out to 100 yards. Target positions vary depending on the session or competition being run. Bosses are sized for 80 cm and 122 cm outdoor target face formats.

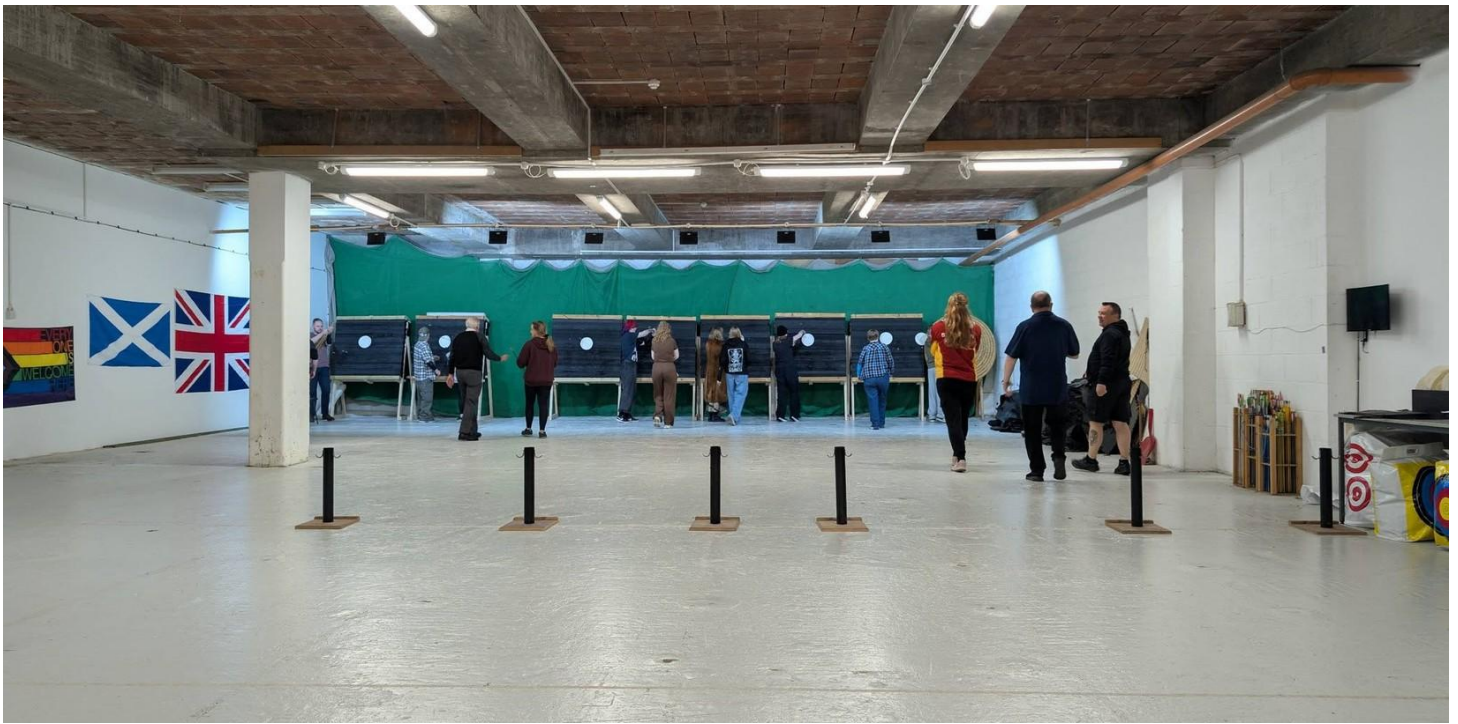


Club sessions are held four times a week:

- Saturday from 15:00 to 16:45.
- Sunday from 14:00 to 17:00.
- Tuesday & Thursday evenings:
 - April & September 18:00 - 19:30
 - May & August 18:00 - 20:00
 - June & July 18:00 - 20:30

Please check the website and notice board for any changes to the schedule, particularly during Bank Holidays and school holidays.

Sessions may be cancelled in extreme weather and such announcements will be made via WhatsApp.



INDOOR SEASON (1 OCTOBER TO 31 MARCH)

Unit 15, Price Street Business Centre,
Price Street, Birkenhead, CH41 4JQ

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Club nights run every Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 18:00 - 22:00. The unit is available to members 24/7, 364 days a year (excluding Mondays & Wednesdays between 16:00-22:00).

The range is set at a fixed shooting line with targets positioned at 18 metres and 20 yards.

Bosses are sized for 40 cm and 60 cm target face formats, as stipulated by Archery GB, which follows World Archery rules for target face sizes as defined by the round.

The key code for entry is issued via email once membership has been arranged. Please keep this information secure.

The code must not be shared on the club WhatsApp group or posted in any other public or semi-public space (Facebook, Instagram etc).

If any member needs the code or asks you for it, please direct them to a committee member rather than passing it on yourself.

This helps us keep both the unit and you secure and ensures our access records stay accurate.



