



Exmouth

CLUB INFORMATION

History

Exmouth Archers has one of the longest histories of any archery club in Devon, with sports archery in Exmouth traced back so far to 1841. We know that in 1895 Lt Col Bartlett revived the club at the Cranford Club site. With the introduction of lawn tennis at Cranford, Major Bridges moved the archery club to the Pavilion site. There have been many moves and breaks in history since then. The present club was reformed in 1984 following a beginner's course at the Exmouth Community College.

Exmouth Archers has used many grounds, initially the drill hall and grounds at Lympstone Commando Training Centre, then the Pavilion on the seafront at Exmouth, before finally obtaining a long term lease on our own ground.

Facilities

Our Ground, at Withycombe Raleigh Common, includes an outdoor range which can accommodate up to 20 targets at distances up to 90m, a newly constructed indoor range allowing shooting at 18m, and a permanent Clubhouse equipped with a common room, storage and a fully fitted kitchen. The outdoor range is mainly used during the 'outdoor season' (May – September), but also during the winter should the weather be good. In the winter we move to the indoor range.

We also have a permanent Field Course of 28 targets set out in nearby woodland.

The Club

The Club currently consists of about 150 members, of all ages from Junior members to senior citizens. Club shooting sessions are relaxed and sociable but at all times upholding strict archery protocol since, obviously, safety is paramount.

Although the Club is well represented at competitions throughout the region and beyond, many of our members shoot simply for relaxation and for the social atmosphere that exists. Social events such as meals, barbecues, outings to the bowling alley etc. are a regular feature of the Club and the Committee is always looking for new ideas.

Membership Fees

Membership fees to the Club consist of two parts:

- i. Annual ArcheryGB fees.
- ii. A Club Membership Subscription.

ArcheryGB (AGB) fees (due for each year starting 1 October) are payable to the Club in August of each year. Please see the Membership Officer for details of current AGB fees to be paid. The fees are paid on by the Club to AGB (the National Governing Body of the sport) with a proportion payable to the County and Regional associations, and provides insurance for you and for the Club, and supports such things as Coach and Judge training. The Club pays ArcheryGB fees for junior members under 18. (AGB is also known as GNAS – the Grand National Archery Society).

The *Club Membership Subscription* is £108 per annum for adults, £72 per annum for juniors under 18 and £144 per annum for Associate Members who are not affiliated to AGB through Exmouth Archers.

All fees are payable by Standing Order at £9 per month for adults, £6 per month for juniors and £12 per month for Associate Members.

The Club Subscription pays for the upkeep of the Ground, Clubhouse and equipment, and is kept at a low level by fund-raising events carried out by Members. The major fund-raising events are four Car Boot Sales held on our Ground each year.

Visiting archers (providing they hold current AGB or equivalent membership) may shoot for £3.00 per session, either indoors or outdoors.

Club Days and Access

The Club shooting sessions are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00pm till 9.00pm and Sunday morning from 10.30am till 12.00pm. During the summer that will be on the outdoor range, during the winter we will move into the indoor range.

The Field Course is usually available on Sunday mornings once a month.

After 6 months of membership Members can apply to the Management Committee for a key and swipecard which gains access to the Grounds and Clubhouse.

Only Shooting Members may enjoy the full facilities available at the Club (24 x 7 key access).

Each application for a key and swipecard is considered by the Committee on its merits and is not automatic.

Although the Club tries to give Members 24/7 access to our Grounds for shooting, note that to comply with the AGB Rules of Shooting archers should not shoot alone! There must be a minimum of two adults present whenever shooting is taking place. One of these adults can be a non-archer, to act as a look-out. If there are only two adults present, and both are there to shoot, then they should alternate on the line, not shoot together, again so that there is a lookout. If you are taking a Junior, including your own child, to shoot then there still needs to be two adults present, one of them an archer and one who need not be.

Juniors

The Club accepts Junior Members from the age of 8. Exceptionally children of shooting members of the club may be accepted as Junior members from the age of 6 following successful assessment with an experienced coach. The Club operates in accordance with our own and our national governing body's strict Child Protection rules.

The following rules apply to Junior Members:

For Juniors under the age of 14, a Parent must remain with and supervise their child during archery sessions to ensure that they behave in a suitable fashion and adhere to all safety requirements.

Juniors age 14 and above may be left provided that the Committee are satisfied with their behaviour and responsibility towards shooting requirements, and subject to the following:

- a Parent must remain with their child until the session commences and collect their child on time at the end of the session,
- Juniors must not be left unless there are at least 2 adults present,
- and provided that adults present on the night are happy with the pickup arrangements and have a Parent's contact telephone number for emergencies.

At the discretion of the Committee and on the sole responsibility of the Parent, another responsible adult may be appointed by the Parent to deliver, supervise or collect their child on their behalf, provided that:

- the nominated adult has agreed beforehand and is present at the session for that purpose,
- and the nominated adult is known to and acceptable to the Committee.

Parents must note that minor physical contact from the Coach may be necessary as part of coaching, and Membership of Juniors is subject to the Parent accepting this. All Club Coaches have undergone DBS (previously CRB, criminal record) checks in accordance with our Child Protection rules.

