



A reminder
of what life used to
be like before lockdown

Lasswade Archery Club

Lockdown Update



Working Hard

While the Club still isn't able to meet, please be aware that the Committee are working hard on the protocols necessary for shooting to re-commence as soon as it is safe

No further forward

I emailed Midlothian MSP Colin Beattie asking if there was any information regarding a controlled return to archery. His reply is below.

“ The Scottish Government's message at this time is clear: stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives. The advice for people in Scotland remains the same at this moment, and that is that no one should be leaving their home for anything other than essential reasons. As a result it is very difficult to give you an exact timeline. Although we are making good progress in fighting the virus, this progress is fragile and we are not yet out of the danger zone. *The Scottish Government's decision will be based on science and evidence, and it is hard to predict what is to come in the weeks ahead of us. One thing is certain and it is that if people stick to the rules this will go by quicker. Easing the restrictions is very much dependent on how the next few weeks turn out and how we deal with it. It will be made clear by the Scottish Government when we are easing into the 'new normal' and I am glad to hear that you are already thinking on how to approach the next phase by taking factors such as social distancing into consideration.* You can view the Scottish Govern-

ment's approach to making decisions connected to the lockdown here.

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<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-framework-decision-making-further-information/>

From our Treasurer

Hope this finds you, families and friends all safe and well, or as well as can be expected after weeks of lockdown. I've not had a 'tappy swippy' phone for very long but have to say it has been an endless source of amusement with friends sending me funny jokes and keeping in touch. I get updates from the Archery Club in Tenerife as well, most of which I don't understand because my Spanish is still rubbish, but I did understand one video which was quickly followed by an apology saying 'sorry Archery Club was not supposed to get this!' Enough said.

If anyone shoots in a safe place at home is there any interest in starting up a wee league? Agnes and I have been having a wee competition going between the 2 of us. We only shoot at 12 yards because that's all we can shoot safely but we have different rounds so if anyone is interested please get in touch. jbain@talktalk.net.

I expect to be giving you all a refund of some of your membership fees but until we have a start back date we don't know for what length of time the refund will be for, as soon as we are back shooting I'll be in touch with you all. If anyone has any questions please get in touch. Stay safe.

My joke of the week

**A man walks into an archery range
He noticed a guy standing alone at the end of the row.
This person would draw an arrow from his quiver, stab it into his leg, then ready and loose at the target. Confused as hell, he asked, "Why are you jabbing yourself in the leg with your in the leg with your arrows before you use them?"
The man smiled, and replied, "Don't nock it 'til you've tried it."**

Richard Vallis

walking for charity

I'll be making use of my daily exercise during lockdown to raise a bit of money for 3 charities I'm involved with, Lothian Disability Sport, Lung Ha Theatre Company which I started in 1984, all the actors are people with learning disabilities and/or are on the autistic spectrum, and Friends of Chitambo which my wife Jo started to support the hospital in Central Zambia where her parents worked, it was built in memory of David Livingstone. The link below is from the Midlothian Advertiser. A minor but pleasing mystery, when I checked the donations list there had been a very generous donation from Scottish Archery.

<https://www.midlothianadvertiser.co.uk/news/people/penicuik-amputee-taking-walk-garden-charity-trio-close-his-heart-2854247>

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