



## **Bowmen of Rutland**

Meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

19.40 via Teams

**Present:** James Williams, Chairman  
Chrissie Mortlock, Secretary and Public Relations Officer  
Debbie Hill, Treasurer and Minute Secretary  
Charlie Haynes, Safeguarding Officer and County Rep  
Kate Goodwin, Deputy Safeguarding Officer  
Dave Cook, Assistant Records  
Alex MacConaill, Assistant Equipment Officer  
Matt Challinor, Equipment Officer and Records Officer  
Kerry Knight, Social Media Representative Officer

**Apologies:** Keith Johnson, Vice Chairman  
Peter Fox, Junior and Disabled Rep

### **Welcome by the Chairman**

James welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the meeting.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

None were declared.

### **Approval of Minutes 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

James thanked Chrissie for preparing the minutes in Debbie's absence. The minutes were approved.

### **Matters Arising**

All matters were included within the agenda.

### **Chairman's Update**

James had nothing extra to report.

### **Treasurer's Update**

Debbie had spoken to Santander regarding the transfer of funds to the Barclays account, which still hadn't taken place, and will chase again. Income has come in from beginners' courses and bow hire.

### **Secretary and PRO Update**

Chrissie thanked everyone who helped on the Have a Go and Debbie confirmed payment had been received into the bank.

Chrissie had reaffiliated the Club on Sport 80 which should now enable members to reaffiliate either directly with AGB or via the Club.

### **Safeguarding/Welfare Officer Update**

Charlie advised that there were no issues to report.

### **New Ground Update**

Nothing had been heard from Tom or Saville's. Charlie agreed to see if he could call them directly to find out the status of the project. Charlie had still heard nothing from the Chair of Ketton Sports Club.

### **County Update**

The County had asked for help setting up and for the field party for the County shoot at Glen on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Archery GB and Midlands Update**

Focus was for Club renewals, followed by members at the end of September.

### **Beginners Course July**

Chrissie thanked everyone who had helped on what was a very damp course. It had gone well, with 12 helpers assisting 8 archers, all of whom had joined the Club.

### **Junior Shoots**

The latest session had gone really well with a mixture of abilities attending.

### **On Target**

Chrissie advised that Charlie, Debbie and herself were doing various courses in order to achieve the "working towards" status. James and Keith will ideally do some management courses too.

A new On Target plan needs to be completed with new goals, the main one of which will be securing a new ground. There are four areas: -

- Community – already cover
- Performance – not ready yet
- Progression – Charlie is working on this
- Juniors – already being done

Chrissie has put together various policies (Conflicts of Interest, Membership, Inclusion) that James will review. A risk register will also be required.

### **Dates Coaching and Taster Sessions**

Chrissie had 3 adults booked onto the Taster session on 9<sup>th</sup> August. Drop-in sessions will be held on the same day and 23<sup>rd</sup> August, with Junior events on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The beginners' course will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September and will cover the Taster session for that month. No hire kit day has yet been agreed. Chrissie advised

that 8 places were currently booked, half of whom were juniors. It may be necessary to get more equipment to hire to the juniors unless bows can be returned from hire. It was felt that the course should go ahead, even though there is technically no ground from January 2026, as hopefully either Ketton will become available, or we can renew for a further 12 months at GVGC.

The Outdoor Club Championships will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> October with a reserve date of 11<sup>th</sup> October, at 2pm.

### **Bow Hire**

Chrissie thought that most bows had been returned, but some were still on long term hire for a variety of reasons. It was suggested that these members be approached to see if they needed help to purchase a bow, as their hire costs to date would have more than covered the cost of purchase.

### **Greetham Ground and Maintenance**

*Bosses:* All currently in working order

*Mowing:* Dave, Pete and Gary were hoping to mow on 8<sup>th</sup> August. The ground had not been cut since 12 June due to the lack of rain.

### **Club Shirts**

It was agreed that we should order 2 small, 3 medium, 4 large, 2 extra large and 1 extra extra-large, all in purple.

### **Any Other Business**

Two ex-members had contacted Chrissie to re-join the Club. Subject to being seen shooting beforehand, the committee agreed.

The Summer Challenge round for August needed bosses at metric distances. James proposed to amend the layout on Saturday.

Matt asked if the Club would consider holding an outdoor Bare Bow only shoot, similar to the indoor one he attends at Leeds Archers. It is not record status, and he would be willing to organise as he's never run a tournament before. The committee agreed that, once we have a new ground, this would be a good idea.

Chrissie advised the committee that Charlotte May and Tilda Rose had both achieved County records at the Windsor shoot the Club held – many congratulations to both!

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting:	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September via Teams
Proposed future dates:	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October via Teams
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November via Teams
	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December via Teams
	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January pre-AGM via Teams
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January AGM via Teams