



County Newsletter – October 2026

Welcome to another edition of the county newsletter. Our aim is to share relevant information that will benefit our archers and clubs and to celebrate our successes.

The newsletter will be available on the county website (www.glosarchery.com), posted on Facebook, as well as forwarded to every club secretary to be shared with their members.

*Deadline for the next edition is **Friday, 30 October**.*

If your club, or our county committee, have any news to share with our archery community, please send all relevant information by email to editor@glosarchery.com.

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National County Team Championships - Report

On the 26-27 September, Gloucestershire made its 4th appearance at the National County Team Championships at Lilleshall. Another altogether successful year! Our team took on 19 other counties and the RAF in a field of over 380 archers. We were lucky to get lovely weather conditions on Saturday. Sunday was more challenging with strong gusts of wind, but it was better than predicted as most of the expected rain bypassed us.

The format was slightly altered this year. Day 1 was still a qualifying round in the morning, with Women and Open Teams (3 archers per bow type) competing in their respective H2H's in the afternoon. Sunday was another qualifying in the morning. This is usually followed by Mixed Team H2H's for all 3 tiers of team archers. However, this was changed to Mixed Team H2H's for Tier 1 archers only, while the 2 remaining archers on each team pair up for either the Women or Open Doubles H2H. All points are added up for the 6 archers per bow type over the entire weekend to determine Championship titles.

Saturday's Successes:

Grace Curran (LB) ranked first in qualifying

GOLD: Women's Compound Team Trophy

GOLD: Women's Longbow Team Trophy (breaking Yorkshire's 7-year winning streak!)

GOLD: Open Longbow Team Trophy

Sunday's Successes:

Chloe A'Bear (CU) ranked first in qualifying

Seb Chenery (LB) ranked first in qualifying

Open Double Team GOLD for Longbow (Kevin and Sean)

Women Double Team GOLD for Longbow (Judy and Rachel)

Women Double Team GOLD for Compound (Grace and Lily)

Mixed Team Longbow SILVER (Seb and Grace)

CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD for LONGBOW (for the second year in a row!)

We are indebted and immensely grateful to all the archers who represented the county at this prestigious event. We so appreciate them giving up their weekend to take part, as well as the investment of time, effort and personal financial cost. It's no small thing. Congratulations to the entire 2026 Gloucestershire NTC Team:

COMPOUND: Chloe A'Bear - Deer Park Grace Chappell - Deer Park Kieran Macey - Deer Park Keith Summers - Minchinhampton Rikki Teml - Tockington Lily Wright - Deer Park	BAREBOW: Alice Bailey - Cleve Sam Boden - Deer Park Gemma Higgins - Tyndale David McDermott - Deer Park Alison Polley - Minchinhampton Luke Yates – Cleve
RECURVE: Helen Courquin - Cleve Magdalena Kazmierczak - Cleve Stuart Ohren - Cleve Lorna Stevens - Cheltenham Alec Thomas - Cleve Alex Williams - University of Bristol	LONGBOW: Rachel Cecil - Deer Park Seb Chenery - Cleve Grace Curran - Deer Park Sean Kains - Deer Park Judy Krasker - Deer Park Kevin Macey - Deer Park



*Gloucestershire
County Team
National County Team
Championships 2026*

Top Left: Helen Courquin, Magdalena Kazmierczak, Lorna Stevens

Top Right: Chloe A'Bear, Lily Wright, Grace Chappell

Centre Left: Judy, Grace, Seb and Rachel

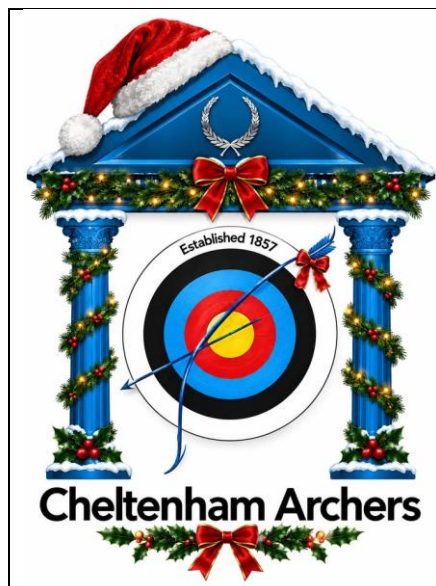
Centre Right: Open Longbow Team Gold and Women Longbow Team Gold

Bottom Left: Alice Bailey, Alison Polley, Gemma Higgins

Bottom Right: Luke Yates, Sam Bowden, David McDermott



NEW Indoor Tournament at Cheltenham Archers



Come and support Cheltenham Archers as they launch their inaugural Indoor tournament!

