



Who Are We?

We are a field archery club based in the heart of Sherwood Forest. Our main shooting ground is in Sansom Wood close to Papplewick Pumping Station. Our shooting ground is open all year round.

What is Field Archery?

Field Archery is archery set in woodland; this provides a wide variety of terrain and shooting conditions. The National Field Archery Society believes that the archer is competing against himself, the field, the peculiarities of the terrain, the organiser's design and layout of the ground with the natural objects and obstacles that have been included.

Small groups of archers walk from one target to the next until the course is complete. Targets are placed at varying distances and all NFAS shoots are over unknown distances.

What Do We Do?

Field archers shoot at paper faces or polyurethane 3D representations of animals in a woodland setting. The aim of the game is to reach the highest score possible.

Bow Hunting is illegal in the UK so no animals are hurt in this sport, unless you count archers falling over, burning themselves on tea or suffering the after effects of a bacon sandwich.

Equipment, Classes and Styles

The NFAS offers a huge variety of equipment and styles. There are currently eleven shooting styles within the society: Primitive, Longbow, American Flatbow, Hunting Tackle, Barebow, Traditional Bowhunter, Freestyle, Bowhunter, Compound Limited, Unlimited and Crossbow. The equipment used varies widely between the styles... different bow types (flatbows, longbows, recurves, compounds and crossbows), different arrow types (wood, metal, carbon), non-sighted and sighted styles. Each style is split into six classes: Gents, Ladies, Junior (under 16) Boys & Girls and Cub (under 12) Boys & Girls. Men shoot against men, women against women and youngsters against other youngsters, physical strength does not give any one archer an advantage it has often been said that archery skills are 25% physical, 75% mental. It really is the skill of the archer that decides who wins.

NOTE: Under the terms of our lease Crossbows are not permitted at Pines Park Archers.

Courses

Most courses comprise 36 or 40 targets, and 4 to 5 archers per group. Although there are different types of rounds, a lot of competitions use the "Big Game" round, where the archer has up to three arrows per target but stops shooting after the first scoring arrow. Shots are taken from coloured pegs, and tend to be in a walk-up format, so the archer gets closer to the target with each subsequent shot. There are five different coloured pegs for each target, the colour and order of the pegs is dependent on the age of the archer.

Where and When?

Our main shooting ground is in Sansom Wood close to Papplewick Pumping Station. Our shooting ground is open all year round.

We shoot on **Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays**, members usually meet from around **10am** and shoot during daylight hours.

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