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In my last annual report I stated that *"Despite the effects of the pandemic and not being able to use the field for a year, we are only about 12 months behind the membership targets in our 5-year plan and we are accelerating faster than planned. I expect the club to be back on track this time next year"*. I am pleased to be able to report that although the mix is slightly different than planned (Archery GB have changed the age boundaries) we now have 73 members, 8 of which are under 21 and 13 are disabled.

The beginners' courses this year have all been oversubscribed but we have been able to accommodate all candidates by increasing the number of coaches involved. A big thank you is owed to the coaches in helping to push the club forward.

We have been in residence in our new facility for over a year and, despite some teething troubles, it is proving a draw for archers from other clubs. It has been hired the Lancashire elite squad for training purposes and by international coaches for one-to-one coaching.

Some of our archers have shot for the county and been successful in local tournaments. In doing so they provided inspiration for our up and coming members.

Apart from some Saturday mornings, Wednesday evenings in summer and Friday evenings, the club is open to members every day and is being used more and more during the day as well as at the club nights.

We implement the "252" scheme in summer to encourage new archers to challenge themselves to reach new heights of achievement and run regular handicap shoots so that archers of all abilities can compete on a level playing field.

One innovation this year is the introduction of coaching evenings for intermediate archers where they can learn more about equipment, drills and skills, more advanced techniques , etc. These have proved successful and thanks to our head coach Josh Green for setting up and running these.

Archery GB have changed the way that fees are paid to them this year. This has made more work for the secretary, Amanda Clark, and treasurer, Harlie Mason. Thank you both for guiding us through this difficulty.

I look forward to another successful year.

Geoff Tittensor - Chairman

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