The event will take place on Sunday, 13 December in the lovely village of Winchcombe, near Sudeley Castle.

The round will be a Portsmouth, UKRS.

Entries are open on Cheltenham's Bookwhen system. Here is the link:

<https://bookwhen.com/cheltenhamarchers?tag=Open+Tournaments>

GWAS Junior Team Inter-County Championships - Report

The **GWAS Junior Regional Championships** were held at Exmouth Archers on 19 September. Our county juniors went up against Dorset & Wiltshire, Devon & Cornwall and Somerset with team trophies and individual medals up for grabs.

Sadly, our county was down 2 archers due to illness, so we were not able to field a full team this year. Despite this deficit, the team made an extraordinary effort and secured second place overall! Congratulations to the DCAS team, supported by Team Manager Julie Bradford, for winning the Championship trophy by a clear margin of 550 points.

Thank you so much to all the archers who represented Gloucestershire. We recognise and celebrate all their effort, contributions, dedication and competitive spirit!

Special thanks to Zoe and Jason Snell for kindly agreeing to be deputy team managers on the day. They did a fabulous job!

Congratulations to our recurve juniors whose collective effort captured the Recurve Team Trophy for the 3rd year in a row!

Well done to the entire 2026 County Junior Team:

RECURVE:

Carlos Amata (Cheltenham)

Olly Millar (Cleve)

Charlotte Reece (Minchinhampton) - U14 Regional Champion

Ava Snell (Newnham) - U16 Regional Champion

Andrew Warner (Cleve) - U15 Regional Champion

Hayley Yates (Cleve)

BAREBOW:

Kara Nicholls (Deer Park) - U16 Regional Champion

Elsa Ovens (Deer Park) - U15 Regional Champion

LONGBOW:

Leonora McDermott (Minchinhampton) - U14 Regional Champion

COMPOUND:

Izzy Whittle (Deer Park) - U12 Regional Champion



Deer Park Longbow 4-Way – Trial Event

By: Peter Sisson, Deer Park Tournament Organiser

On the August Bank Holiday, Deer Park launched a club shoot that featured our new Shurdington round. This 4-way competition started on a 122cm face at 50 yards. Archers then turned 90 degrees to shoot at another row of bosses with an 80cm face at 40 yards. This was followed by another turn to bosses with a 60cm face at 30 yards, then a final turn to 40cm faces at 20 yards.

In addition to the challenge of adjusting for changes in face size, distance and wind direction, the Longbows were not allowed a ground marker, and Barebows and Recurves were not allowed to change their sight once the shoot began.

Scores varied across the three laps of the course, but top score of the day went to David McDermott who had a perfect 72 hits and a total of 470 points.

It was a fun shoot and feedback was tremendous, so we will be doing it again next year, perhaps making it an open event. Watch this space.



Tyndale Host Have a Go Sessions at Popular Community Events

By: Gemma Higgins, Tyndale Secretary

Tyndale Archers headed to the historic grounds of Berkeley Castle on the August Bank Holiday weekend to run Have a Go archery stall alongside the annual joust that is held at the Castle each year. This was our second year doing this. Despite some changeable weather, both days were very busy with our members teaching not only the young and old, but people from near and far.

Two weeks later, we then headed to the Frampton Country fair to run another Have a Go stall. Again, it was another busy day and, as with Berkeley, not only did we raise some much-needed funds for the club, we hope to have also introduced some new people to our wonderful sport and maybe even given them the “bug” to carry on.



