



Bowmen of the Tors

Post Lockdown 3: Return to Restricted Shooting

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Following the publication of the governments Road Map on 22nd February 2021, Bowmen of the Tors Archery Club will be able to reopen for outdoor shooting at Notre Dame from the 29th March 2021 – with our first session on Sunday 4th April 2021.

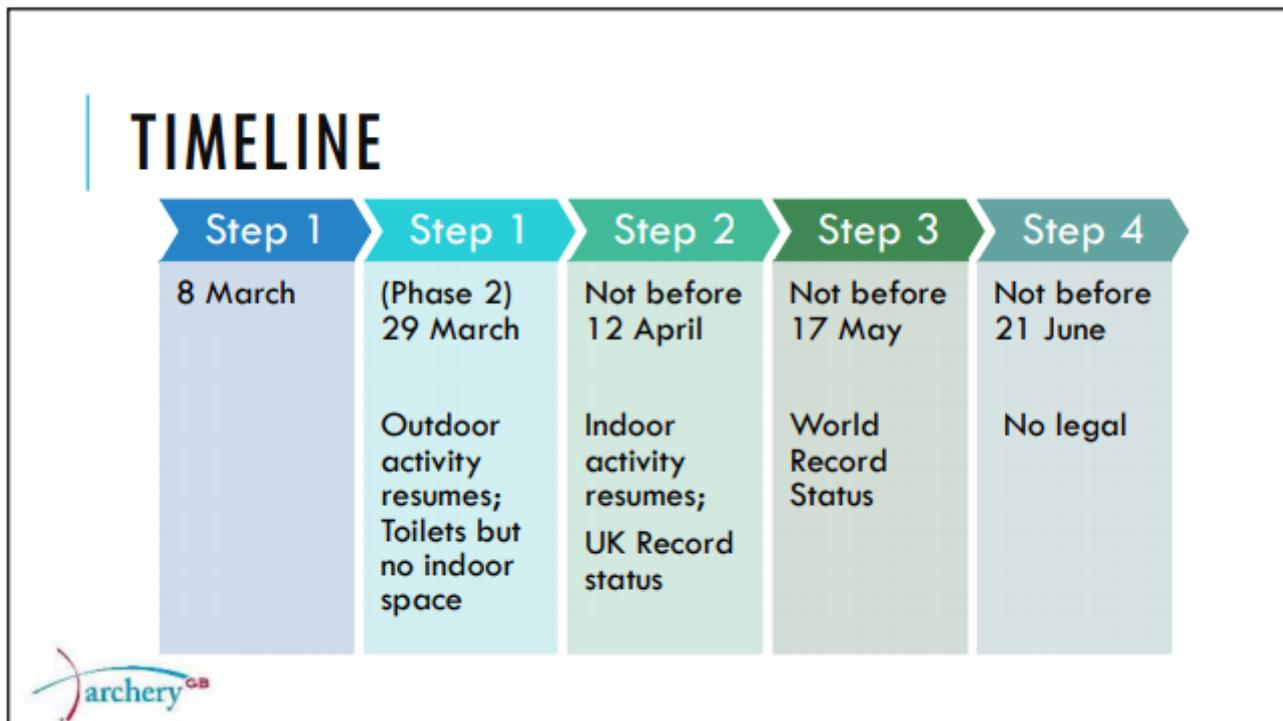
Archery GB have updated their guidance for returning to shooting. Full details can be found on their website: <https://www.archerygb.org/clubs-facilities-development/club-information-covid-19/>

AGB Guidance for Clubs from 29th March 2021:

OUTDOOR ARCHERY ONLY	
SOCIAL DISTANCING & HYGIENE	Maintain 2 metre social distancing at all times
	All must ensure they cleanse their hands before and after shooting
TRAVEL	Minimise travel and reduce the number of journeys you make
TARGET BOSSES	Minimum spacing of boss centres of 3.66m
CLUB SESSIONS & TARGET DAYS	Up to 2 archers or 1 household/bubble per target boss – maintaining 2m social distancing at all times
COACHING	1:1 permitted Groups up to 12 archers per coach
BEGINNERS	Have a Go's – not permitted
	Taster Sessions & Beginners Courses - Groups up to 12 archers per coach permitted
OPEN COMPETITIONS	Club activities only. No spectators/unnecessary volunteers.
CLUBHOUSE / FACILITIES	Indoor meeting areas, ranges and kitchens closed but indoor toilets may open
EXEMPTIONS	Organised activities for elite athletes; Disabled archers may use indoor facilities.

