

About the Club

Black Arrow FAC was founded in October 2005 by experienced archers, who had previous experience of running field archery clubs. The objective was to establish a small friendly, club that would introduce people to field archery.

We welcome visits from experienced archers and those who would like to learn. We also offer Archery Experience packages, providing an opportunity for a simple one off taster or as a precursor to joining us as a beginner.

The club has staged open field and roving shoots that have been very well received.

For 10 years our club home location was in 5 acres of woodland mid-way between Derby and Belper in Derbyshire. As a result of the resident landowner selling land that we used for access, we were forced to find a new home. We now have tenure of a significantly larger area of woodland wood in Leicestershire, just 5km from the SE corner of Derbyshire.

The club is affiliated to the National Field Archery Society (NFAS) and all club members are required join the NFAS. Additionally members and those participating in beginner and experience sessions are covered by the club's Public Liability Insurance.

Our new woodland, known as Black Arrow Wood, is private and whilst offering interesting and varied shooting, provides ample parking and easy access. Our facilities continue to improve with a shelter, toilet, storage and a comprehensive range of coaching equipment.

Our membership fees are modest, due in October each year, young persons (under 18 years) must be accompanied by a parent / guardian who shall also be a member. We prefer parents /guardians to be archers but in special circumstances, non-shooting membership may be taken.

We are proud to say that our club continues to be regarded as very friendly and relaxed. Some of our members are happy to just come along to the club for a shoot and to socialise, however, an increasing number of our members also visit open shoots and Championships around the country and often return with personal best performances, medals and trophies.

If you would like to know more about the club, wish to book and experience, arrange coaching or a visit, please use the '[Contact us](#)' link on our website

Field Archery

This form of archery represents hunting with the bow (*actual hunting with a bow & arrow is illegal in the UK*).

Targets are either life size 3D animal models or printed images of animals with scoring areas marked to denote a 'kill' or 'injure'. These are placed in woodland in a natural setting with shooting pegs set at unmarked distances. The course designer uses the natural terrain and features to create realistic and challenging shots with minimal disturbance to the woodland environment. For example a rabbit target might be placed just under a hedge or bush, a fox target around the bottom of large trees and a deer target might be spotted in a clearing through a gap in the undergrowth.

Shooting takes place in groups of 3 to 5 archers with each group following a marked safe path around the course. Each archer takes their turn to shoot up to 3 arrows at each target, once a score is gained on a target you stop shooting move to a safe place and wait for the rest of your group to complete their shooting. The scores are then recorded and the group moves on to the next target. The possible score reduces with each arrow shot.

There are many different shooting classes, covering all sorts of equipment and shooting style preferences from primitive and traditional equipment to numerous modern derivatives.

Shooting is invariably conducted in beautiful natural surroundings with good company, resulting in a very pleasant day out and...sometimes... the added bonus of winning a medal.