

Information for new members to Newhaven Archery Club

People who can give you access to the site:

- must be a full member of Newhaven Archery Club
- has completed their own probation period more than a year prior
- is a key/number holder to the gate/buildings

People who can also give access to the Beginner's equipment:

- as above but is also a Newhaven Archery Club committee member, a committee designated representative of Newhaven Archery Club or coach for Newhaven Archery Club
- **AND** has access to the keys for the bows.

It is partly your responsibility to ensure that whoever gives you access to the site fulfils the criteria above. In the event of an incident, both parties could potentially be found to be at fault.

Visiting times for those on probation **April 1st – September 30th:**

- **Club night - Friday afternoons between 5pm-7pm.** If you are borrowing equipment, this is also the time the cupboards are open. Please ensure everything is returned to the cupboards which get shut at 7pm.
- **Sunday Club target days 9:30am.** Please check the calendar. We hold CTD 2x a month on Sunday mornings 9:30am onwards. There is no end time listed as it depends on who is at the field and what time they plan on finishing. You can expect to be at the field until at least 11:30am. Other Sundays may have different events listed which you may not be able to attend. The beginner's equipment will be made available from 9.30am until the end.
- **Sunday Selby.** This is a postal league shoot for certain members to get scores in for. However, everyone is welcome regardless of if you are participating in the league or not – you just need to be ready before the start time listed on the calendar. The beginner's equipment will be made available from 1:30pm until the end (usually about 3pm ish).
- **Wednesday mornings.** These sessions are more ad hoc and will rely on you asking if anyone is attending (via the Whatsapp group). Please ensure that the person responding to you is aware that you are a probationer and/or need access to the equipment. Not everyone will/can do this.
- **Coaching sessions.** Held once a month on a Wednesday evening 6-8pm – check calendar. All members, old and new, are encouraged to attend the coaching sessions. Some of this is structured but also feel free to bring your own questions or things you want to work on. The beginner's equipment will be made available from 6pm until the end.

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- **Wood shoots.** These are also open to probationers, but you must have your own equipment. No compounds or all carbon arrows. Please email Newhaven_archery@yahoo.co.uk for directions at least a week prior. Due to the various conditions of shooting in the woods (ie weather, falling trees, bluebells etc) some events may be cancelled or postponed last minute. This will be communicated via the Whatsapp group.
- **Making arrangements via Whatsapp.** You are welcome to ask if anyone is going to be at the field who will give you access to the site. *HOWEVER...* Please ensure that the person responding to you is aware that you are a probationer and/or need access to the equipment. While the site is open all year round, not everyone can (or will want to) be able to monitor probationers.

Beginner's equipment: will be made available as listed above until the end of July. After this time, you are expected to have your own equipment.

Visiting times for those on probation **October 1st – March 31st:**

- **Sunday Frostbite/Portsmouth 9:30am/1:30pm:** run in a similar manner to the Selby league event during the Summer with events lasting 1hr-2hrs. Weather dependant! If it's too cold, snowing, raining etc, it's always worth double checking in Whatsapp if anyone is going to attend.

Note re: Winter probation period. It can be difficult to complete your probation over the Winter period due to the inclement weather, lack of sunlight hours and the reduced calendar of events - and we actively discourage new members joining towards the end of Summer or into the Winter months for this reason. The club is also short of volunteers during the Winter months, so finding time to organise assessments and training days can be difficult.

Probation cards: if you are on probation, please ensure you have a copy of the probation card with you each time you visit the field. This will have been emailed to you during your Beginner's course, when you joined, or can be downloaded from the website.

Important note: Our field is open all year round which is what makes it attractive to many archers who find fixed sessions difficult to get to. However, this does not mean that probationers also have the same opportunity *to begin with!* Probationers must ensure that they are at the field with someone else who has actively volunteered to be there and fulfils the criteria at the top of page 1. We know that this may seem frustrating, but it helps to keep us all safe. Please be patient, we all had to go through it.

Insurance policies:

Once payment has been received by Newhaven Archery Club, you will be covered by Protectivity Insurance (please see our Policies page for more info), which allows you to shoot at our Firle site and at Ron's Wood. Note that it does **not** allow you to shoot

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anywhere else including other archery clubs or your back garden! Although injuries are covered to a certain extent, we strongly advise you to add your equipment to your home insurance and to include transport to and from the shooting sites.

Newhaven Archery Club is also affiliated with Archery GB (which is a national governing body) so that we can run certain events such as the Beginner's Course. As such, we have adopted many of Archery GB's policies as our own including the Rules of Shooting (see below) as well as Safeguarding and Coaching. For more information, see our policies page or email us.

Rules of shooting:

Newhaven Archery Club has adopted the Archery GB's Rules of Shooting as a document to follow at our sites (Firle and Ron's Wood). [Proc-01 Rules of Shooting](#) All archers are expected to read and understand this document and to ask fellow archers for help if something is not understood. If the link to this document does not work, try using a search engine and using the term "Archery GB Rules of Shooting". During a probation period, some archers may pick you up on things that are in the document, but you may have missed or misunderstood. This could be anything ranging from how you are shooting, what you are shooting, to your behaviour and conduct on the line. Please ask if you are unsure whether the advice given is from the document or the archers own opinion (no-one should be giving you their own opinion unless you have requested it!).

Scoring/badges/classifications:

There are many types of rounds with different distances, face sizes, scoring etc and it can sometimes get a bit confusing! You can check out all the rounds on the AGB website at archerygb.org. If you are looking to improve your archery, whether for yourself or because you want to compete, then the best way to monitor this is by scoring rounds. You can do this on paper or there are a number of phone apps where all you have to do is tap the score of your arrows in and the app does all the hard work of adding up for you. They can also work out your classifications, handicaps, personal bests and give you pictures of graphs to analyse your data!

If you are looking to achieve badges or official classifications/handicaps then you will need to log your scores on to Golden Records at archery-records.net Firstly, email our records officer at nacscores@gmail.com for a username and password before you go to the site for the first time. There is also a scoring app for Golden Records that directly exports your scores. This is available through Google Play or the Apple Store for about £3.49. However, you can enter your scores manually if you use paper or the free apps. All scores are checked annually in September with badges awarded at the AGM in October.

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Newhaven Archery Club volunteers:

Newhaven Archery Club is run purely by members who are paying the exact same fees that everyone else is. They are **volunteering** their time and energy into ensuring that archery is available to everyone as much as is possible. However, the number of volunteers is limited, and they each have their own responsibilities outside of the club. They also want to be participating in their own archery time every now and again so there may be the odd times when no-one is available to help. Please be considerate and patient – one day this could be you. 😊 We are always on the lookout for helpers to run archery sessions, be on the committee to help with the general running of the club, help maintain equipment and other resources, or to get involved with the community events such as Open Days. If you want to help the club run more smoothly, please think about getting involved – every bit of help is welcome!