* Away from the shooting line socialising should be restricted to the rule of 6 or 2 households.

A return to archery is taking place on a stepped basis, the steps are aligned with Government guidelines for easing lock down:



Please note, these phases are subject to change as the Government exit strategy becomes clearer. Step 4 should read No legal restrictions.

For clarity, from 29th March (phase 2 of step 1), clubs are restricted to providing **OUTDOOR SHOOTING FACILITIES ONLY**. For Tors this currently means shooting on the field at Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Derriford, PL6 5HN. Although the guidance allows for access to toilets – Notre Dame at this time have not given us permission to access the school buildings so no toilet facilities are available.

Importantly, all archers must be aware of AGB's advice for members on staying alert to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. The following information is copied directly from the Archery GB guidance:

PROTECT EACH OTHER

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each-other:

- Wash hands keep washing your hands regularly
- Cover face wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
- Make space stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

AGB Guidance for Clubs on Staying Alert:

STAY ALERT

• Archers and Members **MUST NOT** come to the range/club if they show symptoms of any illness but in particular of Covid-19. These are highlighted on NHS Direct.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- o a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- o a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

o a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

▪ What to do if you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

o Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

o Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

o Anyone you live with and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

o Follow all current laws and government guidance.

▪ If you are symptomatic, living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection you must follow all current guidance. If you are classified as extremely vulnerable on health grounds, you should be especially careful and be diligent about social distancing and hand hygiene.

▪ Archers and other Members should notify the club if they develop symptoms after attending the archery range.

▪ All clubs are asked to notify Archery GB using this simple survey, of any archer or volunteer that reports a positive test, where NHS Test and Trace have been in touch or other related incident – no personal information is required. Click here to complete the survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/agbcovid-reporting>

It is the Committee's first priority to ensure safety of all members and all future decisions made by the Committee will be made with this as our overarching directive. Failure to adhere to any of the rules set out by Archery GB and the Committee may lead to removal of our insurance cover and/or may lead to members being asked to leave the premises, the risk of their right to shoot being suspended and the risk of shooting for all members being revoked.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Archery has been deemed by DCMS (the department of Culture, Media and Sport) to be an organised outdoor sport. Therefore, whilst actively engaged in the sport there is no restriction on numbers for gathering. However, either side of shooting sessions the rule of six still applies.

Social distancing **must** be upheld at all times. People are now able to shoot with another person on their target from another household or in a family group. People should not 'gather' at the venue, so should attend, shoot and then leave. To reiterated, to protect both members and Notre Dame staff and pupils **NO ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING** is allowed and therefore members are advised that there are **NO TOILET FACILITIES ON SITE.**

COACHING

Coaching on a 1-2-1 basis is permitted under the latest guidance. In addition to this, the club is allowed to resume beginners courses and taster sessions. Further guidance on this is available on the Archery GB website. It is the view of the Coaching team that, upon re-opening, we will not be running any beginners courses. It is the priority of the committee to get existing members back to shooting and ensure that support is available for existing archers should they want it. Beginner's courses will resume later in the year.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The following rules are in addition to or where applicable in replacement of the club rules as outlined in the Club Etiquette document.

• Members are reminded that they **MUST NOT** attend Club if they show symptoms of Covid-19. An up to date list of symptoms can be found on the NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

