



Bowmen of Rutland

Meeting on Wednesday 10th December 2025

19.30 via Teams

Present: James Williams, Chairman
Keith Johnson, Vice Chairman
Chrissie Mortlock, Secretary and Public Relations Officer
Charlie Haynes, Safeguarding Officer and County Rep
Kate Goodwin, Deputy Safeguarding Officer
Peter Fox, Junior and Disabled Rep

Apologies:

Debbie Hill, Treasurer and Minute Secretary
Kerry Knight, Social Media Representative Officer
Dave Cook, Assistant Records

Welcome by the Chairman

James welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the meeting. James asked if Chrissie was able to take the minutes in Debbie's absence, she agreed.

Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

Approval of Minutes 12th November 2025

The minutes were approved with a couple of corrections for typos.

Matters Arising

Bow Hire November invoices have been sent out via Pandle, Chrissie has not attempted to access bow hire email as she had issues previously. Chrissie had not heard from Kathryn to discuss Pandle.

Four members of the committee attended Joyce Lucas's funeral. Archery was mentioned and was clearly a big part of her life. All who attended felt it was a lovely service and it was good that the club was represented. Bob wants to keep in touch with the club.

Chairman's Update

Nothing to add that is not on the agenda.

Treasurer's Update

Debbie reported that progress is being made to add Charlie to the mandate. Debbie is working on the accounts for the AGM.

Secretary and PRO Update

Chrissie has sent out update e-mails to members and received lots of interest in taster sessions and courses.

Chrissie informed the meeting that she had received an email from a member asking for the log in for the booking system, the two members concerned have not paid their club fees for this year, so Chrissie has requested payment before she shares the log in details with them.

Chrissie had considered using Pandle for indoor shooting fee invoices, she sent a test one to Charlie, Charlie said the invoice did not say the time period for the invoice although the accompanying email stated the month the fees were for. Chrissie and Chris to look into this further.

Chrisie attended an online workshop for Project Ramaya on the 2nd of December.

It was one of a series of winter webinars for Ontarget clubs. The purpose of the project is to increase diversity by supporting diverse communities and increase archery participation in Muslim communities, but this also applies to other communities, perhaps increasing female participation.

It then discussed issues faced by some communities that may prevent them from being able to take part in archery. Following this I feel we must push on with our Ontarget application. It would be good to be able to tell the AGM that we have submitted our application to Helen.

Charlie and I have done a lot of work already. We just need to revisit it and pull it all together. Some polices that I did circulate to some need to be agreed, are we happy to do this via email so that we do not need to call another meeting to agree the documents? This was agreed.

There will be development days for the Ontarget Officers in the spring. Charlie and I volunteered to take on these roles a few months ago.

The development days that are confirmed are a long way away. Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Worcestershire, Hampshire, two more days are coming soon possibly Manchester and possibly Cambridge area.

County and Regional Fee Collection

Chrissie informed the committee of this major change.

Neill as county secretary has been in discussions with Archery GB, mainly Helen Smedley regarding the paying of County and Regional Fees at the same time as Archery GB Fees. The changes will affect all clubs in L&RCAA and all new archers and renewing archers, so it will affect everyone.

L&RCAA are the only county taking part in the trial.

The process is based on the Northern Ireland process which has been in place for many years.

Fees will still be set by L&RCAA and EMAS, both the county and the region need to match the Archery GB categories, the county already does this. Senior, Under 21, Disabled, Uni and School.

For the archer on Sport 80, they will select their county and this will automatically select their region. There will be a single check out using Stripe.

Stripe will then pay Archery GB minus their fees.

The processing fees will be proportionally shared between Archery GB, L&RCAA and EMAS. On a £5.00 fee this will be approximately 17p. Please note that fees will go up to £5.50, £1.50 and £30.00 for Uni and Schools.

Implications

Clubs will no longer need to collect fees and pass on the county and regional fees.

Counties will no longer need to chase archers for payments, also clubs will not need to chase either.

Timings of County and Regional fees will be aligned with Archery GB.

It was agreed that we would start the trial in a quiet period. Last year there were 147 renewals or new members between February and May.

The County hopes to start the trial on the 1st of February if Archery GB can put everything in place, they assure us that it is ready to go.

Other counties in EMAS may take 18 months to join the process.

The County are very keen that information is accurately shared with their members, so everyone knows what is happening and why.

Safeguarding/Welfare Officer Update

Nothing reported to Charlie or Kate.

Charlie has completed the Time to Listen course, He now has 3 years currency on Coaching and Welfare. The cost of the course was £42.

Safeguarding courses are available for free through AGB, these are 2-hour courses online for anyone who is spending regular time with our archers. The committee felt these would be good for our regular volunteers.

