



Berkshire Archery Association



Welcome to Berkshire Archery Association.

Welcome, on behalf of the County Committee, firstly let me extend our warmest wishes and gratitude to all of you for your continued support of the sport in these unprecedented times. Whether you have been a member for decades or only been shooting for less than a year, archery really is a sport that offers something for all. COVID-19 has meant everyone has had to re-think how things are done in order to provide opportunities for members to continue doing the thing that we love to do, which ultimately is to shoot!

The County Committee is immensely grateful to everyone working at club level to get these things organised and even once the COVID-19 regulations are eased, there will remain a need to be flexible and creative in providing facilities and opportunities. We would urge everyone who has skills or support to offer your Club or indeed the County to get involved - you would be warmly welcomed.

As members of the County, we felt it important that you know what the County Committee does and how you can get involved, if you would like to. This year we will be working differently to support the development of archery in the County and, with places becoming available on the committee, now is a great time to get involved. Our AGM is on the 21st January 2021 on Zoom.

Unless you tell us that you would like to hear more from us, this will be the only direct correspondence (unless absolutely necessary); if you would like to hear from us from time to time, please use one of the three options below:

- Sign up to our mailing list for updates about what's going on and messages from the County: [Mail Chimp BAA - Stay in touch](#)
- Visit our webpage: <http://www.berkshirearchery.co.uk>
- Or contact the Secretary at secretary@berkshirearchery.co.uk for anything else and someone will try to help.

Otherwise, correspondence and news will be sent out the traditional route through your club secretary.

We welcome feedback, thoughts, questions and offers of help.

So, let's begin:

Through paying your fees, you become a member of your archery club, but that's not all. You also become a member of Berkshire Archery Association (the County), Southern Counties Archery Association (the Region), and Archery GB too.

Berkshire Archery Association is made up of:



The objective of Berkshire Archery Association is to promote and encourage the sport of Archery within the County of Berkshire as existing in 1972. The County is part of the Archery GB governance structure, and provides support for clubs and their members in the following areas:

- 📄 *Memberships and record keeping*
- 📄 *Support and guidance for archers and clubs*
- 📄 *Safeguarding and verification of identification documents for DBS checks*
- 📄 *News, communications and GDPR*
- 📄 *Disciplinary matters and complaint handling*
- 📄 *Managing County funds, equipment or property*
- 📄 *Events and competitions*
- 📄 *Coaching opportunities*
- 📄 *Judges and volunteers*
- 📄 *Funding support*
- 📄 *County Records, ranking and team selections*

Below is a bit more detail about some of the things we do to support and develop archery in the County. There are always opportunities to get involved if you're interested.

BAA Archery Records:

Any member of Berkshire Archery Association can submit their scores through their club. If you are a leisure archer, shooting for your own enjoyment, you will be able to see how you are doing compared with fellow archers across the County. BAA runs a [Leisure Ranking List](#) online.

For the more adventurous/competitive archers, clubs and the BAA may hold open tournaments. These are open to anyone, of any level, age and ability, and are a great way to expand your archery experiences. To be eligible to represent the County at inter-county shoots or nationally, you can submit your relevant qualifying scores through your club to the County Records Officer.

Coaching: Berkshire Archery Coaching Group (BACG)

Coaching activity within the county is led by the County Coaching Organiser and the Berkshire Archery Coaching Group (BACG).

“Coaching is about unlocking a person’s potential to maximize their own performance (Whitmore, 2002)”

Your club may well have coaching available for its members, through its own club coaches or arranged coaching activity. Besides this, the BACG provides coaching for individual archers and for groups of archers through improvement programmes, seminars and workshops to enhance the skills of adults and junior archers within Berkshire.

The Coaching Group also provides coach training through a structured learning and qualification route. Recognised coaching levels are available from the raw beginner instruction through to high-level performance improvement. Lastly, the Coaching Group provide continuous education and professional development training to the coaching community.

Contact BACG: coaching_secretary@berkshirearchery.co.uk

Judging:

We have a small judging team within Berkshire that is available to help to support opportunities to advance your knowledge and attain qualification in the rules and conduct of competition archery. All tournaments require judges of the right level and if you’re interested in getting involved, there are opportunities. It’s a good way to meet other archers and extend your archery experience.

