

# Jolly Archers

## Requirements for a new Archery Field

1. Archery is a sport which is open to all, regardless of age, gender and which can accommodate people with all but the most severe physical or learning difficulties. It can be pursued at many levels, from Olympic and Paralympic through to the recreational. Archery is an all-year-round sport and requires access to both indoor and outdoor ranges if clubs are to develop the sport to its full potential. Jolly Archers is a nationally recognised club that has been in existence for 54 years. We shoot outdoors 7 days a week all year round at Jubilee Park, although our main competitive season runs from April to October. From October to March we also shoot indoors at facilities which do not meet the recommended minimum standards for competitive shooting and are inadequate in terms of availability and security of tenure. We hold the largest indoor competition in Cambridgeshire, which includes the Cambridgeshire County Championships, and two well-attended shoots (one of them UK Record Status) in the summer, with archers coming from around the country. One of our junior lady members has become a national champion, several of our current members have secured places in the national rankings and a national record score has been achieved last year at Jubilee Park.
2. We have been at Jubilee Park since its opening and our members have put many hours of voluntary effort turning it into an excellent archery field. The hedges surrounding the ground are now mature enhancing its security.
3. We are very happy with the location and facilities offered by Jubilee Park. Thanks to HTC we have a lease for the archery field with 86 years remaining and therefore have no current need or plans to move. Any proposed alternative venue must offer a substantial improvement in size, location and/or facilities to change this stance. Taking the opportunity to provide an indoor range would be a major encouragement.
4. Required Facilities to replace those at Jubilee Park
  - a. A rectangular field measuring 220yds x 130yds
  - b. Exclusive use of the archery facility
  - c. Location/Environment
    - i. Orientation, S->N  $\pm 20^\circ$
    - ii. No flood risk
    - iii. Accessible by road
    - iv. Not easily visible from the road

- v. Not overlooked by buildings
  - vi. Similar rural location to Jubilee Park
- d. Security
- i. A field that does not allow access to the general public except at specific and defined point(s)
  - ii. No rights of way
  - iii. Boundaries- Impenetrable security fence/hedges/banks
  - iv. Lockable gate(s)
- e. Outdoor ranges
- i. An 18 boss tournament range (180yards x 104yards), which may overlap with:
    - ii. A 3 boss 60 yard Coaching range (130 yards x 51yards)
    - iii. Playing surface
      - 1. Short, well kept, grass that is flat, not sloped.
      - 2. Good drainage all year round
    - iv. Circulation "Buffer" space would be needed and should be sufficient to accommodate any likely future increase in ArcheryGB range safety requirements.
- f. Secure storage capacity (Approx 60 sq yds footprint)
- g. Shared facilities at Jubilee Park
- i. Parking
    - 1. Space for 60-70 cars (Jollys requirement)
  - ii. Services
    - 1. Toilets
    - 2. Meeting area
- h. Financial
- i. A new lease to be at least the equivalent of our existing lease.
  - ii. All costs involved in considering a move and actually moving to be met by HTC.
  - iii. Costs incurred in changing Jollys corporate structure to be met by HTC.
  - iv. The new facility must be "tournament ready" before the lease is completed.
  - v. All Jubilee Park leaseholders' allocations in the new facility must be confirmed and their transfer to the new facility completed before any new clubs are considered

## 5. Required improvements to our facilities

### a. Indoor range

We currently do not have an indoor range but the provision of indoor shooting space with secure tenure is essential to the growth of the club. We currently shoot at two venues but

they are only capable of allowing 40 archers to shoot once per week and we have a membership of 100. Suitable venues are not available and we have no security of tenure with either existing facility, neither of which meet the minimum recommended standards for competitive shooting. This is the major obstacle to the growth and development of the club.

We believe that the proposed relocation of the club provides the opportunity to remedy this deficiency. Given the scale of the HTC development and the enhanced facilities that may be offered to the football clubs, our requirements are modest. For a small fraction of the cost of 3G/2G pitches and a hub building, Huntingdon would have an archery facility that could be used by archers throughout the county and could even be developed as a regional centre. It would need minimum maintenance, have low running costs and would last for 50+ years.

Requirements:

- i. An 8 boss 25 metre range (35metres x 18 metres)
- ii. The range would be within the archery site
- iii. The indoor range would be near the shooting line of the outdoor range
- iv. Storage, toilets, kitchen area and meeting space could, if necessary, be incorporated in an archery range. A lot will depend on other facilities available and their proximity.
- v. High insulation, photovoltaic roof panels and ground/air-source heat pumps would ensure minimal running costs.
- vi. We must be consulted at all stages of its design.

b. Disability friendly:

Archery is a disability friendly sport and the new facility should reflect this. As well as the features required for all sports, there are some specific to archery facilities:

- i. Hard surface car park:
- ii. Dedicated parking spaces
- iii. Main gate usable by disabled archers
- iv. All weather paths to facilities
- v. All weather shooting line suitable for wheelchair archers
- vi. Ramp or level access to all facilities
- vii. Accessible toilets