

Targetcraft Archers CIO

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Trustees Annual Report 2023 – 2024

Dated 04/07/2025

Targetcraft Archers CIO are a target archery club based in Desborough in the East Midlands. The club is funded predominately through membership fees which are supplemented by various fund-raising activities.

Our objectives as a CIO are to promote our sport within the local community and advocate the positive benefits it has on both physical and mental wellbeing. Archery provides a perfect opportunity to pursue a physically and mentally challenging sport in a competitive but friendly environment. It has the potential for physical development, goal setting and achievement.

Our aim is to provide our membership and visitors with the facilities, opportunity and support to participate, develop skills and enjoy the sport of archery.

Since our last report the club membership has grown substantially from approximately 50 people to over 80. This we believe is due to fabulous facilities but also the welcoming nature of the club and existing members and the policies that have been developed by a broad committee and strong leadership team.

The goals established by the committee were again based on our core pillars of People, Community, Finance and Resources.

People:

Under the people banner we are looking to increase membership and help club members develop their skills as part of the committee, a club officer or coach.

Our aim was to deliver four archery taster sessions and four beginner courses over the year. The courses are run in accordance with the sports governing body The Grand National Archery Society (trading as Archery GB).

Our objective was met and in the case of taster sessions the number of events was exceeded when we were able to put on a special taster event at our indoor venue on 31/12/24.

From these courses the club gained 20 new members.

We are supporting a club coach in their pursuit of their level 3 (County Coach) qualification.

Community:

The club has established a school partnership with Wilbarston C of E School where we have delivered “soft archery” to most of their year groups. Whilst this is an ongoing relationship we are now in discussion with them concerning the provision of real archery to their older year groups and an after-school archery club and will include the beginners course syllabus and certification. Both the real archery and after school club will become active in 2025. The club has made no charge for this and club coaches are volunteering and the club is providing the necessary equipment.

The club has hosted, on behalf of Northamptonshire County Archery Society, the first of their Caswell tournaments which are an open competition and accessed by archers from within and outside the county. The club has also agreed as part of its community initiative in 2025 to host a regional tournament for the East Midlands Archery Society and the County Championships on behalf of Northamptonshire.

The club has provided an open day which introduced a wide range of people to the sport and showcase the facilities the club has to offer. The club also provided Have-a-Go opportunities to various local groups ranging from staff at Kettering Hospital and a local U3A group.

Finance:

The club policy is to ensure that all costs associated with the club are met in full by the membership fee charged. Thanks to the excellent work of the club treasurer and the decisions of the committee this ambition has again been achieved for the 2023 – 2024 year. In fact, a small surplus has been recorded due to the higher level of membership achieved against the anticipated level.

Further income has been generated via the provision of beginner courses, taster sessions and Have-a-Go events.

Resources:

The club has continued to invest in resources that meet the needs of its membership. In addition to new bosses for the indoor season the club has invested in 9 complete sets of intermediate recurve equipment which can be hired for 12 weeks by those successfully completing their beginner’s course and joining the club. This facility provides new members with an opportunity to get a feel for the club and the bow types that they are most interested in shooting before committing to the sport.

Peter Radcliffe

Chairman – Targetcraft Archers CIO

Financial Statement 2023 – 24

	2023 / 2024	2022 / 2023
Income		
Membership	12,059	10,253
Beginners Courses	1,970	2,105
Taster Sessions	250	430
Other Income	3,217	2,337
Total Income	17,496	15,125
Less Expenditure		
Expenses	2,596	1,974
Fees – AGB / NCAS / EMAS	2,460	1,753
Field Rent	1,700	1,700
Hall Hire	5,798	5,448
Grass Cutting	86	1085
Archery Equipment	1,234	5,912
Total Expenditure	13,874	17,872
Net surplus / (deficit)	3,622	(2,747)

Treasurers Report 2023/2024

Dated 4th July 2025

The club has had a successful year and fulfilled its stated objectives whilst increasing its reserves. We have expanded the number of members, which has increased our membership income significantly. This is largely due to the wonderful work by the Club Coaches and Committee.

The club has maintained similar levels of expenditure to the previous year. There was less expenditure needed in our asset replacement cycle in 2023/2024. The combination of these factors resulted in a surplus for the year. With the continuing challenges in the economic climate, this puts into perspective what a successful year the club has had.

Lynne Morley FCCA

Treasurer – Targetcraft Archers CIO