Lanes must be booked via Shlott (<https://www.shlott.com/login>) in two hourly blocks, e.g. 08:00-10:00, 14:00-16:00, 20:00-22:00, 02:00-04:00 and archers must sign the register upon arrival and departure.

BOW STYLES



RECURVE

An Olympic recurve bow is a modern takedown recurve fitted with precision components like a sight, stabilisers, clicker and plunger to maximise accuracy. Its riser is usually aluminium or carbon, with high-performance laminated limbs that deliver smooth, efficient power. Currently the only bow style used in Olympic target archery.



RECURVE BAREBOW

The recurve barebow is a stripped-back version of the recurve bow, shot without sights, stabilisers or a clicker. Archers rely on the bow's simple riser, limbs and string, using techniques like string-walking or gap-shooting to aim. Its minimalist design emphasises pure form, consistency and instinctive skill.



COMPOUND

A compound bow uses cams or wheels to create let-off, meaning the archer holds only a fraction of the peak draw weight at full draw. It's equipped with a magnifying sight, release aid and often a full stabiliser setup. The design delivers high arrow speed and consistency, making compound archery the most technologically advanced of the modern bow styles. Will make its debut as an Olympic event in LA 2028.



LONGBOW

A longbow is a tall, traditional bow with a very simple setup. There are no stabilisers or modern add-ons, and archers usually use nothing more than a small rubber band as a reference point. The most traditional form of archery, with roots going back to when bows were used in warfare. It's a style you'll often see at historical re-enactments and Medieval fairs.

**WE DO NOT ALLOW
THE USE OF
CROSSBOWS AT
THE CLUB**

MEMBERSHIP

ARCHERY GB MEMBERSHIP

Archery GB (AGB) is the national governing body for the sport of archery in the UK and the umbrella organisation for the English Archery Association, Archery Northern Ireland, Scottish Archery and the Welsh Archery Association.

As Bebington Archers is an affiliated club, all members wishing to shoot must hold a current AGB membership.

This is a separate annual fee paid directly to AGB and provides you with:

- Public liability and personal accident insurance whilst shooting on an AGB-affiliated range
- Access to the full calendar of AGB competitions and events
- Entry to AGB virtual competitions
- Archery UK magazine
- Access to coaching guides, safety information, and online resources
- 10% discount at the AGB Decathlon online store.

AGB membership is managed on a personal anniversary basis and your membership lasts 12 months from the date you join, rather than running to a fixed year-end.

You can manage your own membership directly through at agb.sport80.com or by logging into your account at archerygb.org.

As shooting without current AGB membership could invalidate your insurance cover and that of other club members, please ensure your membership does not lapse.

Your membership card will be sent by post directly to you. While waiting for your card, a receipt from Sport:80 serves as proof of membership.

Any member of the club may ask to verify your membership status; this is standard practice required by AGB and our insurers.

YOU MUST HOLD A VALID AGB MEMBERSHIP TO SHOOT AT THIS CLUB.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

Club fees are increased annually by £5.00 from 1 April. Fees for the 2026/2027 year are set as follows:

Category	Annual Fee
Senior (over 21)	£150
Junior (under 21)	£75
Associate Senior	£165 or £95 indoor season only
Associate Junior	£80 or £50 indoor season only
Visitor	£20 per month £10 per week £5 per session

YOUR PERSONAL DATA

The club holds a copy of your membership record for the purposes of managing sessions, handicaps, and classifications. This data is stored securely and is not shared beyond the club committee without your consent. You have the right to request a copy of the data we hold about you and to ask for corrections. Please email bebingtonarcherssecretary@gmail.com with any data protection queries. A full copy of the AGB Privacy Policy is available at archerygb.org. The club's own privacy policy is available on request.

VISITING ARCHERS

Members of other AGB-affiliated clubs are welcome to visit and shoot at Bebington Archers provided they hold a valid current AGB membership.

Visitors must sign in on arrival, show proof of their AGB membership, and observe all club rules and the direction of the Field Captain.

Please email bebingtonarcherssecretary@gmail.com in advance of a visit where possible.



WELFARE & SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is the preventative measures that AGB and its affiliated clubs and organisations take to keep children, young people and adults at risk.

Archery clubs should be safe and welcoming places for children, young people and adults at risk, and nobody should feel discriminated against, or treated differently due to their age, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, disability, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

The safety and wellbeing of our members is a priority for this club, and we adhere to AGB's Safeguarding Policies, Procedures and Guides.

The following applies to all members under the age of 18:

- When junior archers (i.e. 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. [AGB Rule 103 (b)]
- Provided that they are an adult member of Archery GB, one parent/guardian alone may supervise their own child(ren). [AGB Rule 103 (c) (ii)]
- All coaches have an up-to-date DBS check in line with AGB requirements.

If you think a child is in immediate danger or requires medical attention, call 999. You can also ring the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 to report immediate risks.

Our Welfare/Safeguarding Officer is Mark Currums (bebingtonwelfare@gmail.com) and is your first point of contact for any concern relating to the safety or welfare of a club member, particularly a young person or vulnerable adult.

