



The RCA outdoor range was assessed by Archery GB in 2025 and will require reassessment in May 2028.

The Ashworth outdoor range must be setup in accordance with the Archery Range Assessment Form for our range to be compliant with the insurances provided by Archery GB and Protectivity Insurance.

Key points:

1. No target boss shall be closer than 5m to the impenetrable fence.
2. The targets at the longest shooting distances must be positioned nearest to the highest point of the impenetrable fence.
3. The majority of shoots up to 80yds or 70m will be shot from the regular shooting line – the white line.
4. Occasional shoots at 100yds or 90m will be shot from the waiting line – the yellow line.
5. All archers must shoot from the same shooting line.
6. The field is wide enough for two separate shoots to coexist at the same time however they must be separated by at least 20yds and must be roped off. When this is done the two shoots may run independent details.

Ground Markers

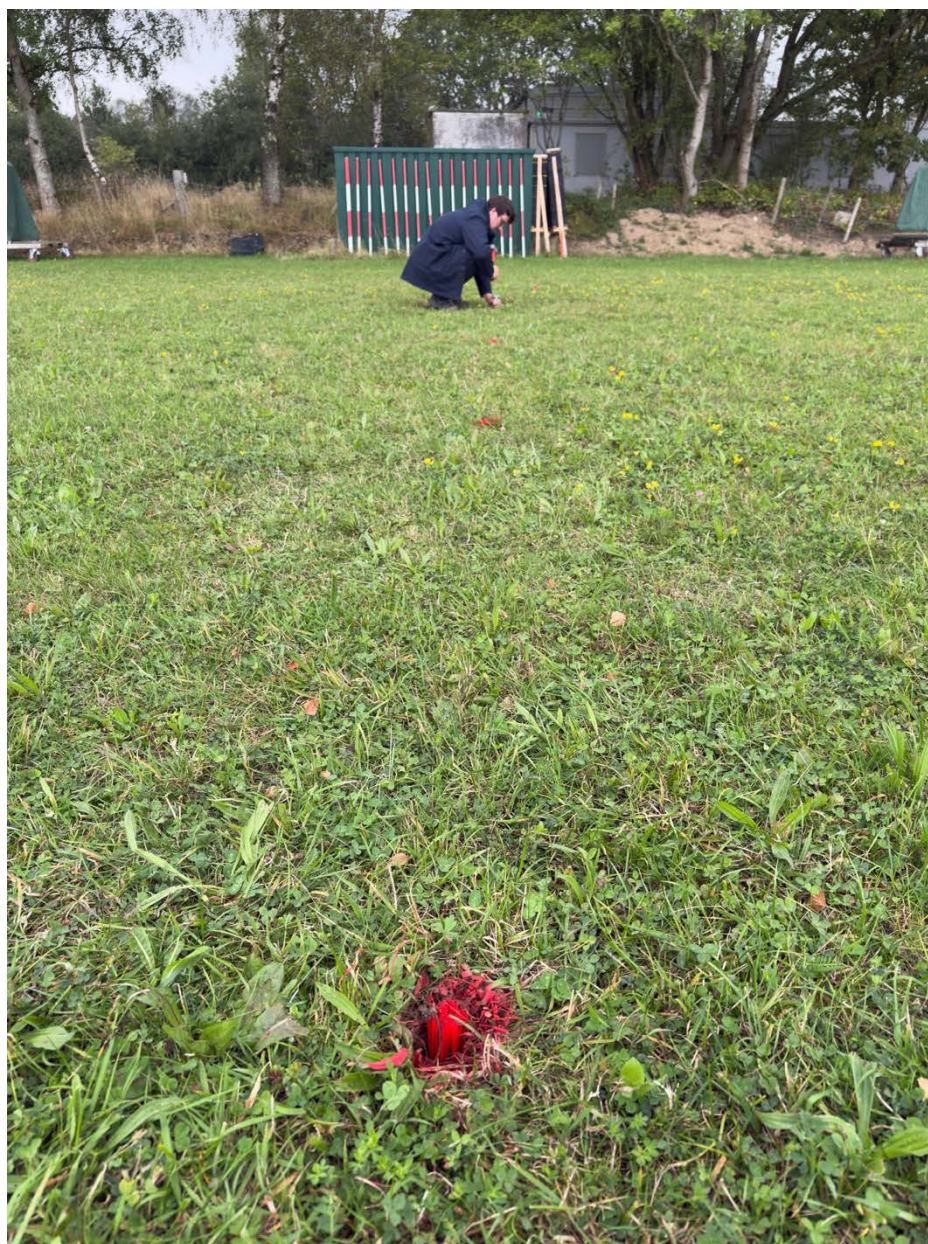
Distance marker grass tufts/carrots are installed for shooting distances up to 80yds and 70m.

All distance markers are measured from the regular shooting line - the white line.

