

Archery is a fun and exciting sport to learn. As well as helping you relax, it aids development of important aspects such as patience, self-confidence, focus and concentration. There are physical benefits too - it improves upper body strength, flexibility, stamina, endurance and hand/eye coordination.

How to get started

Step 1: Enrol on a beginners course.

In most cases, you cannot just turn up at a club as a first time archer and start to shoot. You must have had some formal instruction and this is usually done in the form of a structured beginners course.

Bowmen of Backworth runs regular courses throughout the year. All necessary equipment is provided and all of our courses are taught by qualified Archery GB Level 2 and Level 1 coaches, with enhanced DBS clearance and child/vulnerable adult safeguarding course certification.

Each course (£70 Senior, £40 Junior, reduced rates for family groups) provides 4 x 2 hour sessions during which you will be taught:

- An understanding of the basic skills of shooting
- Basic technique, safety and etiquette
- The ability to shoot a recurve bow with reasonable confidence and skill
- An introduction to different bow styles

You will also receive a nationally recognised certificate providing proof that you have completed a beginners course and are safe to shoot in a club environment. Booking is essential as places are limited.



Step 2: Apply for full membership of a club and start to shoot regularly.

Bowmen of Backworth is a friendly archery club, established in the 1960's. As a section of Backworth Miners Welfare, we enjoy all the facilities offered at Backworth Hall.

The club is affiliated to the following organisations:

- Durham & Northumberland Archery Association (DNAA)
- Northern Counties Archery Society (NCAS)
- Archery GB (AGB)
- World Archery (WA)

We have around 60 to 70 members, male and female, aged from 10 years old to well past retirement and we encourage archers of all levels and abilities.

Our membership includes people for whom archery is primarily a social hobby and people for whom archery is a serious sport in which they

want to progress and compete. Everyone is welcome and we have the flexibility to allow everyone to enjoy their archery however they see it.

We primarily shoot target archery and have archers shooting Olympic recurve, compound, barebow, longbow and traditional bows at both outdoor and indoor venues.

We hold club sessions on Saturday mornings; Sunday and Wednesday afternoons and on Thursday evenings in the summer, although members are able to shoot at any time, subject to our safety rules.

It is strongly recommended that you do not buy any equipment until you have sought guidance from one of our coaches. Club equipment is available for hire.

Step 3: Follow up is important.

Whatever their reason for doing archery we find that people like to see their scores improving over time. So, as well as offering regular coaching sessions for our members, we also operate a number of schemes and awards that can be gained as your performance progresses.

If you want to get into competitions, you can enter the various events held within the club before progressing onto one of the numerous events held by other clubs, both locally and throughout the country. There are events to suit all standards of archers both senior and junior.

Annual Membership Fees Backworth Hall & Club Fees

Membership Year: 1 Apr 2025 - 31 Mar 2026

Senior (21 and over) £142.00

Junior (20 and under) £68.50

Junior (14 and under) Nil

Reduced fees apply if joining later in the Membership year.

Affiliation Fees for Archery GB, NCAS & DNAA

Membership Year: 1 year from date of joining

Senior (21+) £67.00

Junior (< 21) £25.20

Target Fees

A charge of £6 for Seniors (£2 for Juniors) is payable per calendar month.

Should you decide to join our club, after completing one of our beginners courses, you will be entitled to a discount (£15 Senior, £10 Junior) from your first year's fees.



Further Information

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