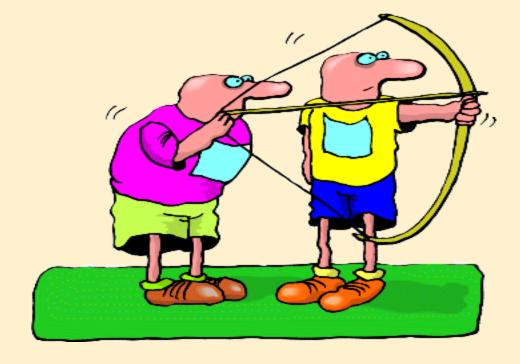


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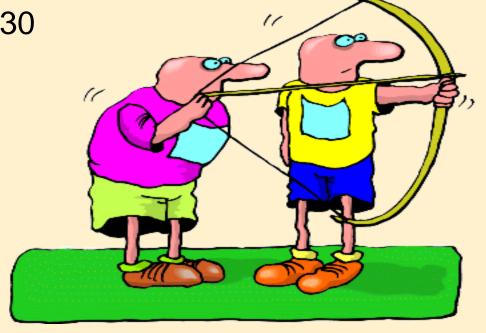
Annual General Meeting

2025

Friday 4th April at 19.30

Indoor Range





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Election of Club Officers Vacant Posts

We have nominations for 2 of the 4 vacant positions on our committee.

The AGM is to confirm the appointment of nominees for these vacant posts.

These nominees have not previously held committee posts.



Election of Club Officers

Post Nominee Proposer Seconder

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Membership Officer: Ian Hiscocks Joel Senior Joe Young

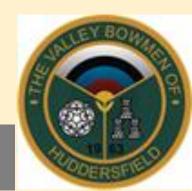
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Entertainment Officer:

Member Representative



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Secretary:

Treasurer:

Membership Officer:

Records Officer:

Junior Liaison:

Welfare Officer:

Entertainment Officer:

Members Rep. Mark Jones Alice Knox Mollie Bower

Election of Club Officers Current post holders

The AGM to confirm the re-appointment of current committee post holders.



Election of Club Officers

Post Nominee Proposer Seconder

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Will Kempf
Alan Marriott
Paul McGuire
Jonathan Powell

Ian Huntingdon Graham Ivey Neil Eddie Will Kempf Bill Wilson
Joe Fawcett
Clive Morley
Alice Knox

Junior Liaison:

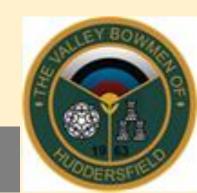
Welfare Officer:

Entertainment Officer:

Records Officer

Mollie Bower Les Griffiths Vacancy Vacancy Karen Rigby Paul McGuire

Alan Hoddinott Graham Ivey



AGM to ratify the above re-appointments.

Election of Club Officers Tonights meeting:

Newly elected club officers who did not previously hold a post will take up their duties at the conclusion of this AGM.

For tonight the current or retiring post holders will present their reports on the last years activities.

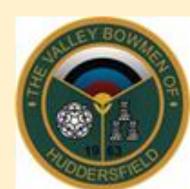


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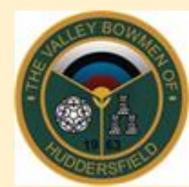
 Our committee members will be reporting this evening on their individual areas but in summary the club is in good financial shape, and we continue to look forward to well attended events and courses and to making improvements to our facilities as funds allow.

 The core of this club remains the members especially those who give up their time to coach, support, fix things and encourage new archers. To these folks the committee extends it's congratulations on another very successful year at Valley.



News from me tonight:

- Two long serving committee members are standing down
- 2. There is a proposal to change the club structure
- 3. Update on the defibrillator fund raising
- 4. Some of the improvements to the field made this year



- 1. Two long serving committee members are standing down and retiring this year from our committee:
- Graham Ivey (25 years service) and Alan Hoddinott (13 years service):

Graham has decided to retire as our records officer this year.



Alan has also made that decision but I suspect he will be at the field almost as often...





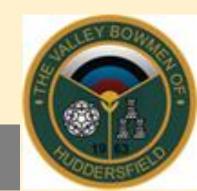
Proposal to appoint Graham and Alan as a lifetime honorary members in recognition of their years of service on the committee & supporting the club.

