

Morecambe Bay Archers AGM 2025

Apologies

None made aware of

Last Minutes

Proposals of ground change followed through on

Pink usb at Warton with previous meetings minutes on was never found

Rest now irrelevant due to move

Officers reports:

Chairman

Difficult end to last year's outdoor season with Warton cancelling just about every other session, and a much quieter indoor season.

Christmas, I got an email from Warton CC asking us to vacate the ground due to them running out of evenings, as the club was expending. so, the hunt for a new venue was on.....

Only Morecambe and Lancaster cc offered anything, but Morecambe was going to be way too busy so here we are at Lancaster CC. we moved on 1st February held our first comp a month later.

We were unsure whether this move would be good for the club, with the one-way system being a pain and the distance for some members.

As soon as we moved, we lost 5 members due to distance We came with around 35 members and now we have 56+ members.

We have help 2 open competitions and 1 county open competition.

We have had quite a few archers going to competitions with some good results.

Beginners course numbers have been good since we have moved here approx. 33 people have done beginners courses, 11 have joined so far and We have had 8 members who have joined who have shot previously.

All in all a good year for us lets keep up the good work and good shooting

Secretary

Move to Lancaster CC very successful and have seen an increase in club membership and active archers at the club.

County is now up to date with club committee members and club is reaffiliated for the next year

Still working on the issue of secretary emails not going to my inbox so for the time being please just email me directly or pester me either via the Whatsapp group or directly at a shoot

Minutes from previous meetings still unavailable as the pink usb at Warton was never found but minutes from the last year are up to date

Have also implemented a visitor book system in order to make it easier to track who is using the grounds outside the club and whether they have paid

Treasurer

Overall financial health of the club remains good with a balance of £16,563.69 an increase of £1,960.48 based on last years balance (14/8/24) annual turnover of approximately £21,107.52

Main ongoing expense is the indoor venue at Dallam (£28/h; £112p/w) and the grounds cost which have increased from £500 per annum at Warton to £1400 per annum at Lancaster CC.

Additional one off costs for the move to Lancaster CC include container purchase (£2,640), Shed maintenance £233, van and skip hire £447, have been offset by increased beginner's courses and visitor's fees.

Additional items of equipment and target faces are the main source of deficit along with miscellaneous fee for equipment maintenance, prizes, web hosting etc. These expenses are offset by the monthly hooting fee, which also covers club AGB affiliation and Cumbria AA affiliation

Safeguarding

No issues

Equipment officer

Nothing serious this year Hut has been sorted and the crack in the roof and now have the steel container

Records officer

As Records Officer, this has been a fantastic year for the club. As many of you know, last year we moved onto a new record keeping system and it's fair to say we had a lot of teething issues at first; these issues are now (mostly) resolved and members have been uploading their scores, meaning they can claim classifications and awards (semi) automatically (it all still needs to be verified, but sitting in front of a laptop for an hour once a month or so is a lot easier than being handed random scraps of paper every few weeks and cross-referencing them against two databases, one of which was made with a piece of software that was last updated ten years ago - which is how I started the role).

This year, 23 archers have submitted scores on Golden Records Online (or entered the handicap League and I've done it for them). In target archery, we've had a whopping 35 club records broken. In clout, we've had one record broken (a quiet year for us). And in Flight, we've had 5 records broken. That's a total of 41 successful club record claims this year!

But the role of Records Officer is (despite the name) not all about the club records, but also helping archers monitor their own improvement through the 252 and Portsmouth award schemes (three archers have improved their Portsmouth scores enough to earn a new badge this year, and 11 have improved their 252 distance). As Records Officer, I also chart people's performance in scoring rounds to earn new classification badges. During the indoor season, seven archers earned new Indoor Classifications; and during the current Outdoor season, 12 archers have earned new Outdoor Classifications. Please hang around at the end of the meeting, as there's a lot of awards to give out - and you might well have earned one.

I have also been liaising with Bev (CCAA Secretary and new Records Officer) about the state of the County's records system. I took the complaints of club members to the County AGM. Our complaints were echoed by other clubs, and Bev was elected to resolve the issues. Bev is currently working on completely replacing the system - which may take some time, so the County does value everyone's patience with processing their county record claims. I have manually collated and verified over 40 possible record claims from 13 current and former club members, shot over the past five years, and forwarded these to Bev. I have been asked to test out the new county record system when it comes online.

From the bottom of my heart, I'd like to congratulate everyone who's worked so hard this past year to reach new heights in their shooting. I'd like to give a special shout-out to Sean MacIver, who has (subject to ratification) broken his own Northern Counties' Regional Record in Flight archery, as well.

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Coaching officer

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Social Media Officer

Nothing much to report

Competitions Officer

Overview

Strange year with the move. We didn't run our Double WA 720 due to uncertainty in the new year surrounding the ground move. We didn't go out and actively promote the Wet Warwick and Cumbria Frostbite to the same extent to ensure we could get our feet under the table.

The calendar for 2026 is looking busy already with the Wet Warwick/ Cumbria Frostbite in March, our Double WA 720 for late June/ early July, and Friendly American in September. Alongside this we're also going to be running the monthly club handicap tournaments.

Open to suggestions about in-house events we can do. We've got the monthly handicap shoots, but if people have other ideas of things to try on club nights, let me know.

