



BOWMEN OF DARENTEFORD

CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be known as BOWMEN OF DARENTEFORD, hereinafter called the Club.
2. The object of the Club shall be to practice Archery, its promotion and Social Activities.
3. The Club shall be affiliated to the Grand National Archery Society (GNAS) (rebranded Archery GB), the Southern Counties Archery Society (SCAS) and the Kent Archery Association (KAA).
[In updating this document, Archery GB (AGB) now replaces previous references to GNAS].
4. The Club shall be open to both shooting and non-shooting members.
5. Management of the Club shall be under the care of a Committee, subject to the ruling of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
6. The Club Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Captain, Records Officer, Welfare Officer, Training Officer, Webmaster and three Ordinary Members; all of whom shall be elected at the AGM. If there are insufficient nominations, any member may be elected to hold up to two of the named positions.
7. In addition to the named officers, the elected Committee shall appoint a Tournaments Officer, West Kent League Representative and their deputies as required. Where possible, these posts shall be allocated to the elected Committee members. The Committee shall also be empowered to co-opt the services of other Club members for specific duties if required, but these additional members shall not have Committee voting rights.
8. The Committee members shall take up their duties on 1st January following the AGM, thus allowing the outgoing officers to complete any current actions and to provide handover training where necessary.
9. The Club shall be empowered to elect as an Honour a President who may attend Committee Meetings in an advisory capacity and, if being a shooting member, shall have voting rights. There shall be no time limit on the President's term of office. If required, re-appointment of the Honour shall be made at a General Meeting of the Club.
10. The Committee shall meet at least every three months.
11. The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be five.
12. An Annual General Meeting shall be held every November. Members shall be notified of the meeting at least two weeks in advance, and the Agenda and Nominations form posted on the notice board.
13. The Treasurer shall present a balance sheet to the AGM which has been audited by two members previously appointed.

14. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by the Committee or by one third of the membership. The only business to be discussed at the EGM shall be that for which the EGM was called.
15. Non-shooting members cannot vote on matters pertaining to shooting.
16. Application for membership shall be approved by the Committee. An application may be as a shooting member, a non-shooting member or an Associate member (eg an archer from another club).
17. Any member may belong to more than one club, but their allegiance must be to the club with whom their AGB affiliation is registered.
If their AGB affiliation is with the Bowmen of Darenteford (BOD), they may shoot only for this Club in Tournaments and team shoots, etc.
If their AGB affiliation is not with the Bowmen of Darenteford (eg an Associate member), they shall not be eligible to receive awards in BOD Club competitions, but may represent BOD in other Tournaments or League Shoots dependent upon rules of the particular competition. Members whose AGB affiliation is not with the Bowmen of Darenteford may not vote on matters pertaining to the Club.
18. Membership may be terminated at the discretion of the Committee.
19. Visiting archers affiliated to AGB will be permitted to shoot on the invitation of a member with the permission from the Committee and upon payment of the current fee.
20. The annual membership fees (shooting & non-shooting members) shall be decided at the AGM. Annual subscriptions are to be paid by the 1st April each year. In addition to the Club fees, members will be requested to pay affiliation fees to Archery GB, SCAS & KAA. These will become due within 21 days of the date the Club is informed of the amounts due. Members not paying membership or affiliation fees by the due date will forfeit the use of the Club facilities. Also, such members will be responsible for paying their own affiliation fees and providing proof of such payment to the Club Secretary before Club facilities are restored.
21. The Club shall abide by the AGB Policies for Safeguarding Children, Young People & Adults.
22. All shooting shall be in accordance with the AGB Rules of Shooting, and all members and visitors shall abide by the Club Rules.
23. The Club shall assess the risks associated with its shooting activities and implement such measures that are practicable to prevent injury to persons and damage to property.
24. The Club shall have a Data Privacy Policy and comply with the General Data Protection Requirement (GDPR) to respect the privacy preferences of its Members.