



Club Newsletter December 2024

Welcome to the December Newsletter, 2024 finished with a bang, first storms and then Snow and Ice attempted to close the course. None of it is good news for outdoor archery, but we made the best of it and rallied round to repair the damage.

As a result of the storm we had a few trees to sort out with some felling taking place and in light of the issues noted by the tree surgeons we commissioned a Tree survey to ensure all was well in the woods.

Tree survey

The survey took place over the Xmas period and the results have shown we have no major problems. There is Ash Dieback in some trees but the survey showed there was no need to cut down any more of the existing trees and that there were only minor issues to deal with regarding target placement.

In the new year we will be reorganising the course ready for an open shoot in the summer but as a prequel to this we will be altering a couple of targets to avoid proximity to trees suffering from Ash Dieback.

We have discussed the survey with the NFAS safety advisor who sees no issues with our approach and agreed with the survey recommendation to erect signage to direct members to keep to the marked paths and to close the course when there are Met Office Weather Warnings for High Winds affecting our woodland area. This signage will be put up during January along with changes to the target positions.

A copy of the revised course risk assessment and the results of the survey will be available in the Club House, and a copy sent to all members by email during January 2025.



Work Parties

The majority of the work in looking after the course has fallen on the older members of the club during the last year or so and this is an appeal for more of our younger members to step up and join the work parties, dates for work parties are given on the WhatsApp group and we try to deal with the work at weekends, to make it easier for members to attend.

AVA Challenge

The monthly AVA challenge will continue during 2025 even though we had very few members taking part in December, hopefully as better weather approaches we will get more entrants and with our newer members now actively shooting they will take the opportunity to participate. Its free, just fill in a score card and leave it in the Visitors Enclosure or the Honesty Box, you can make more than one entry, the best score will be used and there are prizes of engraved wooden coasters for first place in each division.



For our newer members the committee members are all listed on the 'contact us' web page of our web site and listed in the current copy of the constitution on display in the club house.

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