



Club Newsletter November 2025

Welcome to the November Newsletter, after a dry summer we are now in a rainy period with high winds and plenty of mud on the course. There is a lot of work occurring on the course as the old Ash trees are removed to ensure we do not have any issues with falling trees during the coming months, so you will need to take extra care with the mud and the fallen logs. We have purchased a 4x4 as a club work vehicle and are selling off the old quad bike which has made room in the containers for a small workshop.

Course Layout

With the hornet nest becoming abandoned we have re-opened the original peg 8 (two badgers) and removed the Vulture which is no longer a double target as the snake has lost its head. This means that the old peg numbering is back in place with peg 9 at the top of the rise (crocodile and toad), peg 10 is the brown bear and ram (watch out for the large rock in front of the ram, it breaks arrows), peg 11 is the wolf and two deer as you exit the woods by the picnic area and 12 is the alligator and pig. The remainder of the course remains but some of the targets have been changed.

Car Park

With the increased number of members we are working on expanding the car park into a section of the top field and upgraded the track through the gate using hard core to provide a stable surface.

This will allow easy access to the secondary parking area beside the new toilet just inside the field.



Work Parties

We have had some new members helping out on work parties but need more helpers to reduce the workload on the small number of members who regularly turn up to help with course maintenance. We are appealing 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.

To help with the muddy areas we now have a stock of wood chips, if you feel that an area needs some extra there is a wheelbarrow and shovels available on the course.

Beginners Course

The next 'Beginners Course' is planned for early in the new year but we already have more than enough applications to attend.

New Targets

We need to replace some of the targets that are reaching their 'sell by dates' so any suggestions from members are welcome to make up a 'shopping list'. Suggestions by email to secretary@ashcombevalleyarchers.club or to me on the WhatsApp group.

AVA Monthly Challenge

The monthly AVA challenge has continued throughout the year with new members joining in and getting some excellent scores. We used the handicap list to select our team for the SW Crown and they came up trumps by winning the team competition. The challenge is free, and open to all members, just fill in a score card, which are available in the Visitors enclosure, and leave it in the Visitors Enclosure or the Honesty Box. You can make more than one entry during the month and the best score will be used for that month. There are prizes of engraved wooden plaques for first place in each of the four divisions, archers will be placed in the relevant division based on their handicap average scores and move up or down as the handicap average changes. Scoring using archery apps is OK, just send the results by email to secretary@ashcombevalleyarchers.club, and save some paper.



Open Shoot

Many of our members are attending open shoots around the region and are achieving first place in a number of bow styles.

Our joint shoot with Brixham in August was well attended and the weather behaved for the weekend so we all had an enjoyable day at Ashcombe on Saturday and some of our members attended the second day at Brixham on the Sunday. A separate report on the shoot is available on our web site and in the most recent NFAS magazine.

As I don't attend many Open shoots myself, I will be pleased to accept items to include in the New Letter from those members who regularly attend these external shoots.

Club clothing

We are having problems with the suppliers of the club clothing, and the current order has been delayed, hopefully we can get this resolved before the end of November.

In the meantime we have removed the clothing page from our website, mainly due to the software supplier we currently use removing the free version. We have sourced a new version and will have the page restored during December, by which time we hope to have the supply problem resolved as well.



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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