

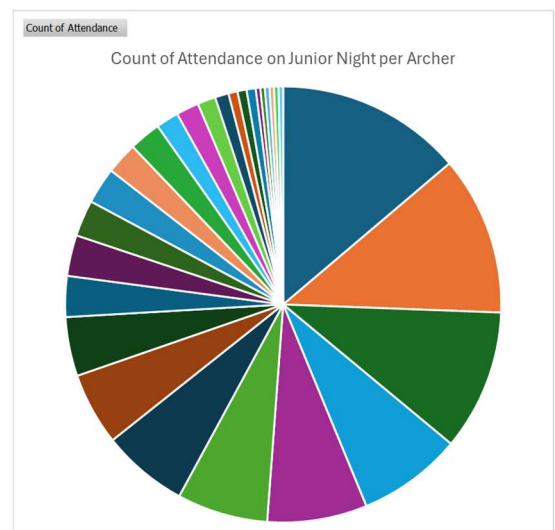
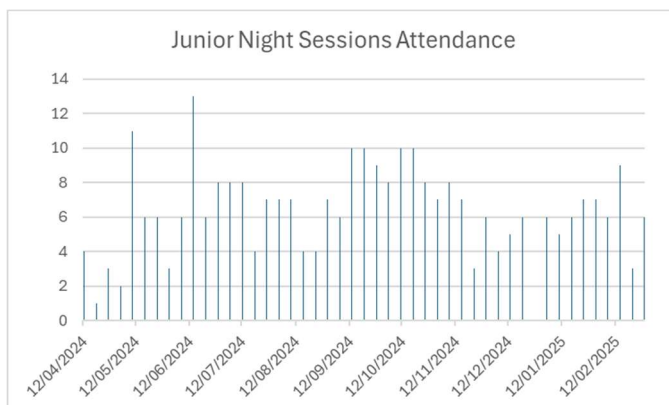
## Valley Bowmen of Huddersfield – Junior Liaison Officer Report 2024 - 2025

We have had a very successful year as part of the Junior Club:

- At the start of the year we had 35 members on record. 8 of which didn't renew their AGB membership in October.
- We have 6 members, who are now over the age of 21 so therefore are not classified as junior members.
- We have had 15 new junior members join during the year, only 1 of which didn't renew AGB membership in October.
- So now we have 36 junior members! Of these members...
  - 9 regularly attend the Friday Night sessions.
  - 7 members attend at other times during the week with parents/guardians.
- We have run 2 junior-only beginner courses during the Spring/Summer season, gaining high membership retention from.

### Participation:

Participation has kept higher than previous years, including over Winter. We are averaging 6/7 junior members per session every week, which is amazing!



### Developments for the junior club this year...

- Bi-annual joint junior nights with Rochdale Company of Archers.
- Junior Development Planning document has been developed and is being used.
- Junior Welcome Pack has been developed and is available on the club website.
- Regular food and games night, which always gets good attendance!
- More badge schemes developed aimed at junior archers.
- Specific Competition Hoodie available for junior archers, if they attend 3 or more external competitions.
- Junior Only junior nights introduced.

- Adjusted timings for benefit of juniors and parents.
- Help from additional coaches within the club when needed, meaning Safeguarding responsibilities are being met so junior can be left with coaches on a Friday night.
- Development of “Archery Games” for the fun aspect of sessions for the juniors.
- Introduced “Junior WhatsApp Group” for both juniors and parents with consent, for ease of communication about sessions. This has helped gain information about attendance before the start of the session.
- Taken 2 junior members to Lilleshall National Performance Centre, for a 1 day junior specific technical day with Lloyd Brown - Archery GB Head Coach.
- Developed the opportunities provided within junior sessions – e.g. different rounds for experience of competitions and postal leagues.

#### Plans for next year...

- Welcome Pack for Parents is in progress.
- Further develop more specific junior appropriate rounds for Indoors.
- Further develop the opportunities provided to juniors on juniors sessions, further enhance the programme.
- Implement a more structured feedback regime for juniors and parents about junior night sessions (possibly like Membership Survey).
- Provide juniors more opportunities to get involved.
- Run another junior-specific beginners course, held on a Friday night alongside regular junior sessions.