

# Newbury And Thatcham Archers



## CLUB CONSTITUTION

## **CLUB NAME**

The name of the club shall be NEWBURY AND THATCHAM ARCHERS.

## **OBJECT**

The club shall have as its objects the practice and promotion of Archery as a sport and a pastime.

## **MANAGEMENT (AMENDED FEB 2021 V1.1-> 1.2)**

The club may have an Honorary President, who shall be elected to serve for five years. The management of the club shall be carried out by the Club Management Committee, which shall consist of not less than 5 and not more than 15 members. The Club Management Committee shall normally be elected at the Annual General Meeting, to serve until the next A.G.M. or when they resign. In the event of a resignation mid-year, a replacement officer may be elected at an E.G.M. The elected Officers shall have the power to co-opt additional officers, e.g. to check the annual accounts.

## **BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES**

In respect of the National Westminster Bank current account the authorised signatories are required to sign acceptance that as authorised signatories providing instructions they all agree that, in addition to the Organisation being liable, they can all and/or each be held personally liable for any debt or other liability of whatever nature on the Account or otherwise arising with or owing to the Bank by the Organisation. By this clause the Club indemnifies such properly elected Club officers in respect of any such liabilities providing that, in respect of the operation of the bank account, the said officers have to the best of their knowledge acted strictly within the law and also within the rules of the Club.



**MEMBERSHIP (AMENDED JAN. 2002 & DEC. 2005)**

Membership shall be open to all wishing to practice or promote Archery. Members under the age of 18 years may shoot only in the presence of an experienced adult member of the club and must also be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian when shooting.

**DISCIPLINE (AMENDED DEC. 2005)**

The club shall reserve the right to exclude or expel in accordance with the club's disciplinary procedures any person considered to be unfit for membership.

**SUBSCRIPTION (AMENDED JAN. 1997 & NOV. 2020)**

The subscription falls due on the first of April annually. The subscription shall be subject to review, but may be altered only by consent of a General Meeting.

**GENERAL MEETINGS (AMENDED NOV. 2020)**

The club shall hold an Annual General Meeting by the end of August of the year following the financial year-end at the latest. Notice of such meeting is to be circulated to full members by the Correspondence and Minutes Secretary, not less than fourteen days before the meeting. The Correspondence and Minutes Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting when required to do so by at least three club officers or five club full members. Notice of such meeting is to be given by the Correspondence and Minutes Secretary to all full members, with an Agenda, not less than fourteen days before the meeting. A quorum shall be not less than eight current full members or 25% of the current full members, whichever is the fewer, at any General Meeting. At the Annual General Meeting the Officers shall present reports of the club's affairs and activities, and the Treasurer shall

present a statement of the accounts that has been checked by two club full members.

### **AFFILIATION**

The club shall not be affiliated to any Archery Association or Society, except:

in so far as sufficient members of the club are also members of an Association or Society, which thereby confers affiliation of the club, to obtain benefits, products or services for the club at no extra cost to the club or its members.

### **SHOOTING**

During club practice shoots, members shall conform to the Rules of Shooting as set out by the club, and as subsequently amended. Members belonging to any other Society or Association, (e.g. G.N.A.S., B.L.B.S. or N.F.A.S.) may for record purposes, conform to the Rules of Shooting as set out by that Society or Association, and as set out for the particular round being shot, provided always that such Rules do not conflict with the Rules of Shooting of the club, whose Rules of Shooting shall have precedence. All shooting carried out at the club field or elsewhere, shall be in accordance with any agreement made with the management of the field or range where shooting takes place.

### **PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

The club shall take out a public liability insurance policy to provide third party liability cover for members and their guests when shooting or practising at the club's designated venues.

## **METHODS**

To meet the Objects of the club, the club shall ensure that the necessary grounds, facilities and equipment are available for practice and training. The club shall hold meetings for these purposes, giving the occasional demonstration of Archery and encourage participation in the sport by taking part in and promoting events. The club shall offer a short course of instruction for probationary member beginners in accordance with the criteria set out by the club.

## **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

The club may offer such prizes and awards as its Officers think appropriate, providing that the necessary competition for such awards accords with the Rules of Shooting of the Society or Association under which the competition is being held.

## **GONFALON, BADGES AND INSIGNIA**

The club Gonfalon shall be exhibited at those events at which a club team is participating. The form and design of any badge or insignia must be approved by an A.G.M. before its use by members as a club device.

**AMENDMENT (AMENDED NOV. 2020)** The constitution of the club may be changed only at a properly convened General Meeting. Notice of any proposed changes, alterations or additions to the constitution shall be given, by the Correspondence and Minutes Secretary, not less than fourteen days before the said meeting.

## **DISSOLUTION**

If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the club shall be passed by a majority of the paid up full and honorary full members present, a subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held not less than six (6) weeks later (for which not less than four (4) weeks written notice shall have been given to each paid up full and honorary full member). This Extraordinary General Meeting must be attended by not less than one hundred percent of the paid up full and honorary full members and the resolution for dissolution must be confirmed unanimously by one hundred percent of the paid up full and honorary full members. Upon such confirmation of the resolution to dissolve the club, the Officers shall immediately, or at such future date as shall be specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the property of the club and, after the discharge of all liabilities, shall donate the proceeds of such realisation to one or more registered local charities that support or promote sports, such charities to have been decided upon at the Extraordinary General Meeting. On completion of this process the club shall be dissolved