

# 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**

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.

## **OFFICER LIABILITY**

The members of the Committee are hereby indemnified by the Club in respect of:

any liability reasonably and properly incurred by them on behalf of the Club; and

all claims which may be made against them as a result of any death, injury, disability or damage to property arising from the Club's activities on the Club's property or on any other property or elsewhere, claims brought under Occupiers' Liability legislation and claims in nuisance.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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**

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**

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**

The club shall hold an Annual General Meeting by the end of August following the financial year-end. 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. 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 full club members.

The Correspondence and Minutes Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting when required to do so by at least three club officers or five full club 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 General Meeting may be in-person, online or managed virtually over email. The quorum for voting shall be not less than eight

current full members or 25% of the current full members, whichever is the fewer.

## **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.

## **CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

The Management Committee shall ensure that the Club has the benefit of appropriate and adequate insurance in respect of all relevant risks.

## **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**

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