The colours:

Red - imperial - yards

Blue - metric - metres



Regular Shooting Line for Targets up to 80yds or 70m



The regular shooting line - the white line - will be used for most shoots and practice up to 80yds or 70m.

2nd Shooting Line for Occasional Shoots at 100yds or 90m



The waiting line - the yellow line - will become the shooting line for the occasional shoots at 100yds or 90m.



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3. RANGE LAYOUT DIAGRAM

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED ARIEL DIAGRAM OF RANGE LAYOUT.
DOC: **OUTDOOR RANGE 2025 v02**

THIS IS AN INSPECTION OF AN AMBITIOUS AND VISIONARY NEW OUT DOOR RANGE FOR THE CLUB.
IT IS LOCATED IN AN ISOLATED RURAL AREA NORTH OF THE TOWN OF ROCHDALE.

FROM THE SHOOTING LINE TO THE BOUNDARY IS A DISTANCE OF 105YDS, WITH AN ACTIVE WIDTH OF 45 METRES. SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE 18 TARGET BOSSES.

THE AREA OF THE RANGE AND THE ASSOCIATED LAND TO THE NW (CURRENTLY DESIGNATED FOR PARKING, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBSTANTIAL INDOOR RANGE) IS OWNED BY THE CLUB.

THE CURRENT RANGE LAYOUT DOES NOT PERMIT AN OVERSHOOT DISTANCE OF 50YDS BEYOND THE FURTHEST DISTANCE SHOT. TO COMPENSATE FOR THIS SHORTFALL, THE CLUB HAVE 2 MEASURES IN PLACE.

1. AN EARTH BANKING TO 1M IN HEIGHT HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED FOR THE ENTIRE DISTANCE OF THE 85M NE BOUNDARY (RANGE WIDTH 45M PLUS 2 SIDE SAFETY AREAS OF 20M EACH). THIS HAS BEEN TOPPED BY A DOUBLE DEPTH SUBSTANTIAL WOODEN FENCE (BASED ON THE DESIGN CONSTRUCTED AT MERIDEN) BRINGING THE OVERALL HEIGHT TO 4M AT A DISTANCE OF 5M BEYOND THE FURTHEST TARGET.
2. THE OWNER OF THE LAND BEYOND THIS BARRIER (NO PUBLIC ACCESS) HAS GIVEN HIS PERMISSION FOR CLUB MEMBERS TO ENTER THIS LAND SHOULD OVERSHOT ARROWS NEED TO BE RETRIEVED. FOR THIS PURPOSE, A GATE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE FENCE WHICH CAN ONLY OPENED FROM THE CLUB SIDE.



Archery Range Assessment Form

I have inspected this range and confirm the details as shown. I confirm that the range is safe/~~not safe~~ for use as an archery venue, subject to the following comments:

FURTHER TO MY COMMENTS ABOVE, I AM SATISFIED THAT THE MEASURES DETAILED WILL MORE THAN COMPENSATE FOR THE LIMITED OVERSHOOT DISTANCE.

I AM ALSO CONFIDENT THAT WHEN COMPLETED, THIS WILL PROVE TO BE A VERY POPULAR VENUE FOR BOTH MEMBERS AND VISITING ARCHERS.

The following dispensation(s) is/are required, which I recommend should be approved:

THE CONSTRUCTION, HEIGHT AND DISTANCE OF THE NE BOUNDARY FENCE FROM THE FURTHEST TARGET MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR IT TO BE APPROVED AS AN ACCEPTABLE AND SAFE ALTERNATIVE TO THE SPECIFIED OVERSHOOT DISTANCE.

Date of Assessment	11 NOVEMBER 2025
Archery Range Assessor Name	PAUL J CARNEY
Signature	<i>Paul J Carney</i>

I have read and understood the Archery GB safety regulations for range safety, and declare the information given is true and accurate, and where necessary confirm that the club will shoot with these recommendations and seek to implement the dispensation requirements as necessary.

Club Official Signature	<i>ANOBEL TAYLOR</i> ANOBEL TAYLOR
Date	4-12-2025

A copy of this form must be scanned & emailed to range@archerygb.org within 7 days of the site visit. (Alternatively it can be posted to Archery GB, Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Newport, TF10 9AT).



This is to certify the archery range at the address below for the club:

Rochdale Company of Archers

has been registered with Archery GB with a dispensation and now complies with the Rules of Shooting.

Rules of Shooting Compliance

Complies with dispensation

Start Date

08/05/2025

Expiry Date

08/05/2028

Range Address

**RCA Ashworth Range, ASHWORTH VALLEY SCOUT CAMP,
Ashworth Road, ROCHDALE, Lancashire, United Kingdom, OL11 5UP**

This certificate remains the property of Archery GB which reserves the right to remove or revoke it at any time. *
Subject to any major changes that may affect the safety of the venue.

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