

## **Bowmen of Danesfield**

## **Archery Taster/Have-a-go Sessions Risk Assessment**

Risk.	Those at risk.	Level of harm	Likelihood of Harm (with control measures).	Risk Level.	General Control Measures.
General anxieties. Fear of handling a bow. Hesitancy in releasing arrow. Erratic release.	Anybody on or around the shooting line	Possible serious injury.	Very Unlikely.	Very slight.	<ol> <li>Instructor to offer reassurance and to give a spell of 1 to 1. They will demonstrate and ensure that the archer is wearing all the safety equipment, tabs, bow slings and arm guards have been fitted correctly thus avoiding personal harm.</li> <li>Instructor may have to decide that the archer is probably not suitable for the sport of archery.</li> </ol>
Equipment failures. Worn string. Faulty arrow rest. Fletchings on arrows unsuitable. Arrow bent. Arrows too short for the archer.	The archer.	Very harmful.	Very Unlikely.	Very slight.	<ol> <li>Coach, or instructor to ensure that all issued equipment is apprpriate and well maintained and in good condition, and that worn and damaged fittings are replaced.</li> <li>Tabs, finger slings, arm braces and chest guards are correctly fitted and worn. The impression given must be that this is standard practice.</li> </ol>
Arrows missing the target. Falling short. Arrows overshooting. Buried arrows.	Archers, coaches and helpers, people walking close to the range	Possible serious injury.	Unlikely,	Moderate.	<ol> <li>For Have Go. Bosses to be set on the ground in front of a safety net or straw bales.         As per AGB regulations.         <ol> <li>Pre-session safety talk is a requirement.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Archers do not collect their arrows, to avoid foot injury from wearing inappropriate shoes, or accidents when pulling arrows.</li> <li>Taster sessions. Bosses to be on stands and safety talk to be the same as for a beginners course.</li> </ol>

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People walking close to the range	o Archers, coaches and Helpers.	Very harmful.	Unlikely.	Moderate.	<ol> <li>For Taster sessions and Have Go bosses to be set on the ground in front of a safety net or straw bales.</li> <li>Pre-session safety talk is a requirement.</li> <li>Archers do not collect their arrows, to avoid foot injury from inappropriate shoes, or accidents when pulling arrows.</li> </ol>
Splinters from target stands	Archers and helpers.	Slightly harmful	Unlikely.	Moderate.	<ol> <li>Target stands can be struck by arrows, so splinters will occur.</li> <li>Archers, etc. to take care when handling stands, wear gloves when possible and try to avoid snagging clothing.</li> <li>Gaffer tape can be used to cover the less severe splintering.</li> <li>Severely damaged stands should be replaced.</li> </ol>