

HELSTON & DISTRICT RIFLE CLUB

INFORMATION SHEET

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Welcome to Helston & District Rifle Club

We shoot 3 disciplines, all very different but just as rewarding. Smallbore target rifle, air weapons and visually handicapped air weapons. Our member's ages range from 9 to 60+. Target shooting can be enjoyed by both male and female, able bodied and physically handicapped alike. There is no ceiling to the limits of your achievements nor is there a requirement to excel. The overriding factor is that you enjoy the sport.

Helston & District Rifle Club has a long history of successes at both County and National level. Our membership is small by some standards but this has the added advantage of making it a making it an amicable atmosphere to enjoy your pastime.

Coaching is available for all abilities. We have several coaches and instructors who will endeavour to teach you the basics of target shooting. You will be able to try your preferred discipline. Either .177 air weapons or .22 target rifle shooting.

The club has all the equipment needed, and there will be no charge for the use of any of the facilities.

The Club is open on the following times

Monday	.22 Rifle	From 7.30pm
Tuesday	Airweapons	From 7.30pm (Competitions Only)
Wednesday	Visually Handicapped	1pm –4pm
Wednesday	.22 Rifle (Coaching night)	From 7.30
Thursday	Airweapons	From 5.45pm
Friday	Normally Closed	
Saturday	Normally Closed	
Sunday	Normally Closed	

On the first visit to the club prospective members may not shoot. A Declaration will have to be signed which will be forwarded to Devon & Cornwall Police. Subject to their approval, prospective members may commence shooting after 7 days.

New members will serve a trial period of 6 months and will pay half subs for that time. They will then become full members and pay the other half.

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.22 TARGET RIFLE & AIR WEAPONS

INFORMATION PACK

SAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS

SAFETY

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- (a) Before receiving a firearm from anyone ALWAYS check that the breech is open and the firearm is unloaded.**
- (b) NEVER point a rifle at anyone, whether loaded or unloaded.**
- (c) NEVER load a firearm other than on the firing point under the instructions of the Range Officer**
- (d) When off the firing point NEVER leave a firearm unattended.**
- (e) Before handing a firearm to someone, ALWAYS open the breech and check that it is unloaded.**
- (f) At the end of shooting ALWAYS hand any firearm (and any unused ammunition) which you do not own personally to a club official who will assume responsibility for its security.**

RANGE STANDING ORDERS

1. CONTROL AND RESPONSIBILITY

- (a) The person responsible for the entire safety arrangements in accordance with bye-laws is the Hon Secretary.
- (b) The Chief Range Officer or Firing Point Officer is responsible within the framework of these rules for controlling the actual firing on this range.
- (c) The Hon. Secretary appoints the Chief Range officer and Firing Point Officer and the duty roster are posted on the notice board.

2. GENERAL

- (a) On each and every occasion that the range is open for firing, the duty Chief Range Officer or Firing Point Officer will satisfy himself by personal inspection. That the fire escape door behind the shooting screen is securely bolted top and bottom and the key is turned in the lock and left in an unlocked position.
- (b) On each and every firing detail the duty Chief Range Officer or Firing Point Officer will satisfy himself by personal inspection that no unauthorised persons are within the danger area of this range prior to firing.
- (c) In case of accident, the nearest public telephone is in the Club Room.

RANGE SAFETY RULES

1. **DO NOT ENTER** the range when the **RED** light is **ON**
2. **DO NOT ENTER** the range without permission of the **Range Officer**
3. **DO NOT MOVE** onto a firing point when shooting is taking place
4. **DO NOT MOVE** from a firing point when shooting is taking place
5. **OBSERVE THE INSTRUCTIONS** of the **Range Officer** at all times
6. **LEAVE THE BREECH OPEN** and breech flag in breech when not firing
7. **DO NOT LOAD OR FIRE** until instructed to do so
8. **ALWAYS KEEP** a loaded firearm **POINTED TOWARDS THE TARGET**
9. **CHECK** that your firearm is unloaded before leaving the firing point
10. **DO NOT MOVE FORWARD** of the firing point without the permission of the **Range Officer**
11. **PICK UP ALL EMPTY CASES** after firing – place them in the bin provided and **ENSURE THEY DO NOT INCLUDE ANY LIVE ROUNDS**
12. **When adopting a firing position to check sights or have a dry snap, ALWAYS do so on the firing point, keeping the firearm pointing down the range in a position from which it would be safe in all respects to fire**
13. **EAR DEFENDERS**
Damage to the hearing mechanism of the ears is a hazard to any shooter who neglects to wear ear defenders. This is just as important for anyone near shooting such as range staff, coaches scorers and spectators