



SO YOU HAVE JUST ATTENDED OUR

Beginners Course

This document is aimed at people who have just completed a beginners course and want to continue to shoot on a regular basis with us as a member.

If you enjoyed the beginners course and want to continue shooting then you will need to become a member of the club and have your own equipment.

In certain circumstances we can loan equipment to new members, but as this equipment is also what we use for beginners courses, it's not an ideal situation for the new member or the club. We recommend that if you are keen to shoot regularly, then you need your own gear.

So, to become a member you need.

1. Join NFAS, our governing body
2. Join Blaidd Field Archers
3. Have your own equipment

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CLUB OFFICIALS

Chairman	Marc Lovell
Secretary	Ken Davies
Treasurer	Lee Price
Coaching Officer	Ken Davies
Course Officer	Colin Price
Target Officer	Ray McCaffery
Welfare Officer	Sarah Cavanagh
Web Master	Ken Davies

PROVISIONAL MEMBER V FULL MEMBER

Most people that have completed a beginners course should have reached a standard where you can join the Blaidd and NFAS as a provisional member. From here you progress to being a fully 'signed off' member of both the club and NFAS.

The main difference is that Provisional members have to be accompanied by a full member at all times when shooting. Once a full member, this isn't the case.

We always aim to get people signed off as quickly as possible, to give you the freedom to shoot whenever you want. Normally, this would be in the first couple of times you shoot and can sometimes be the first time we see you shoot after joining. Ken, who is the person who need to sign archers off, will arrange this as soon as possible.

Becoming a Provisional member

To become a provisional member of NFAS and Blaidd you'll need to join both organisations.

NFAS

NFAS membership is £20 and runs for 12 months from April 1st each year and you join by visiting their website. <http://www.nfas.net/>. On the form, you can select Blaidd Field Archers as your club.

Once you have joined they will send you a letter with your NFAS number, an NFAS handbook with rules of shooting and a sign off sheet. This sheet is what we complete to make you a full member not a provisional member. You need the NFAS number to join Blaidd.

Blaidd

To join Blaidd you need to complete the form on our website <https://www.blaidd.info/> 'New Memberships' and make payment, or do it in person with one of the committee.

Our membership is £50 for 12 months for adults (16 and over) with concessions for juniors and families. Our membership mirrors that of NFAS and runs for 12 months from April 1st or 6 months from October 1st.

Your own equipment

To join the club and shoot on a regular basis, you will need your own equipment. Your coaches will be able to advise you on what to buy and where to get it. DON'T buy anything without discussing it with us, as it's very easy to buy the wrong thing.

There is also a guide on our website: [blaidd.info/archery-equipment/](https://www.blaidd.info/archery-equipment/). Take a look through this guide as it should help you make the right buying decisions. But remember, we are available to help you not make a costly mistake...so get in touch.

Borrowing equipment

As mentioned earlier, we can lend equipment to new members for a short period, usually whilst they wait for their equipment to arrive. We view these requests on a case-by-case basis, and you'll need to discuss this with one of the coaches or committee. Please contact Ken on secretary@blaidd.info or Marc on chair@blaidd.info for more details.

If you have any other questions, please call Ken on 07545 195497.

The 6 month option is only available for new members joining after October 1st.

As a provisional member you have full shooting rights, but you must always be accompanied by a full member.

Becoming a Full member

NFAS

As a full NFAS member you have the right to enter any NFAS society or club competitions. You must be a competent archer and know the rules as they apply to shooting. You become a full member, once we have submitted your sign off sheet to NFAS.

Blaidd

As a full member you can shoot without supervision on the course and you can shoot by yourself as long as you follow our lone archer policy.

To attain full membership we have to assess you on archery skill level and knowledge of NFAS rules. Once we are happy, we sign the sheet and send it to NFAS and you'll get a new membership card as a full member of both NFAS and Blaidd.