

**Ideal as a training course to suit all ages & abilities.**

Our coaches support archers from 7 years old. With our Child Protection Policies in mind there is a requirement to ensure group sizes and numbers are appropriate. Also there are strict protocols (rules) in place to ensure safety of all those on the range. Appropriate footwear will also be required and no camouflage clothing is allowed on the course. Shooting markers will be positioned appropriate to age/bow type. The course offers a selection of long, short, up and down shots and where possible the areas around the targets are cleared to reduce the likelihood of lost arrows.



**We also have our own set of 3D targets.**

In 2012 when we won the Sport & Recreation Alliance National Sports Club of the Year, we used some of the money to start our collection of 3D targets which we set up from time to time. When we do this for club shoots it always attracts more entries!



# DEER PARK ARCHERS

LIMITED



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## Field Course

We have a history which includes more than 10 years of Field Archery and 2 of our temporary homes allowed us to construct permanent courses. To some extent we were fortunate that when we purchased our own ground in 2015 it came complete with a hilly wooded area and a stream, ideal to continue this tradition.

**Ideal Terrain for a compact but challenging Course!**

A meandering stream and wooded valley with many slopes located adjacent to the target range.

Wood chip paths, many steps and 6 bridges installed. Lots of clearing and replanting in progress. Many areas of light and shade. Compact but lots of variety!



The 2D (Bosses) are left in position all year and each season sees different challenges on the course. The activity can take place at the same time as the target range is in use.

## This activity is not just about developing a field course.

25 years ago this land was an inert material landfill site, we had it thoroughly tested before we applied for planning consent. Norman's Brook runs along one of the boundaries with an 8m high wooded bank up to our target range. We have an arrangement with the local farmer to use another wide strip of wooded bank the other side of the stream and then created paths, steps & bridges to utilise the space. We are replanting trees, clearing scrubland and the brook. Planting primroses and ensuring the bluebells and ferns have the right environment to prosper. We are working with the Gloucestershire bat group to install boxes and maintain the larger trees in a bat friendly way. We are working with several voluntary groups who will help us to continue to develop the area.



## Course maintenance & development

Needless to say maintaining a course of this type requires a lot of manpower. It is very rewarding but also is physically very demanding. We have lots of equipment but do need more volunteers to support its maintenance and development.

We are always searching for new members who can be part of the field crew, help organise events and of course shoot!

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## Our first International Field Archer and perhaps more to follow!

Late 2016 saw our first archer selected for GB and competed in the World Field Championships in Ireland. Lucy Mason shoots Compound but we also have some excellent Barebow archers hoping to make the GB Team.



## Thank you to our many sponsors!

We would like to thank D S Spencer & Sons for making a considerable donation to fund materials to build the bridges and steps. We would also like to thank National Grid for providing tools and significant manpower to help clear paths and install bridges and steps. To Forest Products for selling us many items at cost price and to the companies that have provided signage and a large volume of wood chip!

## In summary our course offers:

- ★ Variety of shots - Ups & downs - light & shade.
- ★ Safe over-shoot for missed arrows & fantastic surrounds.
- ★ Compact course with all year round use.
- ★ Bosses left in position & 3D targets also available.
- ★ Club organised competitions & weekly practice sessions.