2026-2027 Winter Field League Series

Deer Park will be hosting the ever-popular Winter Field League Series again this year. These fun and relaxed sessions have been created to allow archers of all abilities, both junior and senior, a chance to experience and develop their field archery skills.

Format Summary:

12 targets - 3 arrows per targets

6 WA Targets + 6 3D Targets

Each set of 6 targets will consist of 3 marked distances and 3 unmarked distances.

As with previous years, archers will be allocated to divisions based on ability after the first 3 events.

Dates for the Upcoming Season:

October 31
November 14
November 28
December 12
January 9
January 23
February 6

Please book by clicking on DPA's Bookwhen system on their website. Here is the link:

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-s13up-20261114100000>

Gloucestershire Archery Society – AGM Notice



The Gloucestershire Archery Society cordially invite you to attend the upcoming county AGM.

Sunday, 15 November

Civil Service Sports Association
Tewkesbury Rd, Uckington, Cheltenham
GL51 9SL

Coaching AGM at 11:00AM

General AGM at 2:00PM

GWAS Senior Team Inter-County Championship - Report

Congratulations to all the county archers who took part in the GWAS Senior Team Inter-Counties on 20 September! They made a valiant effort and did our county proud.

This year's senior regionals were hosted by Bowmen of Lytchett in Dorset. The weather was fair and slightly breezy. We took on formidable county teams from Devon & Cornwall, Dorset & Wiltshire and Somerset and came second overall! Congratulations to DCAS who won the Championship Trophy by 1,434 points.

We were absolutely delighted to bring a few trophies home this year:

Silver Bugle Trophy for Men's Recurve Team
 Compound Team Trophy
 Recurve Gent Supreme - **Alec Thomas**
 Compound Gent Supreme - **Kieran Macey**
 Barebow Lady Supreme - **Alice Bailey**

Well done to our entire Senior County Team. Their dedication and effort are so greatly appreciated and valued!

RECURVE TEAM: Declan Ashworth - Cleve Sophie Brain (BB) - Cleve Grace Curran (LB) - Deer Park Jeremy Maxwell - University of Bristol Alec Thomas - Cleve Alex Williams - University of Bristol Caroline Wynn – Tyndale	COMPOUND TEAM: Harriet Beckinsale-Smith - Deer Park Jeff Grinnell - Cheltenham Kieran Macey - Deer Park Rikki Teml - Tockington Lily Wright - Deer Park
BAREBOW TEAM: Alice Bailey - Cleve David McDermott - Deer Park Lumi Polley - Minchinhampton Luke Yates – Cleve	LONGBOW TEAM: Seb Chenery - Cleve Judy Krasker - Deer Park Kevin Macey - Deer Park Helen Pyle - Cleve



Top Left: Alice and Supreme Lady BB Trophy
Bottom Left: Men's Recurve Team Trophy

Top Right: Kieran and CU Gent Supreme
Bottom Right: CU Team Trophy



Gloucestershire Senior Indoor Champs and Western & Welsh Counties Mixed Team Champs -

Save the date! The County Senior Indoor Champs and WWC Indoor Mixed Teams have been confirmed for **Saturday, 27 February 2027** at Hartpury University.



Special Achievements

Congratulations to **Ella Gibson** who won **Silver** for Women's Compound at the **National Tour Finals** in early September, and **Chloe A'Bear** who captured **Bronze**!

An amazing performance from Deer Park's **Wlodzimierz Swigon** who won 2 medals at the **Polish Senior Target Championships** in Bialystok – a **SILVER** for Individual Men's Compound, and a **Bronze** for CU Mixed Team!

Well done to **Phoebe Patterson Pine** who handily secured a **SILVER** medal for Compound Women Doubles at the Hyundai World Archery Para Series in India.

Congratulations to **Sam Bowden (Deer Park)** and **Lily Partridge (Deer Park)** for each winning **GOLD** at the **Junior Archery Series Finals** at Meriden on 12 September! Sam won in the Open Barebow category and Lily won for Compound Women.

Three medals were won by Gloucestershire archers at the **UK Disability Championships** at Lilleshall on 12-13 September. Congratulations to **Grace Chappell** for Women's Compound **GOLD**, **Helen Courquin** for Women's Recurve **GOLD**, and **Rikki Teml** for a **BRONZE** for Open Compound.

