

What we do.

We are keen to encourage people of all abilities to have-a-go and then decide on a way forward. Whilst we have accrued a lot of experience working with a range of disabilities and impairments and have some specialist support equipment, the field is vast and we certainly have a lot to learn. As a policy where appropriate we do encourage parents/guardians/carers to also do the beginners course. We will work with individuals to agree a plan, if we feel it is outside of our capability we will try to support you finding a solution. We have had a lot of success working with many archers who are on the autistic spectrum with many finding the archery environment and process something that they can successfully adapt to.



Shooting is not the only activity within the club, there is a variety of roles within our volunteer committee. From Judging/Field Captaining to Coaching, from equipment maintenance to fund raising, administration to record keeping and also organising social activities. A chance to become part of a great team!



DEER PARK ARCHERS

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Inclusion

Striving to make our Club a practical and attractive lifestyle choice for disabled people.

About us.

At the time of writing this leaflet we have just over two hundred members of which twenty (10%) are archers with a disability or impairment. Five are qualified coaches, representing 17% of our coaching resource, three are on our Management/Directors Committee.

All our indoor venues have adequate or better facilities and provide equal opportunities to use the shooting facilities and toilets/kitchen areas.

Our outdoor ground is adequate but is very much work in progress.

Inclusion is our aim, so all club sessions are open to everyone. However we realise some may prefer a quieter environment, so we do run specific Inclusion sessions!



Dave Sandles is one of our most qualified coaches. Started as a beginner with the Club. Has shot both recurve and compound. Has been a coach supporting our Invictus Games archers both here and in the USA. Won two Bronze medals at the recent Invictus Games in hand cycling!

Practice Sessions

For the majority of our many practice sessions each week we do not have separate sessions on the basis of age, bow type, ability or disability, however we do run specialist workshops and trainings. We do also recognise that for some a quieter session is more comfortable so we do hold a weekly Inclusion session for those that prefer bit more peace! The same applies to beginners courses where a number of approaches are taken depending on circumstances, so can be group or individual, set times or flexible.



Grace Chappell (Right) & Jessica Diamond (Left) pictured at our Halloween Shoot. Grace was our 2016 Inclusion Archer of the Year and Jessica started the Level 1 Coaching Course early in 2017.

Partnerships

Active Gloucestershire

We work closely with Active Gloucestershire (CSP) and regularly help out at 'special events'. Also they have helped us to apply for funding support where appropriate. Our volunteers also work with the NHS and Specialist organisations. We also support the coach training of non members who work with a range of disability groups.

Xperience Archery

Members support XPA with Day Care Centre visits many of which we host at our ground. Likewise with Allsorts a charity that supports children with any disability or additional need and their families. We also support them with many visits to specialist schools and recreation centre activities.

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We run real Inclusive Tournaments!

★ We run an Annual Record Status WA18 Inclusion Shoot (See video on our website), which is intended to promote more tournaments for archers with a disability or impairment. We are grateful in particular to the Worshipful Company of Fletchers for their support over the past four years. In 2017 we ran a World Record Status event and also the BWAA Indoor Championships! One of the nine visually impaired archers competing achieved a new World Record which was amazing for him but equally so for us!

Whilst our sport can be inclusive, in reality it still has a very long way to go with participation & recognition in tournaments! We would like to change that, so will continue to organise more inclusive events!



Phoebe Pine - Member of the Archery GB Paralympic Squad and a Coach.

