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GVA Committee 2026/27

At a well-attended AGM on the 20th September the following Committee Members were elected. We now have volunteers and nominations for the five vacant positions Club Secretary, Assistant Club Secretary, Vice Chairperson, Tournament Officer and Webmaster. We will announce these following a Extradentary General Meeting soon to held on the 3rd November 7-8 pm via a virtual meeting.

GVA Committee Role 2026/27	
Club Chairperson	Trevor Benjamin
Vice Club Chairperson	*Nomination Norman Berrill
Club Secretary	*Nomination Shannon Roberts
Assistant Secretary	*Nomination Connor Perkowski
Treasurer	Robert Clark
Assistant Treasurer	Teresa Mitchell
Membership Secretary	Jackie Benjamin
Welfare & Safeguarding Officer(s). X2	Trevor Gibbs, Jackie Benjamin
Data Protection Officer	Trevor Gibbs
Club Representative(s) X2	Kaitlyn Punton, Frank Barrett
Lead Session Coach	Chris Punton
Lead Development Coach	Trevor Benjamin
Web Master / Editor	*Nomination Mohammed Fazil
Tournament Officer	*Nomination Simon Dunston
Records and Medals Officer	Chris Punton
Range Masters	Chris Wiseman, Martin Fox, John Dowsing
Grants & Funding Officer	Chris Mannox

* ***Nominations subject to EGM approval on 3rd November 2026***

Club Fees

The club agreed to continue at the same GVA Club Fees as previously however Archery GB fees have increased by £5 per year as planned.

Full details at Club Membership Fees

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BBQ Fun Shoot (by Trevor G)



Riding on the back of the success of running fun shoots, the club decided this year to run a Summer Fun Shoot for the first time ever.

A small number of budding artists with hidden talents set about designing and hand painting target faces, with a summer theme, to replace the archery targets on the day.

It was really great to see the target faces being displayed, it really did give that summer ambience to the day. I had to smile when a number of club members said that it was a shame that by the end of the shoot the target faces would be full of holes, but that was the intention.

At half time we were treated to culinary delights cooked by John, who had agreed to act as head chef on the barbecue. We did have a bit of a panic at first when we couldn't fire up the gas barbecue.



With effective teamwork, which the club is renowned for, the problem was identified and fixed by unblocking a gas pipe coming from the cylinder.

At the end of the shoot, the scores were tallied up and the winners for each category and age were awarded medals which were professionally made by Chris W's daughter Amber.

A final thankyou to all of you who helped pull everything together to make the fun day a great and unforgettable experience, which we hope we can repeat next summer.

As always, we welcome your feedback on the event, what would you like to see changed or kept for the next time?

Hatton Handicap Cup

This year's archer with the most improved handicap was presented to Trevor B by the Club Chairperson.



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Septembers Handicap Competition winters were.
Novice :- Abi, James, Andrew – Experienced:- Frank, Robert Marie



Dates for your diary



Halloween Fun Shoot will be - Sunday 1st November starting property at 10am



Christmas Fun Shoot will be Sunday 13th December starting property at 10am

GVA Coaching Clinics - Free

8 November 2026 - 2pm

24 January 2027 - 2pm

County Coaching

The Essex & Suffolk County Archery Association are hosting monthly winter indoor coaching sessions on Saturday mornings from 10am-1pm at Gosfield School. A great opportunity to meet other clubs' archers from Essex and Suffolk along a wide experience of Coaches happy to help you improve your archery - £5 per session.

24 October https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GXGK

28 November https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GXGL

30 January https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GXGN

27 February https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GXGP

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