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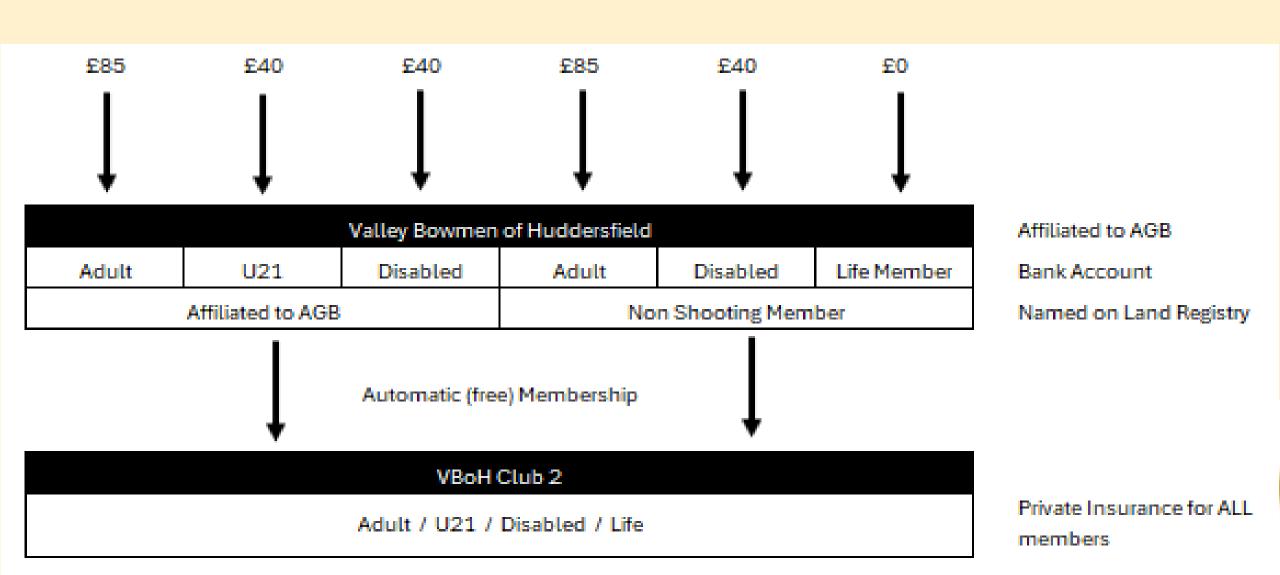
2. There is a proposal to change the club structure: presented by Alan Hoddinott Try Archery User Profile (& Logout) v Members Area Archery GB membership changes: Get Involved Competitions Clubs Coachin New Membership Structure FAQ Below you will see the questions that have been posed by members along with the answer. You can read by clicking the relevant question. If you will see the questions that have been posed by members along with the answer. committee member. All questions raised will get an individual response as well as being added to this list. Am I still affiliated to YAA and NCAS?

Revised Club Structure

- Since the club operates 24/7 access for shooting the new AGB membership mean we will be unable to guarantee all archers on the shooting line have up to date insurance.
- Measures to mitigate this risk have been considered :
 - Use of a booking system
 - Requiring all members to challenge every other archer on the line
 - Maintaining a list of insured archers (that changes every week)
- All of which have flaws or are subject to excessive administration.
- Only feasible way forward is private insurance covering **all** members.
- Since the AGB "Minimum Standards for Affiliated Clubs" states that non-members should not shoot alongside members we must create a separate (unaffiliated) club.
- To minimise additional administration VBoH will process all membership and continue to operate banking, CASC, land registry etc.
- Therefore, all members will join and pay fees to VBoH, as either a shooting or a non-shooting (social) member. All members will automatically become members of Club 2 which will have private insurance cover for all members when shooting at the Club.



