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ROCHDALE ARCHERS  
**POSTAL**

# WELCOME

To the Rochdale Archers Postal League

We're so pleased that so many people have signed up to the league this year. The Rochdale Archers Postal League has taken over from where Nye O'Neil (Morecambe Bay Archers) left off, though he lurks in the shadows still...

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## Nye and Phil went up the hill...

Nye O'Neil, former league runner, came down to Rochdale Company of Archers (RCA) for a friendly shoot with Philip that ended up taking all day!

After a Portsmouth to get a score for October, Nye challenged Philip to an archery game where the lowest arrow is removed each end until only one victor remains. As you can see from this exquisite photo, Nye took the win by about the width of an arrow!

Well done Nye, a rematch might be called for!

### MATCH REPORT: Nye and Phil's October Portsmouth

Nye opened very strongly with a 10,9,9 immediately putting him ahead of Philip, but a few shaky 6s let Philip pull back by the end of the dozen, leading 105 against Nye's 94.

Nye kept the pressure on Philip, but Philip managed to just about stay ahead all the way to the end.

Nye's cracking final end mirrored his strong start with 10,10,8, and that let Nye pull back a few points since Philip ended on 9,9,8, but it wasn't quite enough to close the gap, Nye ended on 492 against Philip's 525.

A cracking round with great sportsmanship and banter all the way through, only improved by the kind provision of tea and cake from the social secretary.

## Good news!

Thank you for sending in your good news.

Don't forget to include information about your PBs, Club Records, or any other good news in your results submission, and we will celebrate your success together!

## FOR THE FUTURE

Rochdale Company of Archers now has a forever home.

Rochdale Company of Archers have recently taken ownership of a small plot of land in the Ashworth Valley area of Rochdale. The club has leased its current property since it moved to Rochdale. The club chairman sent an email to the members saying:

"This is a huge milestone for RCA, as once signed Rochdale Company of Archers will own our own land for the first time since 1954."

We look forward to welcoming friends old and new to shoots at our new home in the (hopefully not too distant!) future.

It is great to hear that some people are trying out new bowstyles, or perhaps returning to previously shot styles.

When Mark Phelan of Croesowalt shot his Portsmouth for the league this month, he shot barebow style. This is his first official round as a barebow archer. Not only does that mean a guaranteed PB, but Mark also set a new club record. Excellent work, Mark!

Paul Clarke, of Assheton Bowmen, also reported shooting longbow for the first time in an official round this month. Congratulations on your new PB, Paul!

## A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

Fancy a new challenge? These archers have picked up a new bowstyle!

## RECORD SETTER

Alicia's success at Blackpool Bowmen

Alicia Wanstall-Austin, of Blackpool Bowmen, reports to us that she has not only set a new PB, but in doing so has broken the Blackpool ladies compound record for the WA18m 3-spot, with an awesome score of 556. Not satisfied with holding one club record, Alicia has

also set the Blackpool record for the Portsmouth round (3-spot), 573.

Alicia has now also achieved her Indoor Bowman 1st Class. A fantastic achievement, especially so early in the season. Congratulations Alicia! Next stop, Master Bowman?...

## BADGES

Well done to anybody who has already taken steps to achieve their classification goal!

Dave Quinn, of Malvern archers, has let us know he has achieved his 252 badge at 80y.

Congratulations Dave, that is an excellent achievement!

Dave has also achieved his Outdoor Bowman 1st Class for this year.

Information about AGB's classification and handicap scheme can be found on their website:

### OUTDOORS

<https://archerygb.org/resources/outdoor-classifications-and-handicaps>

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### Turning 69 and still shooting!

Many Happy Returns to Trevor Morgan of Keswick Archers, who reports turning 69! Archery is a wonderful sport to keep up mobility and strength. We wish you many more years of happyshooting!

Many Happy Returns also to David Robinson of North East Archers, who reports turning 30 this month.

if you've had a birthday this month, Happy Birthday to you too.

### Assheton Elections

Archery clubs in the UK are most often run by a dedicated group of volunteers - an unpaid workforce that is often taken for granted.

Congratulations to Matthew Boyes for being elected Club Secretary, to Paul Clarke for being elected Records Officer, and to Terry Finnegan for being elected Ordinary Member of the committee at Assheton Bowmen.

