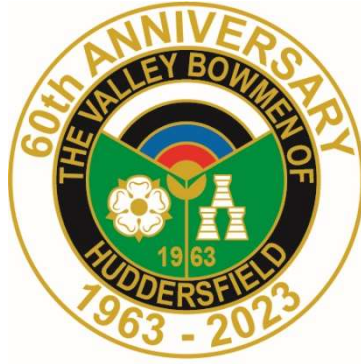




The Valley Bowmen of Huddersfield

Clout Competition – Sunday 28th September 2025

Although the field set up proceeded without a hitch, the first practice afternoon was a complete wash-out with the first substantial downpour of the summer cancelling the session before it even started.



The second practice afternoon, although very overcast remained dry for the dozen or so archers that took to the field. Initially the strong head wind was proving a challenge and it took several ends before most archers were getting the distance. We ended the day shooting at Jean Pierre, or should we say we ended the day looking for a lost compound arrow having shot (and missed) Jean Pierre.

Competition day arrived with glorious sunshine, a few wispy clouds, and little wind to speak of. So, it was sou'westers away and out with the suncream. However, the downside of this fine day was having to shoot directly into the sun. Shooting commenced on time with a couple of ends of practice followed by the first Clout round of 36 arrows.



It proved to be a slow morning with everyone getting used to the arrow collection and scoring routine followed by a coordinated hunt for the (still) missing arrow after every end. As a result the lunch break was reduced to one hour – just enough time for some to dash to Morrisons and back !!

The afternoon session commenced with a couple of ends shooting at the life-size knight on horseback located at about 140m. Needless to say, the target face came home in much the same condition as it arrived, although to be fair, there were a couple of hits to the target – but horse and rider remained unscathed. Better luck next year! Jean Pierre was the next in line for 12 arrows apiece at about 110m which resulted in a little more success with a couple of kills and several injuries.



With the fun out of the way, the retirement of 3 archers and the arrival of another archer (who arrived late having got the start time wrong - even though he designed and printed the posters for the event – for which the leg pulling was merciless!) the afternoon clout round commenced.

With the exception of a couple of us that were tiring (or losing interest 😊) the afternoon session saw some impressive scoring and everyone finally managing to get at least one scoring arrow.





Before heading to the results for the day we must extend our thanks to a few people. First a foremost is to Edward the landowner. We were only able to hold this competition through his generous offer of the use of his field. We must also thank Dave Sutton and Simon Hayes for the making the stile and also the magnificent targets they fabricated (both of which will last many years at the rate we manage to hit them).

Being the first club Clout shoot it was a historic day with 12 Personal Bests and 5 Club Records, the full results are below.

AM Shoot	Class	Score	Hits
Helen McKerracher	Barebow	51	20
Latif Sheard	Barebow	54 CR	15
Nick Thompson	Barebow	0	0
Joe Shields	Compound	95 CR	30
Alan Marriott	Longbow	63	29
Bob Chatterton	Longbow	45	16
Ian Hiscocks	Longbow	41	18
Alan Hoddinott	Longbow	29	12
Tony Barrett	Longbow	19	8
Stuart Mullane	Longbow	0	0
David Sutton	Recurve	101 CR	33
Bill Wilson	Recurve	31	15

PM Shoot	Class	Score	Hits
Helen McKerracher	Barebow	108 CR	35
Latif Sheard	Barebow	20	10
Nick Thompson	Barebow	8	6
Alan Marriott	Longbow	71 CR	24
Bob Chatterton	Longbow	44	19
Alan Hoddinott	Longbow	32	13
Ian Hiscocks	Longbow	16	10
Stuart Mullane	Longbow	3	2
Clive Morley	Longbow	1	1
Bill Wilson	Recurve	44	28