

Bedford Rifle Club

Members Charter Document

MEMBERS' CHARTER: for the Bedford Rifle Club (hereafter referred to as the club)

This charter is to outline the club's expectations of members in order to ensure the club is sustainable in terms of both practical matters and income.

Expectations of Members Regarding Practical Matters:

The club is an unincorporated association/organisation owned exclusively by the members; governed by a Constitution and By-laws, the club does not employ any members to carry out their duties. It exists completely and entirely on a voluntary basis.

By reason of the terms of the Constitution and By-laws the club has an elected working committee, led by an elected Chairman, so as to deal with regulatory matters, administration and the day to day practical running and upkeep of the club. It is, however, both unfair and unrealistic to expect only a few members to do everything physically needed to run the club.

The club can only exist and prosper if each and every member does something practical for the club over and above simply being a member and to the Club ranges and shooting. So, for full members of the club (not probationers) it is a condition of new and continued membership that all members will be expected to help with some or all of the items below:

- 1) Ongoing 'routine' maintenance and safety monitoring of the club premises and equipment.
- 2) Small Works and Large Projects which arise and require physical work or specialist knowledge.
- 3) The day to day running of the club, opening and running the club shooting sessions (weekday evenings and weekends, when applicable). Such functions as, Range control officers, supervision of probationary members etc.

Members may volunteer to support the club in any category at any time, but some contribution is necessary from each member. The necessary training or qualification (as in RCO) will be provided by the club.

Expectations of Members Regarding Supporting Club Income:

Sufficient recruitment and retention of members is the only source of income for the club. Showing the club in the best light and the club being inclusive and welcoming to all is essential for recruiting and keeping members. Members need to be aware that shooting as a sport can be quite controversial in certain areas. Accordingly, members are expected to remain aware that it is in everyone's interest that any opinions or comments expressed on club premises or elsewhere are done to project the right and proper image of the club, and of its purpose; and of target shooting as a sport.

Anthony King

Chairman.

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