Neither Junior Members nor their Parents (unless they are also Members) are entitled to a key or swipe card to the Grounds

The Club has a Child Protection Officer, Mrs Andrea Bristow. Her task is to ensure that any concerns that you might have about the treatment of Junior Members is properly dealt with.

Club Organisation

The Club is run on a day to day basis by a Management Committee which is elected at an Annual General Meeting of all Members held in September each year.

The 2019 / 2020 Committee is made up of:

Chairman	Mr Tim Pratt
Vice-Chairman	Mrs Andrea Bristow
Secretary	Mrs Karen Williams
Treasurer	Mr Graham Bristow
Membership Officer	Mr Chris Kellaway
Equipment's Officer	Mr Kevin Brownhill
Records Officer	Mr Trevor Dance
Coaching Organiser	Mr Andrew Hoyle
Tournament Organiser	Mr Tim Pratt
Field Course Officer	Mr Steve Glover
Public Relations Officer	Mr Rob Twigg
Enquiries Officer	Mr Barry Fry
Child Protection Officer	Mrs Andrea Bristow
Senior Shooting Members	Mr Andrew Bealing
	Miss Jane Barrett
Junior Members Representative	Mrs Sophie Twigg

Photos of Committee Members are displayed in the Clubhouse, so that you know who to approach – and they are all very approachable!

Refer also to the Club Constitution, copy of which is available on the notice board.

Rules

Shooting at the Club is conducted in accordance with the AGB Rules of Shooting, a copy of which is available in the Clubhouse. Other than the Rules of Shooting, the following general Rules apply:

- Members may not shoot if AGB fees are outstanding.
- Members whose Subscription is two months or more in arrears forfeit the privileges of the Club until outstanding fees are paid up to date.
- Members must be responsible for the safety and security of the Club premises and ensure that services are switched off and locks secured before leaving.
- Members must take good care of the grounds, buildings, machinery and equipment belonging to the Club.
- Members must assist in some way with the general running and maintenance of the Club and with tournaments and events held by the Club. It is expected that members will assist whenever possible with at least one event each year. Member's support of the Club is taken into account by the Committee when deciding on allocation of keys and swipe cards to the Grounds.

Data Protection

Information on Members will be kept and used only for the purposes of running the Club, including affiliating to AGB, and for supporting Members in their archery.

A list of all Members and their contact details is kept by the Membership Secretary.

Club Colours

For normal shooting at the Club the dress code is relaxed. However, when you progress to shooting at formal competitions you will be expected to conform to the AGB dress code. You will also be encouraged to wear Exmouth Archers Club Colours.

Joining the Club

Subject to having completed a beginner's course at the Club, Members can join by:

- completing and returning the Application for Membership form (including the Agreement of the Parent or Legal Guardian of Junior Members),
- paying AGB fees at their current rate (if joining part-way through a membership year the annual AGB fee is reduced pro-rata by half-year),
- and setting up a standing order to pay Membership Subscription.

Existing Archers

Established archers, who have not completed one of our Beginners Courses, can also apply for membership. Each such application will be considered on its merits by the Club Management Committee which will consider whether the applicant is likely to make an active contribution to the life of the Club.

Members of AGB who will not be registered through Exmouth Archers can only apply for Associate Membership.

Applications to join from established archers can be made by completing and returning the Application for Membership form, but a standing order to pay Membership Subscription should not be set up until the Committee agree to membership.

Probation

Membership is subject to an initial 6-month 'probationary' period. During this period we request that wherever possible:

- You shoot only on the designated Club sessions.
- You should try to attend at least once a week over the period.
- You use only equipment approved by the Club.

During your probationary period we will supervise your shooting and help in any way we can. Club coaches are available if you feel you want help and will guide you through building your own shooting style. Don't be afraid to ask if you feel you need help: as time goes on we will tend to be less proactive and will only help if asked.

At the end of the probationary period your Membership will be confirmed, except in the unlikely event that the Committee decides that your membership would be detrimental to the Club. In this case we will notify you in writing, stating the reasons why, and you will then have the opportunity to respond.

Equipment

During your probationary period you will be free to use the Club equipment until such time as you feel you want to purchase your own. Although we suggest that you purchase 'personal' equipment (at least a tab and bracer) early on, we advise that you should not purchase your own bow and arrows for some months. Other Club members and Club coaches will be happy to advise on the purchasing of equipment, when you reach that point. Rental bows and arrows are available and are issued as per the club bow rental policy.

Payment of Membership Subscriptions

Our bank details, which you should include in your instruction to your bank when you set up your Standing Order to pay your Membership Subscription, are:

Bank: Santander
Account: Exmouth Archers
Account Number: 71570502
Sort Code: 09 – 01 – 51
Reference: Your surname (so that our statement will show your name)

Payable monthly between the 1st and the 15th of each month please (currently £9/month adults and £6/month for juniors. Associate Members £12/month).

If there comes a time when you feel that you do not want to continue your membership of Exmouth Archers, it would be very helpful to the future running of the Club if you could inform either the Club Secretary or Membership Secretary that you have resigned your membership and the reason why.

Please note that your membership payments are made by Standing Order (not Direct Debit), therefore should you wish to cancel your membership you will need to cancel this Standing Order yourself with your own bank. As the Club cannot stop your Standing Order payments.