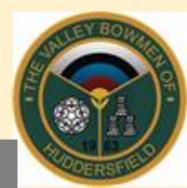
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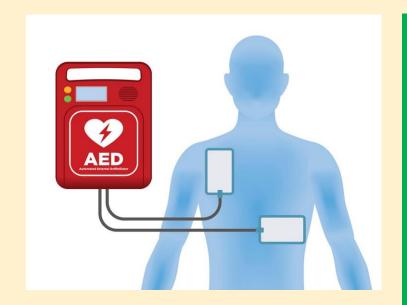
Revised Club Structure

Implications

- All members will be able to choose whether or not to join AGB this will be personal choice!
- To shoot at a venue away from the Club **you will need** AGB membership **unless** the venue provides its own insurance.
- All shooting at the range will be under Club 2 insurance cover except Junior nights which will be run as AGB events (note that all juniors will be affiliated to AGB and that adult members are already asked not to shoot alongside on Junior night)
- Beginner Courses, Taster Sessions and Have-A-Go sessions (Members do not shoot as these sessions) will be conducted as AGB sessions.
- Visitors to the club (AGB members elsewhere) will be required to pay a Day Membership fee (£5) to become members of Club 2 and thus insured to shoot.
- Interclub competitions. Home matches: on the day all Valley archers must be AGB affiliated otherwise all visiting archers will have to be registered as Day members. Away matches: only AGB affiliated archers may represent the club unless the host club is able to provide insurance cover.



3. The defibrillator we are privileged to have on site was updated last year and we asked for donations to help make this possible.

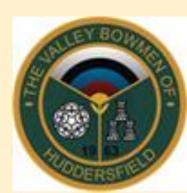


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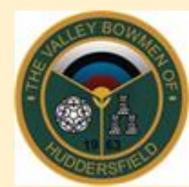
I am pleased to report we received:

£947.00!!

Thank you!



4. The club has made various improvements to the field this year and here are some pictures of what has been done by our volunteers and some contractors at the field over the last few months:



Reseeding and grading the lower half of the field:





Windy corner, built by Graham and Paul (+ a contractor for the posts):





Second target shed located at 90m. Built by Paul, Graham and Will. Paul has also just added a shelf!







The drive has been re-surfaced with "scalpings", a drain added and the paving slabs outside the indoor range re-laid.



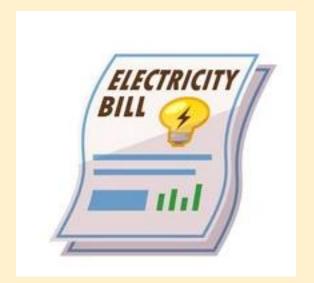


Health & Safety

- Safety at the club:
- © The Club policy has been reviewed & re-posted in the Pavilion and on the website.
- Paper copies of all risk assessments are kept in the Pavilion as well as on the website – these are now due for review.
- Members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the risk assessments.
- ② At club run events (non-archery or special events at the field, taster sessions, have-a-goes and beginners courses) the organiser/archer in charge <u>MUST</u> sign the register in the Pavilion to confirm the event complies with the assessment.
- Please let the committee know of any changes or amendments required once you have studied the risk assessments.
- Health & Safety is all of our responsibility so please ensure you take appropriate action including raising any issues with the committee.

Electricity Costs

Where we are today:



- On average we have been spending over £3000 per year on electricity to power the pavilion and heat & lights in the indoor range.
- © Our current contract with EON has reduced these cost by about £1000pa.
- We would ideally like to eliminate energy costs if at all possible by investing in solar panels.

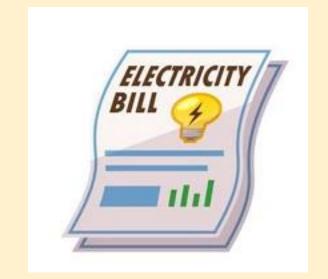


Our proposal:

Electricity Costs

To install 32 solar panels on the roof of the indoor range.





- This will allow us to sell electricity in the summer and use that income to pay for heat and light in the winter.
- Across a full 12 months it is expected the panels will generate c£250 surplus.
- © Cost of the panels is £8,200 plus a trench for the cable to the meter.
- © Current figures suggest a 3 to 4 year pay back period.





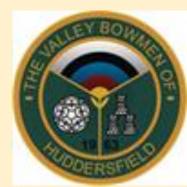
To everyone who supports our club with time or donations – you know who you are!

