

OAKRIDGE ARCHERS

Shrigley Hall, Pott Shrigley,
Nr Macclesfield, Cheshire.

RISK ASSESSMENT

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Background: Oakridge Archers are a small Field Archery Club based at Shrigley Hall, Macclesfield, Cheshire. The Club is a member of the NFAS (National Field Archery Society) and as such is governed by their rules and regulations and all members are covered by their insurance. Only NFAS archers are permitted in the wood or persons receiving coaching or on a Try Day accompanied by instructors and experienced archers. All Oakridge archers are required to wear bright red tops.

Managing risk: Instructors will hold the appropriate qualification for teaching archery.

Who is at risk: All participants and other site users. Hazard	Likelihood & Seriousness of Injury	Control Measures	Remaining Risk
Non-archers injured by arrow	Possible serious or fatal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Permission to be sought from the landowner, notifying that archery is taking place. Archers sign in and out using books lodged at the Golf Club house and at the entrance to the wood..A designated area is agreed with ample overshoot and side vision.. No other activity to take place in the area whilst archery is in progress.• Archer awareness of the whereabouts of other archers and persons receiving coaching or on a Try-Day.• Members of the public are made aware of risks associated with the activity taking place via signage which restricts their access.	Low

Archers shoot one another	Possible serious or fatal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm all persons receiving coaching or on a Try-Day are kept at a safe distance and are under supervision at all times when archery is in progress. Archers entering the wood are aware of other archers already in the wood through use of the signing-in book. The course is laid out to avoid a target over-shooting another target. 	Low
Archers injured by using the wrong equipment	Possible Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure archers/persons receiving coaching or on a Try-Day are checked for right/left eye dominance. • Bow weight and size suitable to each archer • Ensure correct arrow length is used (variety of equipment available) 	Low
Equipment not properly used	Possible Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only NFAS qualified instructors and very experienced archers can run archery training sessions. • Instructor awareness of archers use of equipment • Ensure clear instructions are given at the start. 	Low
Damage to forearm due to strings	Possible Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arm guards MUST be worn. • Check arm position of archers to decrease the chance of this from happening. • Particular care with adult women. 	Low
Arrows rebounding Arrow collection	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure persons receiving coaching or on a Try-Day understand that they are not allowed to collect arrows and must remain at a safe distance whilst archery is in progress. • Broken/blunt arrows identified and removed from service 	Low
Adverse weather	Likely Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity curtailed in high winds. 	Low

