



Shooting at the Valley Bowmen of Huddersfield from July 19, 2021



Please remember **EVERYONE's** health and Safety is **YOUR** responsibility.

Following the latest government confirmation of England re-opening on July 19th please find below how this will affect things at our club. Please note that at the time of writing we are waiting for ArcheryGB to update their guidance & insurance requirements in line with government announcements.

This statement may be revised following the release of updated guidance from ArcheryGB

**To shoot on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays archers must continue to book online: see details below.
Booking is NO LONGER required to shoot on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.**

If you have any concerns about your health & safety whilst at the field, leave immediately and report your concerns to a committee member. All archers are reminded of the club Health & Safety policy which is displayed in the pavilion & in the disabled persons toilet.

BEFORE GOING TO THE FIELD:

- Archers **MUST NOT** come to the field if they show symptoms of any illness but in particular of Covid-19. Symptoms may include:
 - A new continuous cough
 - A high temperature.
 - Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- If you are symptomatic, living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection or if you are classified as extremely vulnerable on health grounds, the guidance is that you should remain at home for the time periods as advised by the government.
- Archers **MUST** notify the club should they develop symptoms after coming to the field.

SHOOTING TIMES:

- On club days (Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday) there will be no restrictions on the number of bosses or archers allowed to shoot. The requirement to "book" no longer applies on these days.

Until further notice booking will continue to be required for archers wishing to shoot on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

- On bookable days the field is restricted to **6 shooting lanes**. These are marked on the shooting line.
- Five 3-hour sessions will be available on each bookable day for each of the 6 lanes. (commencing 06:00, 09:00, 12:00, 15:00, 18:00).
- To shoot on bookable days members must book a session here: <http://valleybowmen.co.uk/book-shooting-lane/> .
- If you have NOT reserved a session on a bookable day please **DO NOT** attend the field just "to see if there is space available".
- If you do not have internet access please contact one of the committee who will make a booking on your behalf.
- If there is space available, you will be able to make a booking up to 5 minutes before the session starts.
- The committee reserve the right to cancel any session booking.

ARRIVING AT THE FIELD:

- Your attention is drawn to the safety rope around the **new building works, which are currently out of bounds**. Caution is advised when driving or walking in this area. Members are encouraged to use the parking area in front of the target shed as well as the drive and spaces near the pavilion followed by the layby. Additional parking behind the pavilion will be created when funds allow.
- On bookable days please try to get to the field no earlier than the start of your session. If you arrive early, please wait in your car until everyone from the previous session has left the field.
- On bookable days we encourage archers to respect others in terms of distancing, use of hand sanitiser etc: these days are designed to allow archers who are hesitant about the "return to normal" to shoot in a more controlled, less busy environment.
- **On club days (see below) only:** Please ensure you sign in using the diary kept in the disabled persons toilet every time you attend the field even if you are not shooting. This enables us to collect attendance data for use as evidence when applying for funding and grants etc. On bookable days data will be collected from the lane booking system.



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WHILST AT THE FIELD:

- The keys for access to the target shed, disabled persons toilet and the pavilion are now available in the normal places. All of these facilities at the field are available for use on every day of the week should archers choose to make use of them. As always members are requested to leave all facilities as they would wish to find them. Please note the pavilion is still recovering from a plumbing leak and smells musty after being shut up during lockdown. It should pass with time...
- The mobile safety sign stored in the disabled persons toilet must be placed in the driveway during shooting every day of the week – members are reminded of the shooting range safety zones by reference to the poster which is displayed in the pavilion and in the disabled persons toilet. **Do not enter the safety zones when shooting is in progress.**
- The shooting line has been divided into 6 shooting lanes each just over 3m wide. Remain on the centreline of your lane as much as possible if shooting on a bookable day.
- On bookable days a shooting lane may be used by 2 people from different households (see ArcheryGB FAQ on 25th May 2021) .
- Please ensure you return your straw boss to the target shed before you leave. Please give archers who express a boss preference priority on the four foam bosses. The foam bosses will continue to be left on the field overnight.
- The booking system does not cater for specific lane bookings. Please cooperate with fellow archers, for example choose the longest distance at which you can reliably hit the target so juniors and less proficient archers can shoot the shorter distances.
- If the straw bosses start to go soft, or foam need replacing in any of the targets, please contact a committee member.

CLUB DAYS:

- Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons have traditionally been known as “Club Days” but we now recognise Friday evenings (Juniors) and Saturday mornings (Coaching) as club days as well.
- **On the four club days the lane booking system will NOT be operational** and there will be no restrictions on the number of bosses or archers who can shoot. Archers who feel uncomfortable with this arrangement are encouraged to take advantage of one of the three bookable days available each week. Equally, if you are happy to shoot on a club day, please try and leave bookable days for those archers remaining hesitant to return to normal.
- Wednesday evenings have lately been the domain of our long bow archers but all bow styles are very welcome. Sunday afternoons often saw a club round being shot (age and experience appropriate) and we very much hope to see many of you shooting during this time when we may also be joined by archers from the University of Huddersfield. Saturday mornings will see many of the club coaches at the field who are always happy to support our newer (and established!) archers with kit or shooting questions. Friday evenings will continue to be our “Junior Night” with all junior members encouraged to attend.

BEFORE LEAVING THE FIELD:

- After every session, archers should sanitise their hands, clean their equipment and anything else used at the session. Please take ALL waste/litter home for disposal.
- On bookable days in order to minimise contact, please leave the field as soon as you have finished shooting ideally leaving the field at least 5 minutes before the end of your session.
- Please remember that when submitting score sheets (ideally online using Golden Records) they must be fully completed with first and last name, round shot, bow style, date and counter signed by a fellow archer. Please check your score is correctly added up!

Please report any health and safety concerns to a committee member.

Archers must notify the club should they develop the symptoms of COVID19.

Occasional field closures for maintenance, the completion of the indoor range building, grass cutting, taster sessions and beginners' courses etc. will be communicated with as much notice as possible.