REPORTING A CONCERN

If you have any concern about the welfare or safety of a child or vulnerable adult, please speak immediately to the Welfare/Safeguarding Officer or any member of the committee.

To report a concern directly to AGB, visit <https://archerygb.org/about/safeguarding/report-a-concern>

It's important to remember that the welfare of the child is paramount. However, it's not up to you to decide whether a child has been abused, but to report concerns appropriately.

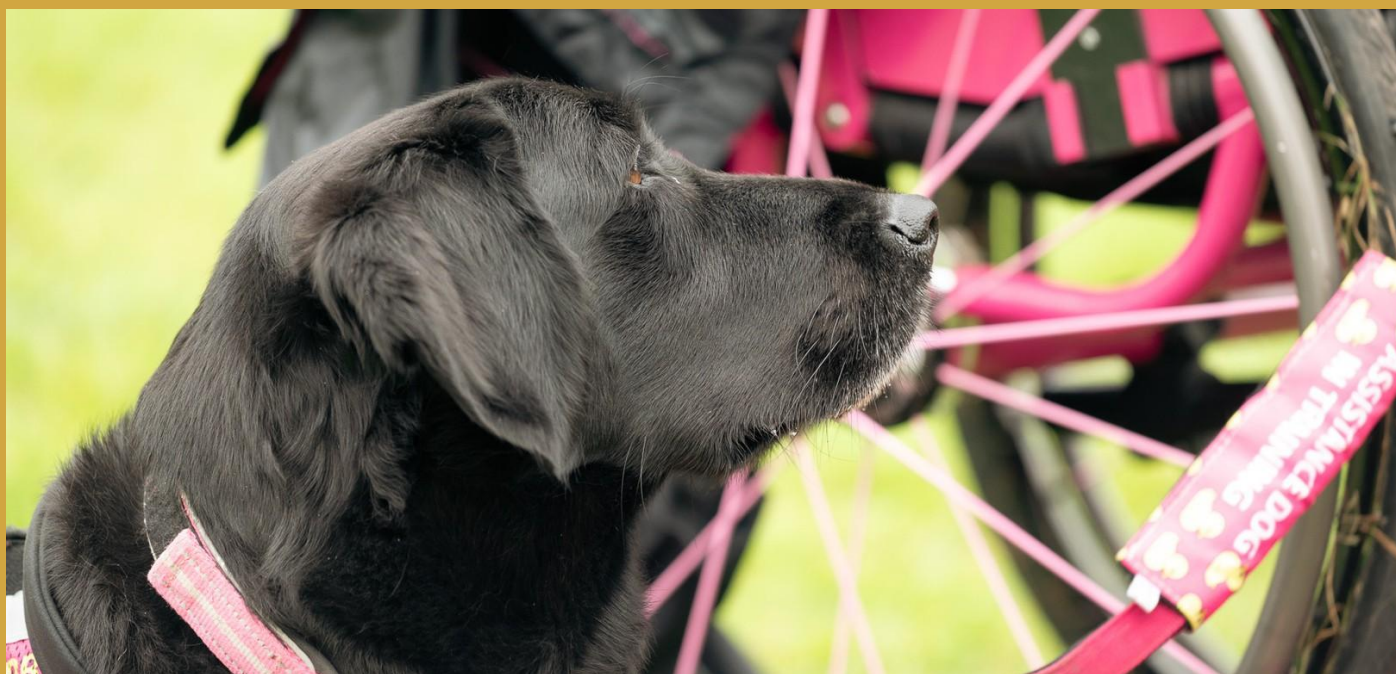
DISABLED ARCHERY

We are committed to being a welcoming and inclusive club for archers of all abilities.

Archery can be adapted for a wide range of physical disabilities and impairments, and AGB provides specific guidance and para-archery classification support for disabled members.

For further information visit
<https://archerygb.org/get-involved/disabled-archery>.

WE HAVE COACHES IN
THE CLUB WHO HAVE
WORKED WITH ALL
KINDS OF DISABILITIES
AND ARE WILLING TO
HELP YOU AS MUCH
AS POSSIBLE



CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of Bebington Archers, I will:

- ◆ Prioritise the safety of myself and others on the range at all times.
- ◆ Follow the AGB Rules of Shooting and AGB Code of Conduct.
- ◆ Follow the club's Rules, Bye-Laws and Guidelines
- ◆ Obey all instructions from the Field/Range Captain and club officers.
- ◆ Treat all fellow archers, coaches, officials and volunteers with respect and courtesy.
- ◆ Support and encourage newer and less experienced members of the club.
- ◆ Maintain a valid AGB membership for the duration of my club membership.
- ◆ Report any safety concerns, accidents, or near-misses to the Field/Range Captain immediately.
- ◆ Never attend the range under the influence of alcohol or impairing substances.
- ◆ Represent the club positively in all dealings with other clubs, organisations, and the public.
- ◆ Behave in accordance with the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship at all competitions.