Volunteering within BAA:

All the clubs and the Berkshire Archery Association are run by volunteers. Some of the volunteers have official titles and roles, but many don’t, and everyone’s efforts are really appreciated, and really important for the continuation of the sport.

The BAA committee consists of 16 positions, three of which are an executive committee (details can be found below), but we also value the participation from club representatives. We have County meetings at least three times a year where matters of the County are discussed. Details can be found here:

www.berkshirearchery.co.uk/meetings.html

Working groups – We have tried a new way of working by using a small group of people to achieve a particular task. This has worked well and is something we would like to do more of. If you would be interested in sharing your skills, and working in a small team then we would love to hear from you. Let us know by contacting the secretary or selecting your preference in the Mail Chimp link.

To be able to develop and support archery within the County, we are always open to fresh ideas and input. If you might have some time, enthusiasm, skills or knowledge to offer, do get involved in any way you feel you can.

The below members are correct as of December 2020, there will be changes at the AGM in January 2021. Positions marked with a * are currently vacant or we have been notified that they will become vacant at the next AGM.

President: Pete Stickings (Crowthorne)	The figurehead for the Berkshire Archery Association, representing the Executive committee at official events, and promote the BAA.
Chairman: Position Vacant	This is an executive role, chairs the committee meetings and acts as principle officer of BAA.
Secretary: Celia Stocker (Windsor Forest)	Hi, I am Celia, I am the Secretary. I am the point of contact for the County, organize the County meetings and promote the BAA.
Treasurer: Thomas Clint (Archways TDH)	Hey, as treasurer I manage the finances of the BAA and administer the membership fees of the members.
Gentlemen Vice-President: Graham Potts (Bowmen of Burleigh)	The Gentleman Vice President is a member of the committee and helps to promote the BAA as necessary and support the President.
*Lady Vice President: Jane Burnham (Bowmen of Burleigh)	As Lady Vice President I am a member of the committee and help to promote the BAA as necessary and support the President as required.
Records Officer: John Kelly (Bowmen of Warfield)	I am the county records officer. I receive scores from club records officers. I collate these scores and publish rankings on the county website. I am also involved in selecting a team to represent the county in some national competitions.

*Junior Representative: Emma Evans (Bowmen of Burleigh)	Hiya, my name is Emma and I am the Junior Rep for Berkshire. My main role is to encourage as many juniors to shoot and have fun. Hopefully, an off shoot of this will be to nurture a competitive team to represent the county and have fun in the process.
Coaching Organiser: Gary Critchlow-Smith (BACG)	This is a position of the committee to represent and promote the Coaches within the County, as Berkshire Archery Coaching Group.
Judges Representative: Graham Potts (Bowmen of Burleigh)	This is a position of the committee to represent and promote the Judges within the County
County Development: Richard Stainthorpe (Crowthorne)	As a member of the BAA committee, act as a focal point for county development activities or initiative
Safeguarding officer: Mike Hogg (AGB)	This position has the responsibility for the Safeguarding of children and young adults, also adults at risk, within the Berkshire Archery Association
*Match Secretary Position Vacant	Is the point of contact for the organisation of intercounty events, and the relevant Team Selections.
2x SCAS Representative Celia Stocker (Windsor Forest) *-Position Vacant	Attend and represent the County at Regional meetings. Feeding back news and changes to the committee for distribution to the club secretary's.
Tournament Organiser (Indoors) Richard Stainthorpe (Crowthorne)	To organise on behalf of the County an indoor tournament for the members of Berkshire Archery Association.
*Tournament Organiser (Outdoors) Gary Critchlow-Smith (BACG)	To organise on behalf of the County an outdoor tournament for the members of Berkshire Archery Association.
*Tournament Organiser (Field) Position Vacant	To organise on behalf of the County a field tournament for the members of Berkshire Archery Association.

Contact BAA:

BAA Secretary: secretary@berkshirearchery.co.uk

BAA Website: www.berkshirearchery.co.uk

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