



ANNOUNCEMENT – LNER ARCHERS

We regret to inform you that LNER Archers has closed, as of 1 April 2024.

Unfortunately, our numbers have dwindled each year and with the restrictions placed on us by the Rifle and Pistol Club committee we were unable to obtain new members as they did not allow us to provide beginners courses or, more recently, to have any online presence. The increased LNER club subscription fees made it impossible for quite a few members to continue at renewal and it has meant that the archery club has become unviable.

Since its inception as Sharley Park Archers some 33 years ago, the club has been passionately run by Barry Croot, whose dedication to the sport and unwavering commitment to his members has created a vibrant, inclusive community of archers throughout the years. Barry's tireless efforts have not only promoted the sport of archery but have also created a legacy of friendship, sportsmanship, and countless memories for all those who had the pleasure of being part of this extraordinary club.

As a representative of LNER Archers, Barry was on the DCAA committee, organised holding the Indoor Champs for over 10 years and he instigated our popular and unique 50/50 shoot that ran for 19 years. He has coached every single member of the club. He has been to every single session unless illness or Covid prevented him.

Our member, Jake Towndrow donated the Towndrow set of longbow trophies to the County Clout that still bear his and his family's name.

Our member, Sandra Bennett was a County Judge, Regional Judge and also Treasurer of DCAA.

Our member, Yvonne Long was County Secretary for 7 years.

Over the years a number of our members have shot for Club, County and Region and have held County Records, some that still stand today.

The small group of archers that are left have now joined Derwent Bowmen Archery Club and we look forward to meeting old friends and making new ones.

To those that hold our 50/50 trophies, we hope that either Derwent or another club can run the competition and you will be contacted to return them later in the year.