Terry was also elected joint member of the year, well done Terry!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our sport, thank you for volunteering, and for all the work you do!

## CLUB RECORDS

Congratulations to the following archers, who set club records this month!

Aimee West Wirral Archers 424  
 Alex Hollinshead Croesowalt 479  
 Alicia Wanstall-Austin Blackpool Bowmen 573  
 Caitlin Manley Wirral Archers 556  
 Christina lang Preston Grasshoppers Bowmen 471  
 David Leverett Riverside Archers 447  
 Ellie Tozer Wirral Archers 416  
 George King Assheton Bowmen 319  
 Jade Ingram Preston Grasshoppers Bowmen 444  
 Jason Foster Preston Grasshoppers Bowmen 574  
 Mark Phelan Croesowalt 362  
 Mason Higgin Wirral Archers 510  
 Max Manley Wirral Archers 385  
 Mollie Bower Valley Bowmen of Huddersfield 574  
 Nicola Robinson North East Archers 398  
 Orran Laing Riverside Archers 400  
 Ray Whittle Preston Grasshoppers Bowmen 541  
 Rod Mitchell Bowbrook Archers 537  
 Rosie Harraway Claremont Fan Court School 453  
 Sonya Watts Wirral Archers 578  
 Tracey Leverett Riverside Archers 418  
 Trevor Morgan Keswick Archers 534



# PERSONAL BESTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ARCHERS WHO SET A NEW PB THIS MONTH!

Adam Hamilton Wigan and Orrell Archers 480  
Adam Woolven Wirral Archers 199  
Aimee West Wirral Archers 424  
Alex Hollinshead Croesowalt 479  
Alicia Wanstall-Austin Blackpool Bowmen 573  
Andy Miller Bowbrook Archers 529  
Angus Tozer Wirral Archers 499  
Ben Gliddon Grantham Archers 516  
Brian Carter Beacon Archers 343  
Caitlin Manley Wirral Archers 556  
Chris Brown Bowmen of Darenteford 502  
Courtney Chadwick Wirral Archers 526  
Dave Quinn Malvern Archers 394  
David Adlam Talisman Bowmen 444  
Ellie Tozer Wirral Archers 416  
Freya Talbot University of Huddersfield 423  
George King Assheton Bowmen 319  
Jack Dunn Bebington Archers 491  
Jacob Dunn Bebington Archers 453  
Jay Gunnery Wirral Archers 392  
Jesse Phillips Morecambe Bay Archers 569  
Jonathan Walton Bowbrook Archers 464  
Julie Jackson Assheton Bowmen 466  
Kane Donahue Assheton Bowmen 466  
Kat Mason Spinners Mill Archery 458  
Kate Davis Gosport Bowmen 468  
Kristiaan D'Août Bebington Archers 533  
Laura Brown North East Archers 272  
Lee Tasker-Marsh Spinners Mill Archery 536  
Lesley Garside Assheton Bowmen 462

Louise Badley Assheton Bowmen 358  
Lucy Richardson University of Huddersfield 395  
Marie Austin Bebington Archers 490  
Mark Alan Christie Lonsdale Archers 481  
Mark Dermody Bebington Archers 490  
Mark Phelan Croesowalt 362  
Mason Higgin Wirral Archers 510  
Matt Hurst Assheton Bowmen 488  
Max Brisbane Claremont Fan Court School 286  
Max Manley Wirral Archers 385  
Mike Moreton Wirral Archers 514  
Mollie Bower University of Huddersfield 574  
Natalie Child Stourbridge CoA 520  
Nicola Robinson North East Archers 398  
Paul Clarke Assheton Bowmen 344  
Paul Clarke Assheton Bowmen 521  
Paul Dingley Assheton Bowmen 563  
Paul Roughsedge Stourbridge CoA 323  
Rachael West Wirral Archers 459  
Richard Behan Perriswood Bowmen 526  
Robert Wilde Assheton Bowmen 561  
Rod Mitchell Bowbrook Archers 537  
Rosie Harraway Claremont Fan Court School 453  
Ryan Inman University of Huddersfield 473  
Sam Cartwright University of Nottingham 594  
Sarah Jones Archers of Raunds 534  
Simon Hartley Grantham Archers 268  
Steve Manley Wirral Archers 542  
Stewart Ward Wigan and Orrell Archers 571  
Trevor Morgan Keswick Archers 534