Any member whose behaviour is found to be in breach of this code, or whose actions bring the club into disrepute, may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the club.

Serious safeguarding or safety concerns will be referred to AGB.

RULES, BYE-LAWS AND GUIDELINES



Archery is one of the safest sports in the UK, and it stays that way because everyone on the range follows the rules consistently.

The rules in this section are divided into three categories to help you understand their authority:

- **AGB Rules of Shooting & AGB Code of Conduct:** set by AGB and applicable to all affiliated clubs. These carry national authority and are non-negotiable.

- ◆ **Club Bye-Laws:** set by the committee, specific to the club, and operating in addition to AGB rules.
- ◆ **Club Guidelines:** expected standards of conduct and good practice on our range.

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AGB RULES OF SHOOTING

All shooting takes place under the AGB Rules of Shooting (March 2025) , which are binding on all AGB-affiliated clubs.

The full Rules of Shooting are available behind sign-in at archerygb.org under Member Resources and are the authoritative source.

We encourage all members to read them.

Key operational points most relevant to club sessions are summarised below.

FIELD/RANGE CAPTAIN

The Field/Range Captain oversees shooting during every session. They are identifiable by whistle. You must always follow the Field/Range Captain's instructions.

WHISTLE COMMANDS

- ♦ One blast: Commence shooting
- ♦ Three blasts: Shooting stops. All archers put down their bows and move forward to collect arrows
- ♦ A shout of FAST: stop immediately, come down from full draw if applicable, remove the arrow from the bow and stand down. This is used when there is a hazard on or near the range.

RANGE DRESS

- Footwear must fully enclose the toes and front of the foot at all times when shooting. Open-toed shoes and sandals are not permitted. [AGB Rule 307(b)]
- Tops must cover the whole torso including the midriff when at full draw. Ensure hoodie toggles, laces, and necklaces are tucked away so nothing catches the bowstring. [AGB Rule 307(c)(i)]

CORE SAFETY RULES

Rather than reproduce them here, members are directed to the relevant rule numbers in the full document.

CLUB BYE-LAWS

RANGE SAFETY

- Carbon arrows can only be shot at the indoor range. No full carbon arrows are permitted at McAllester Playing Fields.
- Arrow pullers must be used when extracting carbon arrows from targets. Pulling carbon arrows by hand risks splintering, which can cause serious injury.
- Arrows that unduly damage targets, including broad-heads, bodkins, turbo points, and blunts, are not permitted and must not be carried during any shoot.

ARROW INSPECTION

- Before shooting, all archers must inspect their arrows to ensure they are safe to use. A damaged arrow (particularly a cracked carbon shaft) can shatter on release, sending fragments towards the archer's face and bow hand. These checks must be performed at every session:
 - Check each arrow shaft for cracks, splits, or bends. Flex carbon arrows and listen for cracking sounds.
 - Ensure all fletchings are firmly attached and undamaged.
 - Check that the nock is not cracked or loose.
 - Ensure the point is firmly seated and not bent.
- Any arrow that fails this check must not be used until repaired or replaced.

LOST ARROWS

- Lost or orphaned arrows must be reported to the Field Captain and via bebingtonequipment@gmail.com.
- A metal detector is available at the McAllester Field to assist in searching.
- All members' arrows must be clearly marked to assist identification.

FIRST AID

- First Aid kits are located in the shed at the McAllester Field and outside the kitchen at Unit 15.
- The competent first aider will be identified at the start of each session.
- In the event of any incident, the Range/Field Captain must be informed immediately.

CLUB GUIDELINES

The following are expected standards of conduct and safety on the range and reflect the culture and expectations of the club.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Never dry fire a bow; drawing and releasing without an arrow can seriously damage the bow and injure the archer.
- Never shoot an arrow above 45 degrees.
- Wear a brace (arm guard) and finger tab or glove at all times when shooting.

- Tie back long hair before shooting as it can catch the bowstring.
- Remove jewellery, necklaces, and loose clothing such as scarves or chains as they may interfere with the bowstring.
- Always wear closed-toe shoes or trainers.
- Do not shoot if you are under the influence of alcohol or any medication that impairs judgement.
- Do not run on the range at any time.

RANGE ETIQUETTE

Good etiquette creates a positive atmosphere for everyone and ensures sessions run safely and efficiently.

Arriving Mid-Session

- If you arrive while others are shooting, wait until all archers have collected their arrows before taking to the line.

Shooting Line Conduct

- Always report safety concerns or incidents to the Range/Field Captain immediately.
- Be punctual. Arrive before the session is due to begin.
- Always help to put out targets and faces before setting up your own equipment, and put away any equipment you have used when finished.
- Do not start shooting until instructed. If you do not know the local commands (verbal, whistles, etc), please ask.