Fantastic result for **Ella Gibson** at the **World Archery Field Championships** in Yankton, USA as she successfully battled for a place on the podium, becoming Women's Compound Field Champion for 2026!



GWAS Regional Records – Target and Clout



After years of effort and reorganising, the GWAS Regional Records are now up to date and live!

The GWAS Regional Records can be viewed here:

<https://gwas.org.uk/about-us/records/>

If you would like to submit a claim for a Regional Record, you can access the form by following this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdA1vaFkGTNP-nK4jcTyd41P5jmb7x5wNmCH26BoJ_u6NJBw/viewform

Aside from regional records for target archery, please note that there are **regional records for Clout as well!** Have a look before your next clout tournament.

<https://gwas.org.uk/about-us/records/clout-records/>

Unclaimed Records:

Please note that Regional Records have not been claimed for a great number of distances and rounds. This may be because they are new rounds, new age group categories or they are for longer distances for most age groups.

While records can be claimed for juniors shooting longer distances, please be mindful of safety and potential injury for juniors shooting bigger distance rounds.

<https://gwas.org.uk/about-us/records/unclaimed-records/>

Updated Tournament Listing:

October 4 - Cheltenham Archers Single WA720 - UKRS - includes WA122-50m/40m and 30m for juniors and novices

<https://bookwhen.com/cheltenhamarchers/e/ev-swogd-20261004100000>

October 10 - Deer Park WA3D Shoot -

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-sm3ou-20261010100000>

October 11 - Audco Archers Double 720 - WRS - Shropshire

https://audcoarchers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/10_Audco-Double-WA-720_2026_Oct_26.pdf

October 11 - CWAA (Warwickshire) and Open Field Championships - hosted by Merlin Field Archers in Ashby-de-la-Zouche - *entries open on Sport 80*

October 11 - Bath Archers Two-Way Longbow

[Bath Archers Two Way Longbow, 2026 - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

October 24-25 - Exmouth Open Field Tournament Weekend - Exmouth Archers, Exeter

<https://bookwhen.com/exmoutharchers#focus=ev-snomn-20261025000000>

INDOOR TOURNAMENTS (Please note that indoor tournaments generally fill up quickly! Highly recommended to register as soon as possible for any indoor shoots that interest you.)

October 17-18 - Llantarnam Indoor Weekend - Newport - Saturday: WA18m; Sunday: Portsmouth

Saturday:

<https://www.ianseo.net/TourData/2026/29638/WA18%20Prospectus%20Oct%2026%20LAC.pdf?time=2026-08-23+14%3A36%3A08>

Sunday:

[https://www.ianseo.net/TourData/2026/29639/Portsmouth%20Prospectus%20Oct%2026%20LAC%20\(2\).pdf?time=2026-08-23+14%3A34%3A49](https://www.ianseo.net/TourData/2026/29639/Portsmouth%20Prospectus%20Oct%2026%20LAC%20(2).pdf?time=2026-08-23+14%3A34%3A49)

October 18 - Deer Park WA18m - WRS

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-s1gvf-20261018103000>

October 24- Wallingford Indoor Series - Leg 1 - *entries open on Wallingford's website*

November 1 - Wyre Forest WA18m - WRS - Stourport-on-Severn - *prospectus via club website*

November 7 - Wallingford Indoor Series - Leg 2 - *entries open on Wallingford's website*

NEW: November 8 - Somerset Junior & Senior and Open Indoor Championships - Weston-Super-Mare - Portsmouth -

<https://www.somersetarchery.co.uk/tournaments/tournaments.html>

November 8 - Deer Park Inclusion Shoot - Event 1 - Portsmouth - UKRS - Balcarras, Cheltenham - *entries are now open to all*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bLZCbm41qXd8pcz10gCs4NKINdRS3hMH/view>

November 15 - Exmouth Indoor Shoot - WA18m - UKRS

https://www.exmouth-archers.org.uk/files/ugd/f042de_a9581ef0be2d43a8b135b41f67295db9.pdf

