



Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association

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Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 05 November 2025 via Zoom commencing at 20.00hrs

Jason Pretlove (Vice Chair), Deb Horn (Secretary), Kevin Sykes (Treasurer), Martin Skinner (President), Felicity Hurr (RO) Mark Lawrence (Target Organiser), Laura Purser (Field Organiser), Paul West (1440 Organiser), Paul Clark (CTRA) Alex Purser (Mayflower), Huw Lillywhite (WEB), Alan Munson (Blue Arrows),

AGENDA

97.25 Apologies for Absence

Paul Tolson (General Member), Dawn Tolson (Vice-President), Sarah West (Team Manager), Chris Higgins (League Secretary), Dennis Saville (Direct Member), Marion Saville (Direct member), Wilco van Kleef- Bolton (Webmaster)

98.25 Additional matters for Any Other Business

Several matters to be raised

99.25 Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd September

The date of the Andy Harris anniversary was corrected to 2025.

With this change being made the minutes were accepted and agreed. Proposed by Kevin Juniper, seconded by Alex Purser

100.25 Matters Arising

The Junior records from previous meetings, which were not ratified due to not having all of the correct details, were not resubmitted, but the same archer has submitted some different ones. These will be presented at this meeting.

101.25 Chairman's Remarks

With no full time chair, the meeting was taken by Jason Pretlove, (vice chair)

There are no specific problems or issues to be discussed. Coaching is going well and we are really impressed with the number of people who are taking up the offer.

102.25 Coaching Sub-Committee Update

No report submitted

103.25 Leagues Update

Albion League – no report submitted

Longbow League – entries are due to go out in January. Ardleigh happy to host an end of year event in the same way as last years event at Noak Hill, which was a big success.



Indoor – No report submitted

Andy Harris – results have been sent out so far and the league continues to run.

104.25 Tournaments Update

Indoor – RS paperwork in, and paid for. The shoot is open on TryBooking, and entries are coming in nicely. Numbers are currently looking good.

Field – all went well, paperwork is now submitted to AGB. We had lots of juniors, and lots of new field archers. Results have been sent out, and also sent to the national field rankings. We need to finalise the account to work out if the shoot made a profit. Advertising really helped to bring in the numbers of archers. Date for next year agreed as 04/10/2026. Could we use lanseo to support the shoot?

Target Champs – Already open on TryBooking for entries. The email to county members has gone out today. We have 9 entries already. The shoot is registered on lanseo, and RS has been agreed

1440 – The shoot is now open on TryBooking, and the email has gone out today to county members.

Following some discussion, Alex Purser is happy to organise judges if that is the only job, and only for the county shoots.

155.25 County Calendar

The calendar has been updated as far as we know to the start of this meeting.

Blue Arrows needs removing, as the shoot has been cancelled. The date is set as 31st January for 2027

Rayleigh Portsmouth needs moving to 25th January.

BA / RTAC need to talk to avoid a clash again. This is in hand.

106.25 Any Other Business

- a) Deb Horn – Information for the AGM. The date has been agreed for Saturday 7th February. If people want to stand, either for current positions or as new roles, the individual needs to get people to nominate them. We will not be chasing nominations this year. Any roles not filled at the AGM will be left unfilled. Members should only stand if they actually want to. Paperwork will go out in the next 7 days
- b) Mark Lawrence – The rose awards from Target champs didn't arrive. Paperwork was sent to AGB, and they say they have sent them. People need to approach AGB directly if they are missing one.
- c) Mark Lawrence – We would like to run a county longbow shoot. Mark happy to TO. The proposal is to run a Double National (option to do the single) NHA are happy to host. The proposed date is 23rd August 2026, with a £10 entry fee. It will be RS, and will be open to everyone. We need 27 entries to cover costs. The proposal is to run a trial this year, and then look to adopt it fully as a county shoot next year. Trophies, medals, and other awards need looking at. There will be no county medals this year.



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The event will be advertised as a trial this year. 2026 is the anniversary of the county founding. We could include this as a commemorative event

- d) Paul Clark – can we invest in the field shoot? There is no fixed figure in mind at this point. Following discussion, Alex Purser proposed an amount of £350. Laura Purser seconded the proposal. This was agreed unanimously. Panther are looking to extend the course, which is good.
- e) Felicity Hurr – Several records proposed. One of these was submitted out of time. This record was not agreed. RO is happy to accept records en bloc
- f) Marion Saville – one field record proposed. This was ratified
- g) Felicity Hurr – In connection to the league, should the secretary have discretion to alter the number of teams in a league to better fit the number of teams entered. For this to be enacted, we need Chris Higgins to propose specific changes for January's meeting.
- h) Laura Purser – There are field trophies missing. Laura is currently hunting for them and will update.
- i) Can we have a badge for the anniversary next year? We could give them to archers and officials at county shoots, league teams, officials etc. Kevin Juniper agreed to look for prices for a vote in January. We are looking to give these away, rather than selling them.

Meeting ended at 21:30

Date of Next Meeting

7th January 2026