Safeguarding in Sport -

https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-in-sport/?gad_source=1&qclid=EAlaIQobChMlj93JjN2qhAMVhwUGAB0XzQbTEAAYA_SABEqKBvPD_BwE

New Ground Update Uppingham

On the 19th of November Charlie spoke to Tom Runcorn who is the instructed architect and also the football interest. Plans were due to council in early December. On the 1st of December, Tom Runcorn called Charlie and also sent a draft range plan for a quick check, prior to sending to Uppingham Council. He replied and sent more photos. On the 3rd of December Uppingham Town Council meeting the item was not on agenda as the plans arrived too late. Charlie attended the meeting and may be invited to a working group. On the 10th of December Tom Runcorn told Charlie that he has had a planning meeting with Uppingham Town Council Chair and Secretary. The ecology report has go ahead, highways report is in progress. There is another town meeting in first week of January and the 26th for the site. It is planned for February sign off. The Town council plan to contact me. Charlie will ring them if they do not. Tom needs our visitor numbers. Charlie will send these along with sizes of club hut, stores, toilets to Tom. The committee thanked Charlie for all his work and felt that this sounded very positive.

Greetham Valley Golf Club

The lease ends at the end of January and the new lease needs to be agreed and signed. Chrissie has now got the direct email for Chris Robinson the new manager at GVGC. She has emailed him and has received a reply saying he should have the document in hand by the end of November. Chrissie has not received this from him so will send a gentle reminder.

Ketton Sports Club

Charlie has not heard anymore from Ketton Sport and Community Club.

Rutland Logs

This is a definite no.

County Update and AGM

No one attended the AGM as it was an in-person meeting at Countesthorpe. Charlie said that the County Coaching Program continues with Development and Junior sessions in February. The county is looking to develop coaches and archers both Senior and Juniors.

Archery GB and Midlands Update

Helen's update included Start Archery Week, this will be the 9th to the 17th of May 2026. This is to be added to the agenda for our next meeting.

The new OnTarget has been launched. There are also lots of opportunities for coach training and funding opportunities,

Almost 30,000 members have joined or renewed their membership Archery GB membership this year.

AGM

Fees these will be dependent on the cost of the new lease for Greetham.

Paperwork Members have been notified of the date in a recent update, but Chrissie will send out a more formal notice in case anyone did not read the update.

Chrissie has sent the AGM agenda, nomination form and proposal forms to the committee for their consideration. The forms were agreed and will be sent out to the members before the end of the year and will need to be returned by the 9th of January.

Later she will send the draft agenda, proxy forms and accounts to the committee for their agreement before they are sent to members.

Committee Positions members indicated if they felt they were able to continue for another year. Vacant positions to be advertised in the update to try to find new committee members for the coming year.

Silver Arrow, suggestions for this award to be emailed to the secretary, this will be discussed at the next meeting. Kate suggested that we should present Ian's widow with an award as Ian never received the Silver Arrow that he was awarded at the last AGM. The committee thought that this was a great idea, this could perhaps be presented at the club championships, Alyson could be asked if she would like to be Lady Paramount.

Dates

L&R 300
Portsmouth
Frostbite

Monday 12th January
Friday 16th January
Sunday 25th January at 10.30am

Indoor Shooting

At present we are making a relatively small loss at CCR, it was noted that our regular visitors and Griffin Archers help to cover the hire costs of the hall.

Greetham Ground and Maintenance

Bosses

Charlie pointed out to the committee that making targets is very time consuming. Next year, Charlie expects to have 65 coaching sessions, for county and club, with more county mid-week sessions to be confirmed. New site planning work is also likely to come, so he will not be able to carry on fixing targets at the rate required.

Charlie is happy to make the parts and new targets for the new field, but we need club members to work as a club. We need to consider if we cover target changes on the beginner course or bow hire days. We need archers to help keep the targets in good order. Introduce the idea of working groups to empower club members to fix targets.

Mowing

James noted that the lines have faded, he will redo them over the Christmas break provided the weather is dry.

Coaching and Education

It was agreed that we should be trying to make our members more independent. Both for their own kit and the club ground kit.

In the new year we will run an active program of workshops. Chrissie suggested that some of these could be held at Laxton Village Hall in the warm. She can get preferential hire rates as a village resident. Things to cover could include arrow repair, basic bow set-up, string making, tying nocking points, alignment, brace height, tiller, centre shot, plunger settings, scoring, tournament preparation etc. This should help members to self-help rather than stopping experienced archers and coaches from shooting. Peter offered to run more Compound Workshops if there was a request for these.

Outdoors Maintenance Session to cover picking up blown over/broken targets and replacing with repaired ones, Charlie is happy to mend targets but a group needs to step up and help to replace as needed. If a group were happy to do this, it would mean that there was a supply of repaired targets ready to go on the field as needed, rather than replacing just when bosses have deteriorated to the point that they are unusable. Keith to write an article for the next update on setting up kit.

Any Other Business

Replacement badge

Richard emailed Chrissie and said his mother was most upset to have lost her BoR pin badge, as this was a replacement he felt she could not ask for another. He asked if we could supply one for him to give her at Christmas. The committee agreed, Chrissie said she would see if we had any left and if so would arrange to get it to Richard.

Junior National Indoor Championships

The whole committee gave huge congratulations to Tilda-Rose on her success at the recent JNIC. Charlotte-May also shot at the tournament. Well done team Houghton.

Selby Winter League

Chrissie informed the committee that for the first time she had received all the scores from our opponents 16 teams in the Selby Winter League. We had a mixed start to the leagues with seven wins.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th January pre-AGM via Teams

Proposed future dates: Friday 23rd January AGM via Teams

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