- ♦ Be quiet while others are shooting and avoid talking loudly behind the shooting line.
- ♦ Do not walk the shooting line comparing others' scores.
- ♦ If you need to step away from the shooting line mid-end, inform the Range/Field Captain.
- ♦ Always shout FAST if you spot any danger during shooting - do not rely on others to do this.
- ♦ Do not move forward of the shooting line for any reason until instructed by the Field Captain.
- ♦ Never draw your bow or nock an arrow except on the shooting line.
- ♦ Never shoot if anyone is within the safety areas.
- ♦ Wait on the shooting line while a neighbour is at full draw, only leaving once they have released their arrow.
- ♦ Wait until scores have been taken before searching for missed arrows.
- ♦ Do not touch another archer's equipment without permission.
- ♦ If you damage another person's equipment, arrange repair or replacement immediately.
- ♦ Only shoot distances within your capability.
- ♦ Always know how many arrows you have shot and how many remain in your quiver.
- ♦ Keep mobile phones switched off or on silent.
- ♦ Do not pack away your equipment until the last archer has finished.
- ♦ Take all litter home with you.
- ♦ At competitions wear appropriate clothing. Camouflage and denim are not permitted.

Conduct Towards Others

- Treat all members with respect and encouragement.
- Do not offer unsolicited coaching advice to other archers. If someone needs guidance, direct them to a qualified coach.

Site Rules

- ♦ Smoking/vaping is not permitted indoors or within 10m of the outdoor exclusion area.
- ♦ Well behaved pets are allowed on site, providing they are kept on a lead, and the owner clears up after them, placing waste bags in a bin or taken home for disposal.

EQUIPMENT

CLUB EQUIPMENT

We ask that all members take care of club equipment as if it were their own, and observe the following:

- Return all equipment to its correct storage location after use and keep the clubhouse tidy at all times.
- Equipment must stay within the unit at all times unless used outdoors, after which it should be returned to the unit and put back in the correct storage location.

Club equipment, including bosses and stands, is varied and can be expensive to replace. Any items found to be damaged or showing signs of wear and tear should be reported via email to bebingtonequipment@gmail.com.

HIRING CLUB EQUIPMENT

The club has a selection of bows, arrows, and protective equipment available for hire following completion of your beginners' course.

Should you wish to hire club equipment, please read the Equipment Hire Policy, and complete and return the Equipment Hire Agreement form to the Equipment Officer or Secretary, and liaise with the Treasurer to arrange payment.

BUYING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT

When you are ready to purchase your own equipment, we strongly recommend speaking to one of the coaches or an experienced archer before spending any money, as they will be able to advise on reputable suppliers and what to look for.

Buying pre-used equipment is also an option for some items, and you may find that other club members have equipment to sell. However, we do not recommend buying from certain online sites as the equipment may be sub-standard and therefore unsafe.

SCORING

SCORING METHODS

Target archery uses two recognised scoring systems: 5-zone (Archery GB) and 10-zone (World Archery). Both use the same target face but apply different scoring zones. An arrow touching a scoring line is always awarded the higher value; this is known as a line breaker or line cutter. Always call a judge if you are unsure of an arrow's value.

CALLING & RECORDING SCORES

At the target, each archer must identify their arrows by pointing at the nocks without touching them or the target face, and calling out the values clearly in groups of three, descending order (e.g. x-10-9, then 9-8-7). Only remove another archer's arrows if they agree.

Scores are recorded on the score sheet using blue or black ink, with the highest scoring arrow written first. An arrow that does not score is recorded as M for miss.

Once written down, arrow values cannot be altered except by a judge, and only before the arrows have been pulled.

MISTAKES DURING SCORING

If a mistake is made when recording arrows, the Field/Range Captain must be called before any arrows are pulled. They will correct the error in a different coloured pen and initial the change. If this procedure is not followed and a record claim is later made, the claim may be disputed or refused.

In competition, do not touch the target face until scoring is fully completed. Any line cutters disturbed by touching the face will be scored at the lower value.

If you make a mistake when calling your arrows or they are recorded incorrectly, call for a judge. The judge will ask for the scores to be recalled and will correct the sheet; do not alter it yourself.

COMPLETING A SCORE SHEET

After shooting a round at the club, you must complete a full score sheet, including date, round name, your name, bow style.

You must have shot the full round in the company of another archer, who will verify your score. Only verified scores can be submitted to the Records Officer. Score cards should be left in the designated boxes (outdoor shed or indoor unit). The Records Officer will calculate your handicap and classification.

The club reserves the right to check the register to confirm that two archers were present during the round.

The club's own round classifications (Portsmouth & 252) may be recorded at any time, provided they are witnessed.

You may also submit scores shot at other AGB-affiliated clubs or at registered competitions.

INDOOR ROUNDS

BRAY I

Sighters: 6

Total arrows: 30

Arrows per end: 3

Distance: 20 yards

Target face: 40 cm

Scoring: 10 zone



BRAY II

Sighters: 6

Total arrows: 30

Arrows per end: 3

Distance: 25 yards

Target face: 60 cm

Scoring: 10 zone



STAFFORD

This round cannot be shot at Bebington as our indoor range is not long enough.

