



**FRIARS GATE
ARCHERS**

Beginners Information Pack

Styles of shooting

Target: This consists of archers shooting a fixed number of arrows at a specified distance towards a paper target which has concentric coloured rings.

Field: This involves archers shooting at monochrome or coloured pictures of animals.

These can be either from marked or unmarked distances and necessitates walking from one target to the next. We currently have two venues, one is level woodland and the other is a river valley.

3D: This is the same as field, but we shoot at life sized foam animals.

Indoor: The same as target, but indoors.

Venues

Barnsgate Manor – TN22 4DB

Type of shooting: Target

The club meets here every Sunday morning throughout the year and Thursday evenings during April – September.

Please arrive before 9.00 to set up your own equipment and then help other club members to set up the targets so that we can start shooting at 9.30. This also applies for Thursday evening shoots, therefore please arrive at least 30 minutes before the start.

It is also useful to help put away targets at the end of the session.

Times can vary for Thursday nights, please check our website calendar for further details: www.friarsgatearchers.com

Friars Gate Farm – TN6 1XH

Type of shooting: Field

During October and March, once a month on a Sunday we meet at the farm and shoot at pictures of animals in a river valley setting. Wellingtons are vital. Please arrive at 8.45 am so that we can commence shooting at 9.

Fletching – TN22 3SA

Type of shooting: Field and twice a year 3D Throughout the year

On Sundays we shoot at animal pictures in a level woodland setting.

Walking boots or wellingtons are vital. Please arrive at 8.45 am so that we can start at 9. We also shoot Tuesday evenings during the summer, check website calendar for further details.

Equipment

The club would suggest that you do not purchase any expensive equipment just yet as your draw length will increase as you get more proficient.

If you still want to buy something then we would suggest the following, but bear in mind that there are many different examples of each and some are better than others.

Quiver, platform tab, arm brace

Arrow puller

Chest Guard

Fletching jig

Don't worry, if you don't know what these are yet, all will be explained during the course.

All these items can be purchased from Archery shops or online as well as auction sites.

See what other archers are using and ask advice. There is a wealth of experience in the club; they may also have equipment to sell.

Please do not buy a bow from an online site as it needs to be matched to your requirements in a specialist shop.

Sites and shops

Ebay: www.ebay.co.uk

Quicks Archery: www.quicksarchery.co.uk

Merlin Archery: www.merlinarchery.co.uk

Alternative Sporting Services: www.altservices.co.uk

Custom Built Archery: www.cbarchery.co.uk

Perris: www.perrisarchery.co.uk