Including all members who support our courses and events. Without these the club could not continue to grow and prosper.

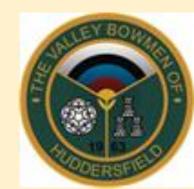
- I would also like to thank John Sinfield for his service as our Members representative. Really pleased that John now hopes to spend a bit more time on the shooting line when work allows.
- Thanks also go to John Pawson for his sterling efforts as our Entertainments Officer. Lots of fun and good events, much appreciated by all.
- Just a reminder that our monthly committee meetings are open to all (except when welfare or similar is discussed) so please come along and listen or join in the chat.
- Finally I want to thank the rest of your committee, they are all volunteers and deserve three cheers for all their hard work over the last 12 months.



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- Beginner Courses/Taster Sessions
- Work at the archery field
- Indoor Championships
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- Field Tidy: Sunday 13th April 10am



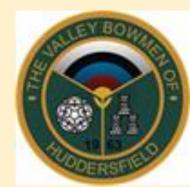
Beginners Courses/Taster Sessions

- Interest in beginner courses remains healthy. From March '24 to February '25 we completed 12 beginner courses with no courses being run during July, August and December '24.
- Out of the 101 people who took the course 44 joined the club. This is a joining rate of 43.56% which is slightly down on last year (46.70%) but still well above our target rate of 30% retention.
- The joining rate decreased around 3.14% from the joining rate last year.
- Out of the 44 who joined the club 11 were juniors, being. 25% of the total joining. This means that we have again achieved an increase of almost 14% over our target of 30% retention of beginners from our courses.
- Our next course starts on the 12th of April, and we are almost fully booked until the end of November when we have our Christmas break with 73 people signed up, being 60 adults and 13 juniors. Currently we only have 11 places available until the end of November. Again, this year we will not be running courses in July, August, or Dec.
- The cost of the course remains at £75.00 per person and a non-refundable deposit of £10 per person is always requested to secure a place.
- Once again, thanks go to all our coaches and volunteers for their valuable time and help in running these courses, as without their help the club would not function as well as it does.



Works at the archery field

- We have carried out several projects at the field over the past 12 months these being as follows:
- 1. Installing fencing to the 'windy corner'
- 2. Resurfacing the car park
- 3. Supplying an additional storage shed for straw bosses at the top of the field
- 4. Installation of dummy CCTV cameras.
- 5. Improvement to the surface of the archery field up to the 50yard marker.
- © We still have some items to carry out in the longer term being:
- 1. Car parking provision between the pavilion and the boundary wall.
- 2. Solar panel installation
- Thanks go to all those who helped on any of the above and to Annie for keeping the place clean and tidy.





Indoor Championships

- The club indoor championship & handicap competitions were held on the 16th and 23rd March 2025 respectively.
- Trophies will be presented tonight!





Secretary's Report

Field tidy jobs:

- 1. Rake field and remove debris Chris Friend, Graham & Elizabeth Walker
- 2. Repaint red lines in the indoor range Paul McGuire
- 3. Fix 8no. coat hooks in the indoor range position to be agreed
- 4. Clear the leaves from the gutters to the indoor range Martin Dixon, Chris Tansey, Bob Chatterton, Paul Emmerson
- 5. Clear the leaves from the rear (plastic) gutter to the pavilion
- 6. Clear leaves from around the perimeter of the indoor range Josette
- 7. Clean out the target shed and tidy
- 8. Re-bed the 2no. pavings for the mower ramps and the end paving to the shooting line
- 9. Cut the grass Neil Eddie
- 10.General strimming where required and general removal of rubbish some of which may need taking to the tip.
- 11.Re-creosote the marker lines this will be carried out by Eric Hawrot
- as soon after the 13th as possible.
- 1. Re-build the foam targets both indoors and outdoors Alan Hoddinott, Helen-Claire & Euan O'Connor, Les Griffiths



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- The club continues to be in a healthy financial state:
 - In 2024 we completed several major projects and finished the year with an operating surplus.
 - We finished 2024 with £19,847 in the bank (up from £14,729 end of 2023)
- We are heavily reliant on volunteers running beginners' courses and taster sessions for our income:
 - Courses brought in £11,776 vs £14,343 for club membership
- We have had to raise club fees by £10 in order to purchase non AGB insurance for all club members.