Sighters: 6

Total arrows: 60

Arrows per end: 3

Distance: 30 metres

Target face: 80 cm

Scoring: 10 zone



PORTSMOUTH

Sighters: 6

Total arrows: 60

Arrows per end: 3

Distance: 20 yards

Target face: 60 cm

Scoring: 10 zone



VEGAS

A Vegas round is shot on a special face containing 3 x 40cm sized faces arranged in a triangle, however the outer 5 scoring zones (from blue 5 out to white 1) are removed, each target is numbered. Arrows must be numbered and shot in ascending numerical sequence shooting at each target in the correct numerical sequence. Like the Worcester, targets are placed one above the other and 2½ dozen arrows are shot at the first faces followed by 2½ dozen arrows at the second face.

Sighters: 6

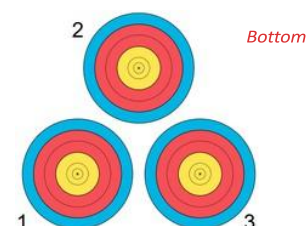
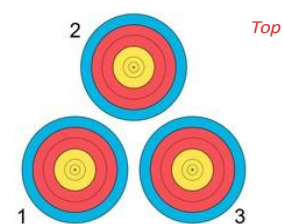
Distance: 18 metres

Total arrows: 60

Target face: 40 cm

Arrows per end: 3

Scoring: 10 zone



VEGAS 300

The Vegas 300 round is shot on either a single 40cm face or a vertical three-spot face. On the single face all scoring zones are present, with the inner 10 counting as X. On the three-spot face only the 6-10 zones are shown, and archers must shoot one arrow per spot. If more than one arrow is shot into a single spot, only the lowest scoring arrow is counted.

Sighters: 6

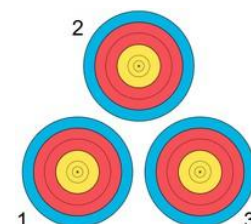
Distance: 20 yards

Total arrows: 30

Target face: 40 cm

Arrows per end: 3

Scoring: 10 zone



FITA 18M

For the triple face the scoring is 5 zones per target scoring from 10 down to 6, for a single face there are 10 scoring zones from 10 down to 1. The 2 inner gold rings both count as 10 for recurve, but only the inner 'X' ring counts 10 for a compound archer, moving out to 9 for the outer gold, 8 and 7 etc.

Sighters: 6

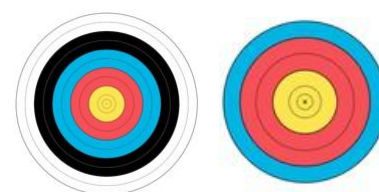
Distance: 18 metres

Total arrows: 60

Target face: 40 cm

Arrows per end: 3

Scoring: 5 or 10 zone



Recurve target



Compound target

FITA 25M

This round cannot be shot at Bebington as our indoor range is not long enough.

Sighters: 6

Total arrows: 60

Arrows per end: 3

Distance: 25 metres

Target face: 60 cm

Scoring: 10 zone



COMBINED FITA

A FITA 18m and a FITA 25m, shot in any order.

WORCESTER

A Worcester round uses a special black and white face, containing 4 black rings scoring 1 through to 4 and the centre white scoring 5. The Worcester round is shot at 2 faces, one above the other. You shoot your first 30 arrows at one face and the next 30 at the other. There is no set order to shooting either top or bottom, however 2 archers can share a pair of targets, with one archer shooting at one face and the other archer shooting at the other face, swapping after 30 arrows. You do not get any further sighter arrows when you swap faces.

For compound archers, there is also 5-spot face, scoring zones 5 and 4 only. This is to help prevent arrow damage and wear on the targets.

Sighters: 5

Total arrows: 60

Arrows per end: 5

Distance: 20 yards

Target face: Special

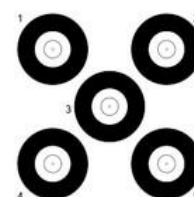
Scoring: 5 zone



Top



Bottom



Compound target

METRIC OUTDOOR ROUNDS

All metric outdoor rounds are measured in metres and use 122cm and 80cm faces. The following table lists all the recognised metric outdoor rounds. It shows the number of dozen at each distance and face size.

SCORING (TEN ZONE SCORING)

For metric rounds, ten zone scoring and is illustrated opposite. The inner gold scores 10, outer gold 9, inner red 8, outer red 7, inner blue 6, outer blue 5, inner black 4, outer black 3, inner white 2 and the outer white 1. Within the 10 ring (inner gold) there is another ring which scores 10 but is recorded as an 'X'.



