

Deaf Archery Group UK

2nd Report – May 2024 – August 2025



Update - History of the Deaf Archery Group Uk Working Party

The Deaf Archery Group UK Working Party was formed in April 2023. At present, it has six members. Four members who regularly attend the joint meetings with Archery GB and two who contributed by feedback on relevant projects they participate in. All six members are archers who have hearing losses ranging from hard of hearing to profoundly deaf.

At present our main aim is to work with Archery GB in an advisory role - to draw up projects and plans to promote Deaf – Hard of Hearing archers needs and requirements to enable them to fully participate in the sport at all levels.

Eight joint meetings have been held between May 2024 – August 2025

Dates & Times

3rd July 2024	10.30-11.30am	14th March 2025	9.30- 10.30am
3rd Sept 2024	11.30-12.30am	25th April 2025	9.00- 10.00am
15th Nov 2024	12.00-1.00pm	13th June 2025	9.00- 10.00am
31st Jan 2025	11.00-12.00pm	8th August 2025	9.00- 10.00am

Summary of joint work done with Archery GB

Completed Projects

Micro course ‘An Introduction to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Archers’

This course was developed in several stages,

- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Survey sent out in 2023 to Archery GB members.
- Collated results from the survey resulted in a draft Deaf and Hard of Hearing archery Tool Kit being compiled.
- Six videos with Archery terminology in British Sign language were filmed.
- Which led to the completed Micro course ‘An Introduction to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Archers’ in 2025 produced by Stuart Wall Archery GB. A total of 63 licensed coaches or Instructors have completed the Micro Course.



To access this course, log into Learning Curve through Sport 80:
<https://v2.chameleoncreator.com/p/csBtmlhAQLbnAuXzn4zMng> .

Deaf Awareness Poster

The initial design & contents for the poster was supplied by Deaf Archery Group UK member (Pascal) in collaboration with Archery GB. The final design was completed by an outsourced business 'Grace Chappell,' who is a compound archer for the GB Team. The poster has been shared in numerous Ezines to Instructors and Members and is available as a resource in Learning Curve.



Archery GB magazine Summer 2024: Archery GB Session Coach (Level 1) qualification with British Sign Language interpreters

An article on the pioneering project for two Deaf archers to gain the Archery GB Session Coach (Level 1) training in conjunction with Bowmen of Harrow in 2023 was published in the Archery GB's magazine Summer 2024



Kings Cross Official Team GB Fanzone 4th & 5th July 2024 2-day event

Deaf Archery Group UK members joined other volunteers at the event in Kings Cross Official Team GB Fanzone 'Have a go' session for 2 days.

Pascal (Deaf Archery Group UK member) designed some BSL stickers for the T-shirts to alert the public there were Deaf and sign language users archers. Two Deaf people who used BSL identified themselves and Pascal showed them basic archery techniques using BSL, so they had full access 'to the have a go' session.



9th July 2024 Reverse Integration Para Archery Day

Deaf Archery Group UK members volunteered at a successful *Reverse Integration Para Archery Day* at Henry Cort Community College, Fareham. It was run as part of Archery GB's Aim for Paris events to encourage people to try archery. Christine Burdett-Clark wheelchair archer herself was the organiser. The key point was to encourage the pupils to take part and see that whatever disability



you had; you can still achieve things. Pascal used BSL when coaching the pupils and they learnt a few BSL signs.

British Target Championship Volunteer 10th&11th July 2024

Deaf Archery Group UK members attended the British Target Championships on 10th&11th July 2024 as volunteer field crew and promoted BSL sign leaflets whilst there amongst the judges, field crew, and archers. The leaflet received a positive response all round.



Preview of Deer Park video Disability Inclusion competition series

Deaf Archery Group UK members gave feedback on the pre-view of Deer Park video filmed on the 10th of November 2024 at the Disability Inclusion Portsmouth Competition.

<https://youtu.be/BCA5CYHfZ5Y>



Deaf Archery Group UK and Archery GB report (March 2023 – 2024)

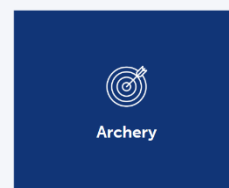
The Deaf Archery Group UK Working party report (March 2023 – 2024) was sent out to all the Deaf and Hard of Hearing contributors who had responded to the 2023 Archery GB survey to give an update on the work achieved so far. This resulted in a new member to join the Deaf Archery Group UK Working Party.



UK Deaf Sports

UK Deaf Sports have added 'British Sign Language Signs and Deaf Awareness Tips' resource made by Deaf Archery Group UK member Pascal in their directory under the Archery link.

UK Deaf Sports Directory



Coaching advice

Deaf Archery Group UK members gave written advice to Thomas Keane (CCO for Yorkshire) and Paul Kelly (New disability lead for Cheshire) regarding coaching advice for Deaf and Hard of Hearing archers.