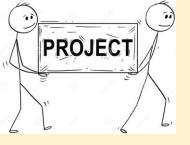
Operating Income		Operating Expenditure	
Membership	£14,344	AGB	£10,902
AGB	£10,995	Major Projects	£5,850
Beginner Courses	£7,530	Events (including XMAS 2023)	£3,292
Taster Sessions	£3,246	Repairs & Maintenance	£2,817
Sundries	£2,401	Sundries	£2,788
Events	£1,750	Utilities	£2,675
Coaching	£1,000	Equipment	£1,939
Donations	£974	Targets & Faces	£1,694
Easy Fundraising	£408	Cleaning	£1,207
		YAA	£1,143
Total	£42,648	Insurance	£924
		IT	£878
		Training	£752
		Mower / Grass Cutting	£681
Net Operating Income	£5,106	Total	£37,542
Net Operating income	15,100	Total	157,542
		Depreciation	£3,720
		Transfer to replacement Funds	£3,333
Grand Total Income	£42,648	Grand Total Expenditure	£44,595
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Expenditure Excess	-£1,947		





LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Accumulated fund					
Balance brought forward	28518	28584	Land at cost	7500	7500
Income (Expenditure) for year	-1947	-66			
Sub total	26571	28518	Pavillion and Containers (b/f)	35735	40360
			Depreciation (own costs)	-1720	-2625
Pavillion Replacement fund			Depn Grant Asset	-2000	-2000
Balance brought forward	13330	11997	Sub total	32015	35735
Transfer from Income & Expenditure	1333	1333			
Sub total	14663	13330	Indoor Range (b/f)	63864	67864
			Depreciation (own costs)	-2000	-2000
Lottery Fund Grant (Pavillion)			Depn grant Asset	-2000	-2000
Balance brought forward	29992	31992	Sub total	59864	63864
Write off of grant liability	-2000	-2000			
Sub total	27992	29992			
			Cash		
Indoor replacement fund			Bank	19847	14729
Balance brought forward	6000	4000	In hand		12
Transfer from Income & Expenditure	2000	2000	Sub total	19847	14741
Sub total	8000	6000			
Sport England Grant (Indoor)	44000	46000			
Write off of grant liability	-2000	-2000			
Sub total	42000	44000			
Grand total	119226	121840	Grand total	119226	121840





Major Projects –

- Repaving Around Indoor Range £1400
- Level & Reseeding Field
 - Part 1 £1,188
 - Part 2 £2,040
- Windy Corner £840
- New Target Shed £382

Total for 2024 - £5,850

Resurfacing Car Park - £2,204 (2025 Accounting Year)

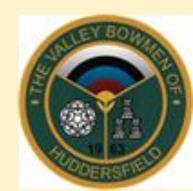




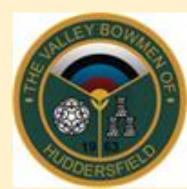
Summary -

- We are in good financial health.
- We have ring fenced £10,000 as our strategic reserve.
- Debt free.

Still have projects on the 'to do' list!

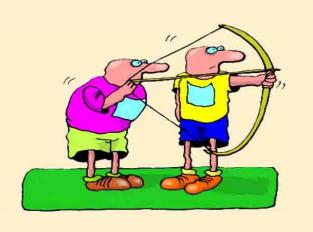


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Vice President's Report

Competition Participation



	2021	2022	2023	2024
INDOOR CHAMPS	-	15	17	14
INDOOR JUNIOR CHAMPS	-	1	3	2
INDOOR HANDICAP	-	5	11	12
ST GEORGES DAY	18	22	18	16
LONGBOW MEMORIAL SHOOT	9	18	17	13
ALBION SHOOT	17	12	18	9
INDEPENDENCE DAY	20	20	19	12
SUMMER FUN SHOOT/60 ANNIV	20	18	35	33
YORKSHIRE DAY	10	10	15	13
OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	14	13	18	4
OUTDOOR HANDICAP	12	16	14	4
GRAND PRIX AWARDS	12	12	8	14
TRADITIONAL SHOOT	9	6	14	6
THANKSGIVING	15	17	19	16
CHRISTMAS FUN SHOOT	15	16	20	21
FROSTBITE SHOOT	-	17	15	??

