



# **Annual General Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

## **Landowner's Report**

### **1 Target shooting range**

Now extended in width to 40m, an extra 10m. Total area now 1.50 acres charged at £100 per acre. This land is also grazed by sheep, in suitable conditions, which improves the quality of the turf.

### **2 Cattle shed ('Barn')**

Now getting more use by LAC and is a great facility for the club on wet days, and for indoor use for beginners etc. on club shooting days. The storage container is much more convenient than the previous arrangements, and is better for security! Improvements required are the french drain at the back to prevent flooding; also resurfacing of the track along the open side, hence the LAC expenses for the shed will be increased to £500 annum from Oct.'19

### **3 Clout Range**

Mainly used for training longbow archers following the Beginners Course and for clout shoots, as sheep grazing allows.

### **4 Car parking.**

Those members who arrive late, or have to leave early, should be encouraged to park in the yard by the Farmhouse - there is space for 5-6 cars.

Parking space at the north end of the Shed could be better used and also the track behind the Shed should be used for access to the Shed and Field for safety. A 'No Parking' sign should be installed on the wire fence behind the shooting line,

### **5 Membership numbers**

Could we limit the membership to the present level for this next year - say 50 with a cap of 55 depending on renewals? This would give time to further sort out parking and any disciplinary procedures before they get out of hand.

Toilet arrangements work OK at present but could be troublesome with more members. The only solution would be to install a septic tank and cubicles or even porta-loos!

## **6 Shooting Area south of the road behind the house**

Apart from the occasional two-way clout shooting including county shoots, this area will be used mostly for Field shooting in the 2-acre wood and Roving marks on the pasture fields. These activities are more suitable for experienced archers and will be restricted to Longbow only. (Apart from the County shoots which would include bare-bow).

This group will need to be restricted in size of shooting parties because of the limited area and will be run partly by invitation from the organisers to members of the LAC longbow archers and also to those from other clubs. The group -Blackthorn Bowman will be distinguished from LAC for this type of shooting for 2 main reasons:

1. most shooting will be at unknown distances
2. apart from clout shooting, there will be no recognised rounds and each shoot will be different with the same safety rules of shooting as LAC/Archery GB but without shooting lines and whistles.

Beginners should learn to shoot Longbow on the Clout range and must supply their own Longbow and arrows.

**Graham Blandford**