Name of Round	122cm face (distance in metres)								80 cm face (distance in metres)					
	90m	70m	60m	50m	40m	30m	20m	15m	50m	40m	30m	20m	15m	10m
WA1440 (Men)	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-
WA1440 (Women)	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-
WA900	-	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WA 720 70m	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WA 720 60m	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WA 720 50m barebow	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WA 720 50m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Metric I	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-
Metric II	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-
Metric III	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-
Metric IV	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Metric V	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Long Metric (Men)	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Metric (Women)	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Metric I	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Metric II	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Metric III	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Metric IV	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Metric V	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Short Metric I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-
Short Metric II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-
Short Metric III	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-
Short Metric IV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Short Metric V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Metric 122cm-50	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Metric 122cm-40	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Metric 122cm-30	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Metric 80cm-40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-
Metric 80cm-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
Metric 122cm - 50/40/30 - recurve rounds									Metric 80cm - 40/30 - compound rounds					

IMPERIAL OUTDOOR ROUNDS

All imperial outdoor rounds are measured in yards, and use a 122cm diagram face (they fill an entire boss) at all distances. The following table lists all the recognised imperial outdoor rounds. It shows the number of dozen at each distance. For example a Western round is 4 dozen at 60yds and 4 dozen at 50yds both distances shot at a 122cm face. The Gents and Ladies columns shows the age at which the round is usually shot.

SCORING (FIVE ZONE SCORING)

For Imperial (GNAS) rounds, five zone scoring is used, and is illustrated opposite. The gold scores 9, red 7, blue 5, black 3, and the white 1



Name of Round	100yds	80yds	60yds	50yds	40yds	30yds	20yds	10yds
York	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-
Hereford	-	6	4	2	-	-	-	-
Bristol I	-	6	4	2	-	-	-	-
Bristol II	-	-	6	4	2	-	-	-
Bristol II	-	-	-	6	4	2	-	-
Bristol III	-	-	-	-	6	4	2	-
Bristol IV	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	2
St George	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
Albion	-	3	3	3	-	-	-	-
Windsor	-	-	3	3	3	-	-	-
Windsor 50	-	-	-	3	3	3	-	-
Windsor 40	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	-
Windsor 30	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3
New Western	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Western	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
Western	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-
Western 50	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-
Western 40	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-
Western 30	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-
New National	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long National	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-
National	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-
National 50	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-
National 40	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-
National 30	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-
New Warwick	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Warwick	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Warwick	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Warwick 50	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Warwick 40	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
Warwick 30	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
American	-	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	-	-
St Nicholas	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-

RECOGNITION

Both AGB and the club recognises the progress and achievements of its members through a range of awards, from beginner milestones to national classification levels. Whether you are shooting your first competitive score or chasing a Master Bowman title, there is always something to aim for.

THE HANDICAP SYSTEM

AGB's handicap system allows archers of any ability and bow style to compete fairly against each other by measuring how well each person shoots relative to their own best performance. Each score you shoot on a recognised round is assigned a handicap value between 1 and 100. A lower handicap number indicates a better score.

- **Initial Handicap:** Shoot three eligible rounds, and the Records Officer will calculate your starting handicap from the average of the three handicap values achieved.
- **Improvement:** Your handicap reduces automatically any time you shoot a round better than your current handicap. It does not worsen if you have a bad day.
- **Handicap Competitions:** Many club competitions use a handicap-adjusted format, where an allowance is added to each archer's score based on their handicap. This means newcomers and experienced archers compete on equal terms and newcomers often do very well!

THE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

AGB's classification scheme provides a progressive set of milestones to mark your development as an archer. Think of it like coloured belts in a martial art; each award shows how your archery has progressed. There are nine levels grouped into three tiers: Archer, Bowman, and Master Bowman

To claim a classification, you need to shoot rounds totalling a set number of arrows above a threshold score. The total amount of arrows changes as you move up the tiers. You can mix and match rounds of different lengths to make up the total.

Unlike the outdoor classification system, all levels of the indoor classifications are administered at club level.

CLASSIFICATION TABLES

You can find both indoor and outdoor classification tables for your bowstyle, gender and age-group on the AGB website. Print out the page that's relevant to you and keep it with your kit as a quick reference.

INDOORS

PORTSMOUTH BADGE SCHEME

The Portsmouth round is one of the most popular indoor rounds in the UK and forms the basis of the club's main badge scheme during the indoor season.

It is shot at 20 yards on a 60cm target face, with a maximum possible score of 600.

The badges jump in score by 25 from 300 up to 575, and then increase by 5 points to 600.

To claim a badge, your score must be witnessed and a claim form submitted to the Records Officer with a payment of £2.

Badges are awarded per bow style, so a recurve badge and a compound badge are earned independently.

Once you increase your Portsmouth score to the next level of badge you must hand in your current badge to receive your newly achieved score badge.

Alternatively, if you want to collect and keep all your Portsmouth badges or you need a replacement badge, further payments of £2 for each badge are required.

OUTDOORS

THE 252 SCHEME

The 252 scheme consists of shooting 3 dozen arrows at increasing distances with a 9-based scoring (5 zone).

When a score of 252 or more is achieved twice, you can claim a badge displaying the distance achieved.

The badges are available at 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 80 and 100 yard distances, so your average recurve arrow score needs to be 7 (252 divided by 36 arrows).

