



## **Bowmen of Rutland**

Meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

19.30 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  
Kerry Knight, Social Media Representative Officer (joined 19.40)

**Apologies:** Keith Johnson, Vice Chairman  
Peter Fox, Junior and Disabled Rep  
Dave Cook, Assistant Records

### **Welcome by the Chairman**

James welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the meeting. Chrissie advised the committee of the sad news that Joyce Lucas had passed away. She was part of the Club in its very early days. She will pass on details of her funeral when they are received.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

None were declared.

### **Approval of Minutes 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

The minutes were approved.

### **Matters Arising**

Chrisie advised that AJ, who is not a coach, has renewed AGB membership through the Club but has not actually joined us after resigning in the Spring, nor has he paid his County or Region fees. Richard and Susan have also affiliated through us, but again they have paid no local fees. Chrissie will contact AGB to see if this is acceptable, as we cannot reject their application once they are a member, but County and Regional fees are still due, yet we have no funds.

### **Chairman's Update**

James confirmed that the Merlin order had arrived at his house, and he had taken it to the ground (10 quivers, tabs, stands, faces, stringers, rests, sights).

### **Treasurer's Update**

Debbie will arrange for Charlie to be added to the mandate. Accounts for the 2024-25 Club year are nearly ready she just needs Chrissie to confirm the allocation of some receipts. Payments had been made to Charlie for the wood for bosses he had constructed and to Casterton College for hire of the hall.

### **Secretary and PRO Update**

Chrissie advised that Derrick Lovell had died last week. He had been President of AGB for a period of time, Chair of the Worl Archery Field Committee and both a National and International judge.

Chrissie had sent out update e-mails to members and received lots of interest in taster sessions and courses. As at the date of the meeting Chrissie had 69 Senior, 22 Under 21's and 2 Disabled members on Sport 80. There are no memberships due to lapse in the next 30 days, but one will lapse in the next two months.

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

Whilst updating his accreditation, Charlie spoke to AGB, as the basic requirement link did not match the course content and format. His training was, however, confirmed as suitable.

The basic requirement training for Safeguarding in Sport 80 is free and takes 2 hours to complete. If volunteers also wanted to undertake training, he provided the following link: -

[https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-in-sport/?gad\\_source=1&qclid=EAlaIqObChMlj93JjN2qhAMVhwUGAB0XzQbTEAAYA SABEgKBvPD BwE](https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-in-sport/?gad_source=1&qclid=EAlaIqObChMlj93JjN2qhAMVhwUGAB0XzQbTEAAYA SABEgKBvPD BwE)

Charlie has completed the Welfare Officer basic requirement and booked "Time to Listen" for 19 November 2025. He booked this early as the organisation AGB link to only run one training session per month and he must have this in place to fulfil his role.

### **New Ground Update**

Charlie attended the Uppingham town council meeting last week and met the Chairman before the meeting. Our potential field item was brought forward, but Charlie also stayed to observe the planning content and to meet other members of the public at the end. Tom Runcorn is the appointed architect. I have emailed him 3 times and rang him once. The field may be wet and there are no guarantees that we will get it, but Charlie will continue to go to meetings.

Charlie has not heard from James at Rutland logs, nor Ketton Sport and Community Club.

Although GVCG have agreed to extend our lease for a further 12 months, we do need to sign a new agreement.

With the potential loss of Casterton sports hall, should it be rebuilt, Kate suggested that Uppingham Town Hall might be an alternative. Debbie thought it was too small, but it was agreed it would be worth looking into and checking that a storage area would also be available.

### **County Update and AGM**

The last meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November at Countesthorpe, so both Charlie and Chrissie sent their apologies, and no minutes have yet been distributed.

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

James and Chrissie had received an e-mail from Helen requesting permission to include a paragraph or two about the Bowmen of Rutland in an OnTarget brochure as a case study and wanted to check you were happy with this before going ahead. Chrissie read out the proposed details which the committee all agreed to.

In another e-mail, Helen invited two people to an OnTarget development day. The closest two were in Kirkby-in-Ashfield or Worcester, which are a good distance away. Chrissie felt an online community would be better, rather than developing face to face, due to the distance involved.

### **Hire Kit Days**

This was proving difficult to sort as some people do not reply to e-mails, but Chrissie will try one more time.

### **Dates**

L&R 300	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Portsmouth	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Frostbite	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am

There is no taster session in December, but 29<sup>th</sup> November has lots booked onto it. Drop-in coaching will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> December and on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January. Charlie has passed his Level 3 Assessment and has 10 sessions booked with L&RCAA for team coaching and is booked onto the Northern Counties Coach seminar. The taster in January will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Beginners Courses 2026**

This will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Peter Hunt is wanting to do level 1 coaching so he may be able to help which will aid his qualification.

The price will be increased to £65 for adults but remain at £30 for children.

### **Bow Hire**

Chrissie was struggling to get into the bow hire account and didn't want to prevent her secretary's account from working. She has completed two months' worth of invoices and allocated payments using Pandle, which is OK once you have figured out how it works. Chrissie will complete a further month of invoicing and will then show Kathryn how it works.

## **Greetham Ground and Maintenance**

*Bosses:* Charlie and Peter were thanked for making up two new bosses. It was agreed that the layered boss in lane 2 will be removed from field as it is nearly shot out, and the wheeled bosses should be at 20y and 40y so can be rolled forwards and back to 30y. Charlie has made more damage frames too.

*Mowing:* last done 17<sup>th</sup> October. Gary had e-mailed Chrissie regarding mower servicing. They have not used the cylinder mower all year as it wouldn't start and should probably be scrapped. The strimmer and other mowers have only been used a handful of times too. It was agreed that only the sit on mower would be serviced, and not until March, which is when the servicing was done last year.

## **Any Other Business**

Chrissie has noticed that other counties do junior Frostbite rounds (10m and 20m), and she is going to propose that L&RCAA do this next year. We will also look at providing certificates to encourage juniors to shoot this. Chrissie agreed to talk to Peter F and Pete H about this.

Chrissie is considering adding indoor shooting fees to Pandle as it will send automatic reminders if individuals don't pay, which is not something she automatically does at present due to time constraints. She is going to ask Chris if this would be easy to set up.

Chris advised that Dave does have access to put up pages on our website, if they are simple, and advised Dave to call him.

The whole committee gave huge congratulations to Charlie for getting to his next level of coaching qualification. Chrissie is also covered for coaching for the next two years.

Charlie advised that indoor shooting was going well. Although we lost around £100 in October, we should break even in November. He suggested adding to the next newsletter an item saying, "come and see what shooting indoors is like!", as there are not many new members shooting indoors.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December via Teams

Proposed future dates: Wednesday 14th January pre-AGM via Teams  
Friday 23rd January AGM via Teams