2024 Friendly American

A really successful event. 52 archers participating. 5 PBs. 2 club records, 1 county record.

2025 Friendly American

Currently set at 46 entries. 6 spaces still available so please enter if you want to be part. Managed to get some nice looking but cheap glassware for us to use as "Club Trophies". Highest scorer from the club per category can win something regardless of the overall field.

2025 Wet Warwick/ Cumbria Frosthite

We ended up moving the date to help Tony out and clashed with Eccles Double WA 18. We're changing back to the 7th/ 8th March for 2026.

21 participants for the Wet Warwick. 8 PBs and 3 county records.

18 participants for the Cumbria Frosthite. 15 PBs (a lot come from first time participants, but it's important to recognise people getting involved in events!). 2 county record claims.

2025 Outdoor handicap league

Hopefully people are enjoying the tournament schedule. 33 PBs, 6 MBA club records, 2 external club records. Several archers already completed classifications – A3 through to Bowman 3. Several archers completed classifications in external competitions after getting scores here.

We also entered the Archery GB Summer Metrics tournament. As soon as AGB release participation certificates we'll do a proper presentation.

Proposed 2024/2025 Indoor handicap league

Going with the same format indoors. Give people a chance to get some more badges and we can also fill in the club records. Hopefully we'll get people going out to events. Schedule is as follows.

November – WA 18

December – Vegas

January – Portsmouth

February – Stafford

2026 Double WA 720

Provisional dates of 21st June or 5th July 2026. Waiting on Tony's availability. After that chasing up other judges, then applying for WRS.

Unstrung Archery Postal League

Neil's running a Portsmouth postal league for our podcast based on what we did at MBA a few years ago. Let me know if you're interested.

Borders Trophy

We held our derby match with Lonsdale Archers back in November. It's run on a handicap basis so everyone contributes equally. WE WON IT BACK! Sean Munster's looking after the trophy for us. Do we want to see if Lonsdale would be willing to host us again?

Provisional competition schedule for 2026

External tournaments we're hosting

7th/ 8th March – MBA Wet Warwick and Cumbria Frostbite

5th July – MBA Double 720

20th September – MBA Friendly American

Internal dates for the diary

Thursday 20th November – WA 18 handicap shoot

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas fun shoot

Thursday 18th December – Vegas handicap shoot

Thursday 15th January – Portsmouth handicap shoot

Thursday 19th February – Stafford handicap shoot

Thursday 16th April – Handicap shoot (Round TBC)

Thursday 21st May – Handicap shoot (Round TBC)

Thursday 18th June – WA 720 handicap shoot (Double 720 prep event)

Thursday 16th July – Summer Metric/ A N Other round handicap shoot

Thursday 20th August – Summer Metric/ A N Other round handicap shoot

Thursday 17th September – American handicap shoot

Junior Representative report

Nothing to report

Proposals

Constitution changes section

5.3 All subscriptions shall become due on 31st August. The subscription for a member newly joining the Club on or after 31st August in any year shall be due for payment in accordance with Archery GB instructions in force at the time.

Proposal to amend it to All subscriptions shall become due annually from the date of the archer joining

6. 5 Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to Northern Archery in the first instance, to pass on as they see fit to other needy causes, or another registered CCAA club, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports

Removal of Northern archery?

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Change of Indoor venue

Prices at Dallam vs quality of facilities is it worth us moving? Suggestions welcome

Suggestions of giving taster sessions to schools?

Not losing money by shooting two nights a week

Benefit of Dallam is it's cheap, but quality of facilities is dropping

Begging letter to our ladies and the Morecambe Bay school group

Is it possible to move bosses around so we don't have to leave early for the county frostbite potential for buying more bosses

Potential to pester other clubs to collaborate

Election of Officers

Position	Current	Retiring	Nominations	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman 3 year position	Ian R	It's the end of a 3 year stint NO	Ian	Jesse	Nye
Secretary	Sean M	NO	Sean	Ian	Mitch
Treasurer	Mick U	NO	Mick	Sean	Chris
Safeguarding	Chris P	NO	Chris P	Pete	Sean

Equipment	Pete S	NO	Pete	Sean	Jesse
Records	Jessie P	YES	Chris P	Jesse	Nye
Tournament	Nye O	NO	Nye	Sean	Ian
Assistant Tournament			Tom	Ian	Nye
Coaching	Jesse P	NO	Jesse	Ian	Nye
Social Media Web site PR	Nye O	YES	Nye	Jesse	Mick
Junior Representative	Lewis P	NO	Lewis	Neve	Oliver
Development					
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A.O.B

Personal AGB now done by archers and then associating themselves with the club and then the club pays the regional and county £65 to AGB and the £10/4 pcm senior/ junior range fees

Insurance for both the buildings (building plus contents and the steel container) can get for £200 pa to be discussed at next Committee meeting but general consensus was that we need it

Rather than bows being sat in bags and the boxes whether we can get racking to hang them up without damaging the container as well as a workstation in the garage plus some lights in the garage potentially about £400 for a solar panel, lights and batteries

Moving Winter season outdoor shoots to Saturday and potentially can we have Sundays as well to ensure that most can shoot. Potentially able to have both and then drop indoor to one session per week

Date of next meeting

Next Committee meeting some point next quarter to be discussed by committee

Next AGM some point August/September 2026