Membership is growing but participation in VBH events is showing a downward trend with even our flagship events, the Club Championships, being heavily undersubscribed.



Vice President's Report

Trophies Roundup

© Of the 49 trophies available during 2024 30% remained in the cupboard.

There are now 52 trophies/plaques/awards that are available to shoot for in the

above events.

Future Plans

During 2025 additional trophies/awards will be procured in an attempt to recognise the increase in different bow styles amongst the membership.



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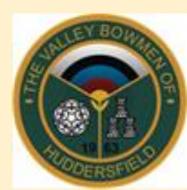


Membership Officer's Report

- We started the year (1st April '24) with 175 Members
- 57 new members joined the club during the year
- We ended the year with 232 Members (plus 3 Life members)
 - 175 Adult
 - o 46 Under 21
 - o 10 Disabled
 - 1 Associate
- Of these 207 members are affiliated to Archery GB
- Fees for 2025/6
 - \circ Adult = £85
 - Junior / Disabled = £40
 - o If you're reading this and have paid you can vote!
- To date xx members have renewed.



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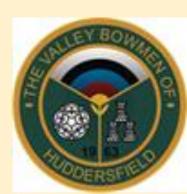


Records Officer's Report 2025

- A total of 987 Outdoor rounds recorded by over 80 archers and 588 Indoor rounds recorded by over 50 archers
 - 19 Archers achieved a new Outdoor classification
 - © 31 Archers achieved a new Indoor classification

256 new club records have been set!!

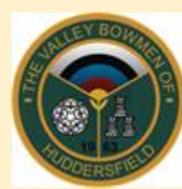




Portsmouth Badges

- Badges are awarded for scores starting from 300 incrementing in 25's to 575 and then for scores of; 580, 585, 590, 595, 600
- 22 archers are eligible for badges





Progress Award Scheme



Indoor Championship

Men's Barebow

- © 3rd Lee Mather
- © 2nd Mark Jones
- © 1st David Stewart

Women's Barebow

© 1st Sharon Kelly

Men's Compound

1st Will Kempf

Men's Longbow

- 3rd Simon Hayes
- © 2nd Martin Dixon
- 1st Clive Morley



Women's Longbow

© 1st Alice Knox

Men's Recurve

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- 1st Mollie Bower

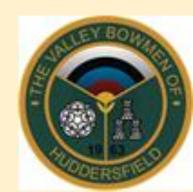


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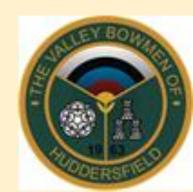


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Handicap Improvers Medal

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Junior Liaison Officer's Report

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

- We started the year with 35 junior members, and finished the year on 36 members with some drifting in and out as the year progressed! Out of this, 9 of them are consistent with attendance on junior nights.
- Participation has remained pretty consistent throughout the year, average 6/7 juniors a night on Junior Nights. We have continued to run a Food Night once a month, which tends to continue to bring more of them out!
- We have run two joint junior nights and a postal with Rochdale Company of Archers juniors this year, which will continue next year too!
- The key focus for next year is to continue to develop the opportunities provided to juniors
 on junior night sessions, and to provide juniors more opportunities to get involved in the
 club in general.

Junior Liaison Officer's Report

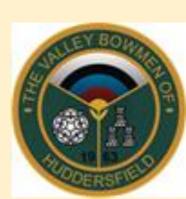
Junior Indoor Championship Results:

3rd Morgan Rigby, 477.

2nd Millie Garland, 513.

1st Euan O'Connor, 526.





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Welfare Officer

- I'm probably the one officer in the club who wants a quiet time during any annual period.
- The role of WO is unusual in: it is not a committee position, but rather stands alone.
- The WO officer is answerable to AGB and the Chair of The Valley Bowmen of Huddersfield.
- I do attend most committee meetings and take an active role though, even though I have no vote.