November 22 - Gloucestershire Junior Indoor Championships (incl U21) - Portsmouth - UKRS

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-swnk8-20261122131500>

December 4-5 - Senior National Indoor Championships - Stoneleigh - WA18m - WRS - *entries open on Sport 80 on October 1 at 7:00PM*

December 6 - Junior National Indoor Championships - Stoneleigh - Portsmouth - UKRS - *entries open on Sport 80*

December 12 - Wallingford Indoor Series - Leg 3 - *entries open on Wallingford's website*

NEW: December 13 - Cheltenham Indoor Open – Portsmouth – UKRS – Winchcombe

<https://bookwhen.com/cheltenhamarchers?tag=Open+Tournaments>

December 27 - Deer Park Double Vegas 300 - UKRS

[DPA Open Events - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

February 7 - Deer Park Inclusion Shoot - Event 2 - Portsmouth - Balcarras, Cheltenham - *entries are now open only for archers with disabilities. Entries open to all archers on January 2.*

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-sl2bu-20270207090000>

NEW: January 10 - Welsh Indoor Senior Championships and Open - WA18m, WRS - Cardiff - *entries open on IANSEO on October 30 at 7:00PM*

<https://www.welsharcheryassociation.com/events/>

NEW: January 16 - Welsh and Open Junior Indoor Championships - Portsmouth, UKRS - Cardiff - *entries open on IANSEO on November 6 at 7:00PM*

<https://www.welsharcheryassociation.com/events/>

January 23 - Warwickshire and Open Senior & Junior Indoor Championships - University of Warwick, Coventry - Portsmouth - UKRS

[https://www.ianseo.net/TourData/2027/29776/Warwickshire%20\(&%20Open\)%20Indoor%20Championships%202027.pdf?time=2026-08-24+09%3A34%3A13](https://www.ianseo.net/TourData/2027/29776/Warwickshire%20(&%20Open)%20Indoor%20Championships%202027.pdf?time=2026-08-24+09%3A34%3A13)

February 13 - Tockington Portsmouth - UKRS - Abbeywood School, Bristol - *prospectus not available yet*

February 14 - Wyre Forest Portsmouth - UKRS - Stourport-on-Severn - *prospectus not available yet*

NEW: February 20-21 - Llantarnam Indoor Weekend - Newport, Wales - Saturday: WA18m - Sunday: Double Vegas 300 - *entries open on IANSEO on December 4 at 7:00PM*

NEW: February 27/2027 - Gloucestershire Senior Indoor Champs and WWC Mixed Team Indoor Champs - Portsmouth - UKRS - Hartpury - *entries open on Deer Park's website via Bookwhen on November 1 at 7:00PM*

Senior Indoor Prospectus:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QxMWIXD2tNiGnPEvoaUqOAfaVUcqu5wR/view?usp=sharing>

WWC Team Championships Prospectus:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tnv8XH-ofcuwZ4-85D-T-MJ7PxRbkK0k/view?usp=sharing>

March 7 - GWAS Junior & Senior Indoor Regional Championships - Weston-Super-Mare - *prospectus not available yet*

OUTDOOR SEASON 2027:

NEW: March 29 - Cheltenham Charity Easter Bunny - National Rounds, UKRS

<https://bookwhen.com/cheltenhamarchers/e/ev-suhdr-20270329110000>

NEW: April 3 - Redhill Double WA720 - WRS - Birmingham – *for prospectus, email Sharon Medhurst at medhurst.redhill@gmail.com*

NEW: April 24 - Deer Park Longbow WA50m & H2H - non-record status - *prospectus not available yet*

Upcoming Gloucestershire County Tournaments - Reminder:

October 4 – Cheltenham Archers WA720

October 10 – Deer Park 3D Shoot

October 18 – Deer Park WA18m

November 8 - Deer Park Inclusion Shoot - Event 1

November 22 – Gloucestershire Junior Indoor Championships

December 13 – Cheltenham Indoor Open

December 27 – Deer Park Double Vegas 300

February 7 – Deer Park Inclusion Shoot – Event 2

February 13 – Tockington Portsmouth

February 27 – Gloucestershire Senior Indoor Championships