- Members who are classed as vulnerable are recommended to stay at home – attendance at the club against this recommendation is done so at your own risk.
- Following your attendance at the club, should you be tested positive for Covid-19 you are required to let a member of the Committee know, so that appropriate action can be taken to notify members who may be affected. It is expected that you will then follow Government guidance with regards to quarantine.
- Junior members (i.e. under 18's) can only be accompanied by ONE parent/guardian whilst on site. Accompanying, non-shooting visitors are required to sign into the club register for track and trace purposes.
- Club/Committee members will not take responsibility for junior members on behalf of other parents/guardians.
- Disabled archers may be accompanied by another adult to assist them in shooting/pulling arrows etc.
- Members must bring with them all items that they will need during their session therefore should you wish to bring your own chair, refreshments then please do so. All rubbish must be taken home by members. Do not use any of the bins on site.
- Antibacterial gel will be provided at each target however please bring your own if you have any. Please use gel at regular intervals during your session particularly at the beginning and the end.
- **ALL ARCHERS are required to arrive promptly to help set up the range.** If you are unable to lift the heavier items, please still attend at the correct time to assist in other areas of setting up.
- We must limit the number of people inside the shed at any one time – please work together to get the kit in and out of the storage facilities. You are advised that wearing a mask inside the shed is recommended by AGB but not compulsory.
- Hand gel will be available for use before and after moving equipment out of the stores.

BOOKING A LANE

- New guidelines from Archery GB now allow for 2 archers to shoot on one target (or one family group). Therefore, the booking system has been updated to increase the capacity of our sessions. Archer are required to pull their own arrows.
- We will have up to 11 lanes, with up to 22 archers shooting during the session.
- For those booking a family group – please book two slots to shoot (which will equate to one lane for your group) and indicate in the notes section who you are shooting with so we can tie up the bookings for lane allocation.
- Please contact us if you shoot with another member of your family and wish to have two bosses in your lane at different distances. This will entail getting more equipment out of the bottom shed.
- When booking you will need to indicate the distance you wish to shoot – please note that if you are sharing a lane you may need to be slightly flexible on the distance you shoot. Every effort will be made to accommodate everyone's wishes.
- By booking a lane you automatically agree to sharing a lane with another archer. If you are at all worried about sharing a lane – we ask that you contact the Sara Orchard our Welfare officer (hot-salsa@hotmail.com) to discuss your concerns. It maybe that you will need to consider delaying returning to the club until restrictions ease further, however every effort will be made to accommodate your needs.
- Lanes have been designed to ensure social distancing is possible on the line to enable you both to shoot one detail. Family groups of greater than 2 archers should all be able to shoot on one detail as social distancing with members of your family is not applicable. With family groups of greater than 2 archers – we would ask you to be considerate of the rest of

the group and get to the line and shoot your end as quickly as possible. If there are long delays the field captain will blow the whistle to keep the session moving.

- When booking a lane to shoot, members will book on the understanding that they have read and understood the policies and procedures put in place by the Committee.
- Bookings must be made online via the club website. Please visit the website and follow the links to the members section where you will find an online form to complete.
- Members will not be permitted to turn up on the day without a booking. If you make a booking and are unable to shoot/change your mind please message via the facebook group or telephone or email a member of the committee.
- Only book a distance you are comfortable shooting at, to reduce the need to search for lost arrows.
- Archers are asked to try and stay for the whole session to support the derigging of the range at the end of the session. However, if you intend to leave the session early – you are asked to take down your boss and stand and move it to the side near the shed or put it away. If you need a hand to do this, please ask the field captain.
- Sessions may be cancelled due to inclement weather. In the event of cancellation, all members booked into sessions will be contacted via email.

SESSION TIMES

From 4th April, we will only be shooting outdoors at Notre Dame. Government guidelines do not currently allow indoor shooting.

The Sunday session will return to our original time of **9am -12noon**. All archers intending on shooting are expected to arrive for 9am to help set up the range. Even if you are unable to help lift the bosses etc it is still an expectation of your membership that you will support other members by being onsite to help.

As soon as daylight hours permit, we will begin running outdoor evening sessions during the week.

