

Herefordshire Archery Association Annual General Meeting 2025

Venue: Bromyard Bowmen

Date: 7th December 2025

Time: 13:00

1. Record of attendees and apologies for absence

Attendees

David	Bruce	Archery G.B.
Clive	Catterall	Bromyard Bowmen
Gillian	Claypole	Bromyard Bowmen
Hilary	Higgott	Bromyard Bowmen
Victoria	Jenkins	Bromyard Bowmen
Kevin	Lovell	Bromyard Bowmen, Archery G.B.
Jonathan	Maher	Bromyard Bowmen
Lesley	Moor	Bromyard Bowmen
Simon	Newstead	Bromyard Bowmen
Mike	Stimpson	Bromyard Bowmen
Carolyn	Warren	Bromyard Bowmen
Neil	White	Bromyard Bowmen
Timothy	Wynn	Hereford Company of Bowmen
Mark	Beaumont	Ledbury Archery Club
Pat	Beaumont	Ledbury Archery Club
Dan	Callender	Ledbury Archery Club
WS	Furnival	Bromyard Bowmen
Rachel	Cecil	Ledbury Archery Club

Apologies

Veronica	Bruce	Bromyard Bowmen
James	Mattock	Hereford Company of Bowmen
David John	Michael	Hereford Company of Bowmen
Pete	Bennett	Ledbury Archery Club
Graham	Blandford	Ledbury Archery Club
Sarah	Callender	Ledbury Archery Club
Carrie-Ann	Philpot	Ledbury Archery Club
Justin	Twigg	Ledbury Archery Club
Ian	Woodman	Ledbury Archery Club

2. Chairman's welcome

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting for Herefordshire Archery Association.

The Chairman thanked all the volunteers that help run the county association and our county shoots, including of course, all of our committee members.

3. Minutes of 2024 AGM to be agreed and approved.

Proposed by Rachel Cecil, Seconded by Mark Beaumont.

4. Actions & matters arising:

- a. Adoption of Proposed County Constitution. Proposed by Rachel Cecil, Seconded by Mark B
- b. Range registration – apparently still required by AGB and are a duplication of member clubs' range registrations. Apparently, the range registrations are required for insurance to be valid at County Shoots. Information has been requested from clubs in order to make appropriate range registration applications for the County
- c. County Website & suggestions for further content.
- d. County Trophies. Ten new trophies have been purchased and two existing trophies have been retained,
- e. County Medals. David Bruce
- f. Sport 80 access / membership. As at December 2, there are 157 County members. There were 6 errors on the AGB site listing however these have now been rectified.

5. Officers Reports

a. Chairman

- New HAA website - More details on this will come from Tim, it was felt desirable to completely separate our site from the Bromyard site (thanks to Kevin for his past Webmaster duties) and to reduce our costs.
- New trophies - For some considerable time the committee members had been on the lookout for a number of new trophies to replace most of our County Championship trophies. The existing trophies were a bit of a mixed bag; some were extremely prestigious and others not so much. Despite the kind offer of a donated trophy from Jane Daggers at last years AGM, the Committee felt that it would be appropriate to source trophies of the same design, so all winners (apart from the two Recurve legacy trophies) were awarded a similar trophy. These were designed and manufactured in Tewkesbury and will be supported by Gaudio Awards who will provide winners nameplates for the next 14 years. A final thank you to James for the loan of his family silverware for the last 20+ years!
- AGB - Unfortunately our sports governing body continues to leave grass roots archery clubs and members feeling a little as though they are an afterthought, with various changes being imposed which are felt to be both unnecessary, poorly thought through and against what the clubs actually want. This has resulted in new procedures having to be introduced at each club and more work for the club volunteers.
- Sport 80 - It was noted that HAA had several members from Shropshire erroneously assigned to our County - this has now been rectified.
- One of the requirements of AGB is that all ranges used by the County for County Shoots must be registered, in essence duplicating the range registrations that each club has already carried out. The lack of logic for this duplication of work has been challenged with AGB to no avail, and all relevant ranges have now also been registered by the County.
- The County has 157 members registered on Sport 80, although a handful (4) are unknown to the clubs and it appears are erroneously associated with Herefordshire Archery Association. Investigations continue.

b. Secretary / Webmaster. TW stated that there was little to report from the Secretary. Webmaster reported that good progress has been made in setting up a new County Website and invited any suggestions for future changes or improvements.

c. Treasurer. The Treasurer being absent it was noted that the financial report for this year covered a different time period than last year. Pete Bennett (Treasurer) was to be asked for clarification.

d. County Shoots Officer. David Bruce (DB) stated that there was no further stock of Championship or County medals. He is awaiting a quote for new medals and is pursuing quotes from some different suppliers. New Championship medals for 2025 are required and have been requested. This is on-going.

e. Records Officer (Including presentation of County Records). Carolyn Warren (CW) awarded County Record certificates.

Certificates awarded to:

Jonathon Maher
Rachel Cecil
Vicky Jenkins
Hilary Higgot
Colin Symmons
Jane Daggers
Enzo Venn
Emily-Grace Stevens
Toby Mills
Violet Willmet

f. County Coaching Officer. Lesley Moor (LM) Reported that she now has AGB access, reported on new and existing coaches. Stated that there has been little or no significant support from either West Midlands Archery or AGB. Full Report below:

CCO REPORT FOR HAA AGM 2025

Coach Numbers

Following the last AGM, I am pleased to report that I now have access to Sport:80 and can follow coach renewals and training in greater detail.