This year:

- Has seen continuation of attending WO Zoom meetings, to discuss several relevant areas.
- Keeping training updated.
- New Safeguarding training through AGB, Paul Stewart Official and High-Speed Training.
- This year we have only had 1 situation which required action, and a suitable resolution was quickly arrived at.

Les Griffiths



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Welfare Officer

During the year we have had a few new members join the club. It is worthwhile reiterating:

Member responsibilities

- All members should follow the etiquette and rules of shooting both from AGB and the club's rules too
- ② Parents are responsible for their off-spring whilst attending shooting at general sessions, tournaments and events
- If unable to supervise their own young people: firm arrangements must be made with another responsible adult for the duration of the event. This is best done through somebody you know well and preferably an adult who has been through the relevant DBS checking (they must remain for the duration)
- Young people cannot be dropped off and left without prior arrangement even if others are already shooting
- This year has seen some changes to the Case Review Panel with a new Chair and some changes in panel members.

Justine Hoskin – Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Case Panel



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Entertainments Officer

John Pawson

- © Bonfire night This year's bonfire night was blessed by dry weather allowing us all to enjoy the evening. The downside was that firework prices have increased by an astonishing amount over the last year so the display was shorter than previous years. We did however manage to make sure that everyone, even the "bigger" children, all had sparklers to play with around the excellent bonfire, which was well managed, once again, by Russ.
- © For future events it would be worth considering a higher entry charge per adult (maybe £10) to enable a decent display.
- © Christmas party We experimented with a new venue at The Huntsman above Meltham. The evening was very enjoyable but not universally enjoyed. It was a shared venue with a live act on stage.
- Whilst leaps and bounds ahead of the previous year, the search must go on for a venue that more members are interested in.

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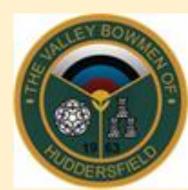


Annual subscription Review

- The committee reviewed subscriptions in January 2025.
- Current Senior subscription is £85.00, Junior £40.00.
- Club subscriptions are NOW DUE for 2025/26 season!!!
- ArcheryGB/GNAS fees are payable separately later in the year



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Start Archery: May 11th





Come along and support the club from 10am

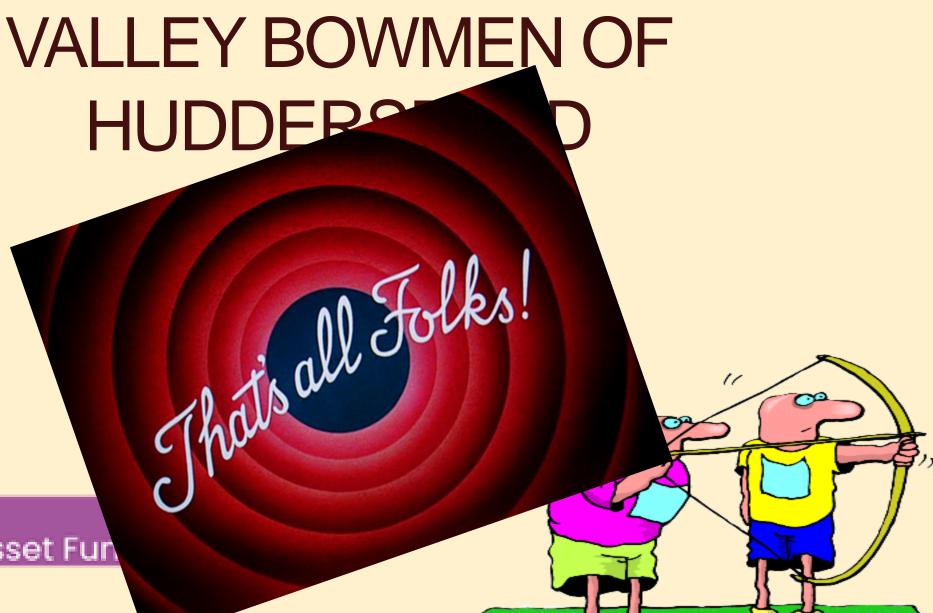
Any other business...

1. That the positions of Welfare Officer and Entertainments Officer become full executive posts.

This will require approval from the AGM and a change to the list of officers in our constitution.







Return to Play: Community Asset Fun

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