We have a special 252 Round score sheet, although you can also achieve the award when shooting any outdoor round where you have scored 252 or more at a set distance with your first 36 arrows.

Juniors only need to achieve the qualifying score once to obtain the badge, while Seniors must achieve it twice.

Each badge costs £2 and will be presented to you at a club session.

A handy reference guide is available in the club's new member's Welcome Pack or on request from bebingtonarcherssecretary@gmail.com

THE SIX GOLD END BADGE

The Six Gold End badge is an official AGB award earned by shooting all six arrows of a single end into the gold zone, at one of the two longest distances appropriate to your age group and gender. It must be shot during a properly scored outdoor round (not on sighters) at a Club Target Day or tournament.

The badge can only be claimed once as a junior and once as a senior, per bow discipline. Recurve and compound archers are eligible for the Six Gold End.

AGB CLASSIFICATIONS

AGB classifications provide a nationally recognised progression ladder from beginner level through to elite.

Archer and Bowman tier classifications can be earned at club shoots by submitting three qualifying scores to the Records Officer.

Master Bowman and above require three scores from Record Status Tournaments. Classifications are reviewed on 1 January each year.

Full details of the classification tables are available from the Records Officer or at archerygb.org.

CLUB TROPHIES & ANNUAL AWARDS

The club presents a number of trophies and awards at the end of each shooting year, typically announced at the club's annual presentation evening. These recognise outstanding performance, most improved archer, and contribution to the club, among others. Details of the current trophy list and eligibility criteria are available from the Records Officer.

AGB Classifications: There are nine levels across three tiers.

Archer Tier	Bowman Tier	Master Bowman Tier
Archer 3rd Class	Bowman 3rd Class	Master Bowman (MB)
Archer 2nd Class	Bowman 2nd Class	Grand Master Bowman (GMB)
Archer 1st Class	Bowman 1st Class	Elite Master Bowman (EMB)

COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

CLUB COACHING

We have three AGB qualified coaches at the club, holding awards at the following levels:

- Jo Condon, Session Coach
- Lee Padmore, Programme Coach
- Ryan Holden, Session Coach

Coached sessions are held on the first Sunday of each month by arrangement. We encourage all new members to attend at least one coached session in their first few months.

BOOKING A SESSION

To arrange individual coaching, please speak to the coach directly. There is no additional charge for club coaching beyond your membership fee.

Please give at least 7 days' notice where possible.

PROGRESSING IN THE SPORT

Beyond club coaching, AGB offers a range of courses and resources to help you improve:

- Skills and drills workshops and online seminars
- The Boost Archery programme, designed to help club members develop their technique
- Coaching guides and videos available through the AGB Member Resources portal

Your coach can recommend the right next steps for your individual development journey.

USEFUL RESOURCES

AGB

Resource	Where to Find It
Main website	archerygb.org
Member portal (Sport:80)	archerygb.org – click the person icon to sign in
Rules of Shooting	Behind sign-in at archerygb.org under Member Resources
Handicap & Classification Tables	Behind sign-in at archerygb.org under Member Resources
Safeguarding Policies	archerygb.org/safeguarding
Report a Concern	archerygb.org/report-a-concern
Find a Competition	archerygb.org/competitions
Archery UK Magazine	Available via archerygb.org (member benefit)
Insurance Information	archerygb.org – Howden insurance microsite linked from Member Resources

THIRD-PARTY TOOLS

Tool	URL
Handicap & Classification Calculator	archerycalculator.co.uk
Archery Geekery Calculator	archerygeekery.co.uk
Expert Archer App (Steve Allam)	Available on App Store / Google Play
Golden Records App	Available on App Store / Google Play

CLUB SPECIFIC RESOURCES

Resource	Details
Club Website	www.bebington-archers.co.uk
Club Merchandise	www.senik.co.uk/collections/bebington-archery-club
First Aid Kit Location	Indoor: Outside kitchen Outdoor: Shed
Metal Detector Location	Outdoor: Shed
Equipment Storage	Indoor: Locked cupboards Outdoor: Shed
Club Constitution	Available from the Secretary on request
Arrow jack	Indoor: Hanging by sign in book Outdoor: Shed

AFFILIATIONS

Resource	Details
Cheshire Archery Association (CAA)	www.cheshirearcheryassoc.org
Northern Counties Archery Association (NCAS)	www.ncas.co.uk

A FINAL WORD

ARCHERY IS A
WONDERFUL,
INCLUSIVE SPORT THAT
CAN BE ENJOYED FOR
A LIFETIME.

Whether your ambition is to shoot casually, to represent the club at competitions, or to climb the classification ladder all the way to Elite Master Bowman, there is a place for you here.

As a club we are run entirely by volunteers who give their time because they love the sport.

Please consider how you can contribute too; whether through helping set up the range, volunteering at events, assisting with coaching or taking on a committee role.

Every bit of help is genuinely appreciated.

WELCOME TO
BEBINGTON ARCHERS

