

A Bit About Us

About the Club

Our club, Bracken is located at Cranborne Middle School, in the village of Cranborne, Dorset. The official name for the club is The Bracken Company of Archers which came into being in 1976 when Ferndown Archery Club changed its name.

The origins of Ferndown Archery Club can be traced back to 1968 when it was the archery section of Ferndown Sports Club. Members used the Ferndown Middle school's playing fields for its sporting ground until 1976 when it was decided to move to Bowyer's Croft, Mannington.

It was here that Lew Smith had his bowyers workshop and the club was fortunate enough to have the use of an adjoining field; however as the club had moved out of Ferndown it was deemed appropriate to change the club's name.

Lew and Doreen Smith were founder members of Ferndown Archery Club in 1968. Sadly we lost Lew in 1980 but an annual inter club tournament

was still held in his memory up until 2006 when it changed to the absent friends memorial shoot. Doreen passed away in 2007. Other long time members include Jean Harrison our former club secretary, Mike Grigsby, Griff Jones and Bob Cox all of whom have been members for at least 25 years.



Bracken Company of Archers

Cranborne Middle School
Cranborne
Wimborne
Dorset
BH21 5RP

www.dorsetarchery.co.uk

For information on the club please visit
the web site

For information on beginners courses and
any other enquiries please contact

The club secretary
secretary@dorsetarchery.co.uk



BRACKEN COMPANY OF ARCHERS



About the Club



We are located in the grounds of Cranborne Middle School in Cranborne, Dorset. Here we shoot on Sunday mornings and during the summer months, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

We are a target archery club, with our membership divided into seniors (over 18 years) and

juniors (8 to 18 years).

Our members use the three most popular types of bow, being Recurve, Compound and Longbow.

For our new members we operate a “Junior Ribbon Award Scheme”. And for Adults a “Progressive Archery Scheme”. Many Juniors have been through the improvement scheme and several have gone on to represent not only the county but their country.

Although we take competitions seriously fun can be had at various events throughout the year at our fun shoots and clout shoots.



Are You Thinking of Having a Go ?

Throughout the year we have “have a go” sessions at local fete’s and events such as The Ellingham Show

We also run beginners courses during the summer months outdoors for those interested in starting or thinking of taking up archery, these consist of 5 sessions with a GNAS qualified coach showing you the basics and the safety side of the sport. Each session is approx 2 hours weather permitting.



The course is presently £35 for Adults and £25 for Juniors for the five sessions and covers all equipment and insurance, Children under 18 **must** be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the sessions. At the end of your five beginners lessons you may apply to join the club and membership of the GNAS. Membership of the GNAS provides you with liability insurance, an essential requirement if you wish to shoot.

For all those wishing to start a course or require more information please check our website

www.dorsetarchery.co.uk

Or contact the club secretary
secretary@dorsetarchery.co.uk



We have been fortunate enough recently to receive a “Awards for All” grant which has been used to ensure that the club has equipment and resources to develop and sustain our next generation of archers.



Bracken Company of Archers

Are proud to be working towards

Sports England Clubmark

