

Trustees report to the charity commission January 2024 to January 2025

Kendal Bowmen, Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

2024 was a successful year in which the club continued to advance its charitable objectives, which are:

The provision of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefits of the inhabitants of Kendal and surrounding areas by the provision of facilities for archery.

and

The advancement of the amateur sport of archery in Kendal and surrounding areas for the public benefit by the provision of facilities for participation in the sport of archery.

The work done by Kendal Bowmen January 2024 to January 2025 towards these objectives:

Kendal Bowmen worked to raise public awareness of the sport and the club by putting on “have a go” events at local shows. The club is also visible through its website and by links through Archery GB.

These events help to provide the steady flow of newcomers to the sport, and volunteers ran two, six-week beginners courses for people interested in taking up archery in 2024, held indoors in winter and outdoors in summer. 17 beginners completed the course and a good percentage went on to join the club.

Practice sessions for club members were held three times each week throughout the year. Practice sessions were arranged on the field course and for clout shooting.

In addition to practice sessions, KB ran six competitions in 2024 across a range of disciplines, one indoor target, two outdoor target, two clout and one field.

These events support amateur archery in the Kendal area, as well as the broader community of archers who attend these events from Cumbria, the Northern Region and across the UK.

Safeguarding

A new safeguarding officer was appointed in 2024, and undertook appropriate training. The club policies and procedures are in line with those of Archery GB (our national governing body) relating to safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. The healthy support and camaraderie that the club members, old, young, new and more established continue to offer each to other promotes an enjoyable, supportive and inclusive environment in which to learn and enjoy our sport.

Facilities

High winds and storms damaged the woodland field course used by Kendal Bowmen and access was curtailed during the weekend of the April field competition. The second day's shooting was lost, as well as the planned August field shoot.

Another woodland field course near to the previous one has been found which will be used in 2025 for archery practice and competitions.

Kendal Bowmen continues to look for land that may be suitable to buy and develop for its own archery range. This continues to be challenging within the local area as suitable land is generally prime agricultural land and normally sells for well above its asking price. Careful management of funds and significant fund-raising efforts in previous years has given a stable financial position with good reserves and substantial funds in the capital account to help towards purchase of a venue.

The Treasurer's statement accompanying the accounts.

The finance accounts have been checked and summarised for the calendar year of 2024.

The indoor Portsmouth, Longbow, and outdoor Albion tournaments made only small profits, whilst the two clout shoots were much better financially. The money gained from all these different events was in line with expectations. The field shoot figures show income from shooting days held, then entry fee refunds due to tournaments having to be cancelled. Not all of those who entered claimed the offered refund. Another point to note is the inclusion of some 2025 figures. These accounts are for the calendar year January to December 2024, but some archers enter and pay very early, sometimes just after a previous event, which is good for tournament entries, but does skew the accounts when a payment in one year is for a tournament in the next.

Indoor shooting had a deficit of £322; this is around the figure expected, and is one of the subsidies we are able to provide using money raised from other ventures, to keep participation affordable for members. The money paid to the cricket club has now been set at a fixed amount. It has always been that we paid per member, and so the figure each year varied. This cost does still come from membership fees, but is now taken on an average to keep the amount we pay consistent.

Kendal Bowmen continues to be in a stable financial position and able to add to our reserves with a long term aim of accruing enough to purchase our own venue.

Kendal Bowmen Year Review from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Current Account on 1 st Jan 2023			7920.37
Membership			
2023 2024	597.00		
Archery GB		393.00	
CCAA		39.00	
NCAS		12.40	
2024 2025	4005.00		
Archery GB		2525.00	
CCAA		258.00	
NCAS		81.20	
	4602.00	3308.60	1,293.40
Shoots			
Portsmouth	493.50		
Venue		449.00	
Longbow	132.00		
Catering		65.39	
Longbow 2025	15.46		
Metric Clout	965.00		
Venue		90.00	
Facilities Hire		204.00	
Equipment		206.00	
Tassel Award		65.50	
Advert		25.00	
Judges Gifts		31.50	
Metric Clout 2025	60.00		
3D field	880.00		
Judges Gifts		44.55	
Refunds		50.00	
3D field 2025	200.00		
WA24	431.00		
Refunds		298.00	
Parking Cost		50.00	
Imperial Clout	662.00		
Venue		180.00	
Facilities Hire		204.00	
Equipment		76.55	
Tassel Award		44.00	
Albion	127.00		
	3965.96	2083.49	1,882.47
Venue			
Indoor Hall	1120.00	1442.00	
Kendal Cricket Club		500.00	
	1120.00	1942.00	(822.00)
Have a Go			
Kendal Family Festival 2023 and 2024	550.00	60.00	
Countryfest	1096.00		
	1646.00	60.00	1,586.00

Beginner's Course	990.00		
	<u>990.00</u>	<u>990.00</u>	
Maintenance		31.50	
Equipment		30.56	
Bosses		420.00	
Two Beginner Bow Kits		225.00	
Gas Bottle		45.50	
Miscellaneous		10.00	
Child Protection Course		42.00	
Badges	9.00	820.00	
Repayment	48.00		
Tournament Shelter		259.00	
	<u>57.00</u>	<u>1883.56</u>	<u>(1,826.56)</u>
	<u>12380.96</u>	<u>9277.65</u>	<u>3,103.31</u>
Current Account on 31 st Dec 2024			11,023.68
Total in two savings accounts	22776.12	32336.64	
includes following interest	1331.44	1255.83	
Total interest earned on savings accounts		<u>2587.27</u>	