Volunteer Feature in Howden's Otium Magazine Feb 2025
(insurance broker to Archery GB)

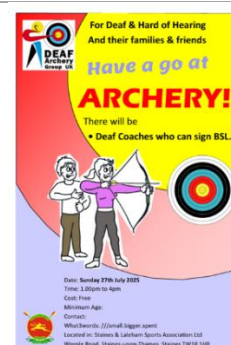
An article for Howden's magazine under the topic of 'Volunteers' was published - 'On Kathy and Pascal's Volunteer work in Archery.'



'Have a Go' 2025 Laleham Archery Club 2025

On the 27th of July 2025, a Have -a -Go event was organised by Laleham Archery club based in Surrey.

All the instructions were conducted in British Sign language by 4 Deaf / hard of hearing qualified archery session coaches. This enabled the Deaf and hard of hearing families to have full access to the information needed to learn the basics of archery.



Contributing to the potential Mirco – course for Judges – on Disabilities

Deaf Archery Group UK members supplied information for the work in progress Mirco – course for Judges on - how to make Archery competitions more Deaf & Hard of Hearing friendly.

Ben Hastings new book 'The progressing archer' with BSL signs appendix

Ben Hastings (southern counties archery judge) has written his second book 'The Progressing Archer.' As part of this book, it will have two appendixes with Deaf Archery Group UK member Pascal's BSL archery terminology signs.



E-mail contact address for Deaf Archery Group

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The Memorandum of Understanding 2024-2025

was signed by Gayle Pink - Archery GB and Kathy Johnson - Deaf Archery Group UK member for a further year.

Archery GB Disability & Inclusion YouTube Channel

AGB now has a Disability & Inclusion YouTube Channel of which Deaf Archery Group UK - contributed to - as per the link below, which includes BSL signs:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLa9wq-N9TpkDaYUa0IKqXT4T236yCP5e2>

Also, BSL resources are on AGB website on individual membership page under member's resources.

Archery Terms in British Sign Language - v4 PDF
A book of archery terms in British Sign Language ©Pascal Johnson 2023-

Download



On-Going Projects

'Fletcher's Access Archery Fund initiative'

Archery GB is collaborating with the Worshipful Company of Fletchers to launch a new funding pot called 'Access Archery Fund.'

The official launch will be held at the Disability championships in September 2025, and a promotional video will be produced, featuring Pascal and Kathy

The Deaf Archery UK working group will where possible support this initiative.



How to engage Deaf and Hard of Hearing Archers in-person course 14th March 2026

Deaf Archery Group UK members will run a 2-hour workshop session on 'How to engage Deaf and Hard of Hearing Archers' at a venue near Banbury Oxfordshire. More information will be available once the details are finalised.



Ten top tips for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Archer's project

This project is in the early stage but aims to widely spread awareness of the needs and requirements of Deaf – Hard of Hearing archers to enable them to fully participate in archery at all levels.



Archery GB Disability website

Archery GB Disability a separate page for Deaf – Hard of Hearing Archery information / news - work in progress.



Promoting Deaf Archery Group UK and BSL at various archery competitions

Members of the Deaf Archery Group UK will attend:

- Disability Championships 2025 at Lilleshall in September
- Deer Park Archers Inclusion Series 2024-25.



Guildford Archery Club Deaf Have a Go session for Deaf Children

Guildford Archery Club will run a 'Have a go event' for local families with Deaf & Hard of Hearing children in conjunction with a local charity 'Chloe's and Sophie's Special Ears Fund.' in August 2025.



Networking

Deaf Archery Group UK is developing its networking contacts. E.g.

- Mandie Elson an Archery GB Ambassador who runs, www.absolutearchery.uk



Deaf Spotters Guidelines:

Work in progress - The guidelines aim to draw up a guide specially aimed at Deaf and Hard of hearing archers – so to promote the idea that Deaf and Hard of hearing archers do have specific needs around safety issues, information receiving and giving and shooting i.e. arrow strikes- calling out scores -may need a hearing assistant (called a spotter) to support the archer.

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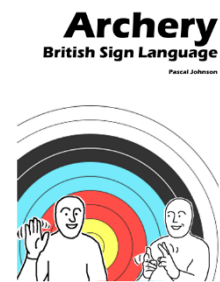
Guidelines for Spotters

2024

British Sign language Archery directory

To produce a comprehensive British Sign language Archery directory with video and 2D drawings / photos to enable Deaf Archers who use BSL to have full access to the sport of Archery.

At present six videos as part of Micro course 'An Introduction to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Archers' course' have been completed – it is still work in progress.



Written by

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I want to thank everyone that has been involved in setting up, supporting, attending meetings in partnership with Archery GB. Without everyone's input and great teamwork, every bit helps we would not be where we are now.