

Merry Christmas and all that!

The next county shoot will be our Christmas Clout, to be held on Sunday 28 December 2025 at Ledbury Archery Club's ground at New House Farm, Putley, with sighters at 10:30am.

As usual, all county archers are invited + indeed encouraged to come and join in, whatever their level of experience.

CAVEAT: Rachel regrettably informs me that there is insufficient range for compound clout shooting.

METRIC CLOUT (ONE-WAY)

Clout archery involves shooting at a circular target area on the ground (marked by a central flag), each arrow scoring according to where its shaft enters the ground. A clout round comprises 6 ends of 6 arrows.

As usual, we will be doing a Metric Clout (for which the scoring area is 15m diameter). Shooting will be one-way.

[For further details, see Part 7 of the Archery GB Rules of Shooting + Article 32.4 in Book 5 of the World Archery Constitution and Rules.]

DISTANCES

The customary distances are 165m for Men and 125m for Women. We will have an additional (shorter) distance for juniors / novices / bows that won't reach those distances (to be decided according to need, probably on the day). Anyone is very welcome to shoot whichever of the available distances they prefer. Hopefully there'll be something to suit everyone!

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded after the first (single) Metric Clout round, which we should finish comfortably by lunchtime!

There will be time and opportunity to shoot a second round if desired, enabling those who wish to to complete a Double Metric Clout, for which bragging rights will be available.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOOT

If individuals + clubs could *please* let me know (preferably by email to countyshoots@herefordshire-archery.info) *by Wednesday 24 December (Christmas Eve!)* who intends to attend — and which distance they would like to shoot + with what type of bow — that would help us plan + prepare targets, scoresheets, medals, milk, etc.

NB: It is especially important that prospective archers let me know *as soon as possible* if

either of the following apply:

- * you have not previously received instruction in clout shooting
- * you would prefer to shoot a distance other than 165m / 125m

Shooting fee: £3 adults / £1.50 juniors on the day.

Hoping to see as many of you as possible at the shoot.

Any questions, get in touch.

Best wishes — David

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