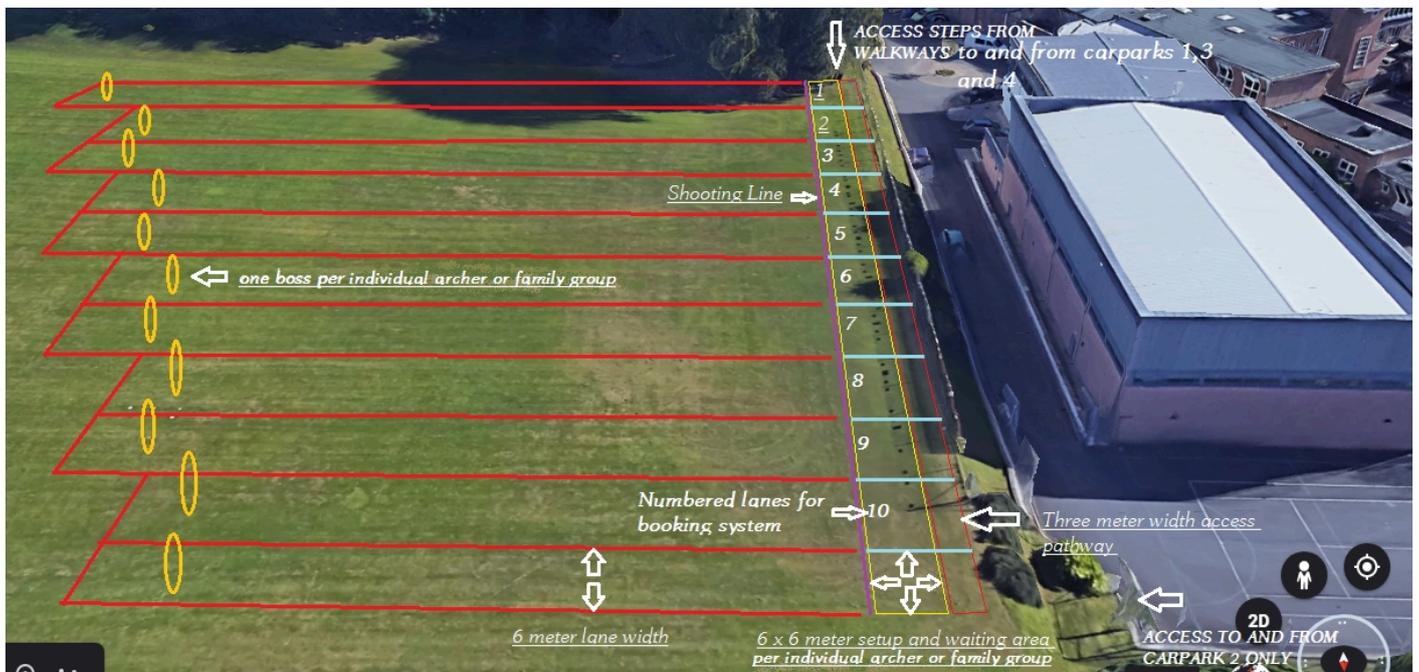
PARKING

Please park anywhere on site when there is only one session running. We do ask that you allow a space either side of your car to enable people to easily access their vehicles whilst maintaining social distancing. Failure to do so will result in us asking you to move your vehicle to protect other members.

RANGE LAYOUT

- The overlay diagram below shows how the range will be laid out.
- Lanes are 6 metres wide.
- Along the fence is a 3 metre walkway to enable access to the whole range.
- Please set up your kit in the box behind your shooting line.
- Range will be controlled as normal by the field captain.

Example diagram of potential range layout:



- The field captain needs to know at all times where everyone is. Should you need to leave the session early/take a break and leave the field, please ensure the field captain is aware.
- Please use the walkway at all times when entering and exiting the field ensuring social distancing on the steps at all times. Please be courteous to each other.
- During your session, please keep to your allocated lane and space behind the waiting line.
- Arrow collection must be carried out as swiftly as possible, to prevent wasted shooting time for other members. Please remember you must only collect your own arrows.
- In the event of lost arrows, please notify the field captain and carry out a quick search between ends. If the arrow cannot be located quickly, archers are asked to support each other in locating the lost arrow at the end of the session. The archer who lost the arrow, will be expected to remain to help in the search.
- Any equipment left by archers will be safely stored in the shed for collection at a subsequent session.

Departure Procedure

- Archers are asked to leave the field promptly at the end of their session once the range had been taken down and packed away.
- Please remember that as soon as the session ends, and the equipment is packed away the rule of 6 will apply to gathering together.
- Please disinfect your hands prior to leaving.

Every effort has been made to ensure we have considered all situations in the production of this policy. We appreciate everyone's understanding and support whilst we embed these new procedures and thank all members for their patience whilst we have been sorting our arrangements.

The Committee reserve the right to amend or change this policy without notice.