We currently have 13 qualified coaches in Herefordshire.

Ledbury Archery Club has six AGB Level 1/Session coaches, although Sport:80 doesn't count Rachel for Herefordshire. Ledbury also has one Session coach in training.

Bromyard Bowmen has five AGB Level1/Session coaches, plus one Level 2 coach.

Hereford Co of Bowmen does not currently have a qualified coach member, but I believe they have a coach visit for beginners.

Of the twelve Level 1/Session Coaches in Herefordshire, three have started the training to become Development Coaches - one from Ledbury and two from Bromyard.

This is very good news for the county as Ken Willcocks, Bromyard's other Level 2 coach moved away from the area early this year.

AGB/WMAS

We have had minimal coaching support from AGB or WMAS this year. The Head of Learning and Development does not seem interested in continuing to host the online meetings for West Midlands CCOs and

RCOs that Helen Smedley hosted over previous years. I found these meetings invaluable for learning about CCO activities in neighbouring counties. We in Herefordshire briefly had some training opportunities provided by a Worcestershire coach early this year, but the Worcs CCO did not stay in post for more than a couple of months.

Coaching Sessions

We have just completed, yesterday, four sessions of what I would describe as Coaching Clinics, involving detailed observation and videoing of archers, ending with 1:1 feedback of suggested interventions on their archery form. The video footage is made available to archers to download for their own reference. Two sessions took place at Ledbury Archery Club and two at Bromyard Bowmen.

Uptake for these sessions was good and we will definitely offer these again in the future. They are a particularly beneficial experience for those coaches who are undertaking development coach training. I would like to record my thanks to all the coaches who have contributed to these sessions, not forgetting Kevin risking life and limb to record the overhead shots!

Finally, I am happy to continue in my role as County Coaching Officer for another year, although it would be nice to think that someone else might take it over at some point in the future!

g. Safeguarding Officer

WELFARE OFFICER REPORT FOR HAA AGM 2025

We have had no safeguarding issues reported in the past year.

We now have a Welfare/Safeguarding Officer in each of the three club following AGB's ruling that a club is not permitted to function without one. Some safeguarding organisations and trainers recommend that clubs have a backup Welfare Officer too, and some suggest one be male and one be female. This is something that clubs may want to consider.

h. County Team Manager (Position Vacant)

i. WMAS representative. Nothing to report

j. Club Representatives:

(I) Bromyard Bowmen. Neil Beaumont (NB);

The club currently has 9 Trustees. Steve Baggs is now Chairman, Neil White is Secretary and Lesley Moor is Treasurer.

Last year we said the club has secured some funding to repair the clubhouse roof and I'm pleased to confirm the works have now been completed.

We have run a number of taster sessions, including one for the bowls club, where in exchange, they ran a bowls session for our members. Other ones included Herefordshire Parkinsons and HOPE, two Herefordshire charities.

We also held have a go's in in Bromyard and Credenhill in the summer.

We continue to run beginners' courses, with the next planned to start on 10th January. These are always fully subscribed and we still have a healthy waiting list.

Current membership is 60 including 6 juniors.

Following on from last year, we have been able to repeat the coaching sessions aimed at archers of novice and intermediate level to have their technique observed

and videoed, and feedback given by coaches to help improve performance.

We currently have five Session coaches and one Development coach. Two of our session coaches have started working towards Development coach.

(ii) Ledbury Archery Club. Rachel Cecil (RC).

RC read out a statement of the activities of the Ledbury Archery club.

(iii) Hereford Company of Bowmen. James Mattock Secretary

2025 has seen our membership rise to 22 with 5 new archers joining us this year. The club recently decided to not take any more members due to restricted indoor space.

We have had 3 or 4 uninvited applications for membership via the Sport 80 website without prior contact. These have been rejected on the basis that we have no way of knowing any details about the requester and they would have been expected to make direct contact with HcoB first if they had been interested. Furthermore, none of those who did apply through this route have subsequently contacted us.

Our events this year have included our Halloween fun shoot, we have hosted a couple of County outdoor shoots, a beginners course a "Have a go" for the National Trust at Croft Castle and more recently our Christmas Frostbite shoot.

6. Election of Officers

Mark Beaumont expressed thanks to all current officers.

The following officers were elected or re-elected:

- a) Chairman – Mark Beaumont
- b) Secretary / Webmaster – Tim Wynn
- c) Treasurer – Pete Bennett
- d) Competitions – David Bruce
- e) Records – Carolyn Warren
- f) Coaching – election delayed
- g) Safeguarding – Lesley Moor standing down. Pete Bennet to take over

7. Any Other Business

- a) Rachel Cecil raised an issue regarding publicising, reminders and timings of events.
- b) David Bruce spoke about AGB processes, the AGB Magazine and asked people to contribute to the AGB "Have your say" matters.
- c) Range registrations have now been published on the County Website.
- d) WMAS Representative to investigate and report on regional matches. Neil White will report.
- e) Event publicity. Entry forms to be submitted to Justin Twigg with a cut-off being the Wednesday before the event. TW has now published an event entry form on the Events page of the County Website.

There being no further business to discuss the AGM was closed at 14:00