



## A BEGINNERS GUIDE TO CLAY SHOOTING



**Welcome to a time-honoured sport which,  
we trust will give you hours of pleasure.**

## Starting Out in Clay Shooting

Clay shooting is one of the few all-inclusive sports which means men, women and children can all compete against each other on an even playing field. This makes it a fantastic family hobby. If you are completely new to shooting and looking to have a go we recommend booking some lessons. You don't have to have a shotgun licence to learn how to shoot here at Sporting Targets. We have a section 11 certificate which allows people without a license to shoot whilst under our supervision. Your instructor will run through the basics of safe gun handling, help you find a gun to suit you and help you start hitting clays!

Give us a call for more information on 01234 708893.

## Equipment & Clothing Required

Once you have "the bug" and wish to take the sport beyond lessons. Here is a checklist of equipment and clothing to enhance your enjoyment of the sport.

### Ears

You will need to purchase hearing protection that best suits you, either in-ear or over-ear (also know as ear defenders) you can choose between disposable, passive or electronic, prices range from 50p up to £500.



### Eyes

You will also need to purchase eye protection. Prescription glasses are suitable. You can wear clear lenses or may wish to consider different tinted lenses to suit different light conditions. These will help you acquire the target quicker. Prices range from £3 up to £1,000.



### Clothing & Other Equipment

You should consider buying clothing specifically for shooting. Skeet vests are good for summer and some provide recoil protection. In winter a suitable jacket is a must, taking in to consideration gun to shoulder fit, recoil protection and practicality of pockets etc., prices range from £30 up to £500. You may also wish to buy a cartridge bag, either a pouch, which is worn around the waist, or a holdall which would carry all your equipment.



### **Insurance**

You will need to purchase shooting specific insurance. This provides cover for many aspects of country pursuits. There are many suppliers including, CPSA, BASC & NGO to name but a few.

### **Gun Care**

Once you have purchased a gun you will need to look after it. A cleaning kit to keep it in tip top shape and a gun slip are essential. Guns can last a lifetime if cleaned and well cared for, please ask your instructor if you have any questions.

### **Security**

You will need to purchase an approved gun safe to store your gun at home, this is a legal requirement, alternatively you can store your gun at Sporting Targets.

### **The Gun**

Once your application for a shotgun certificate is approved, your next consideration is to purchase a suitable gun for the discipline you wish to partake in. We strongly advise talking to our team in the gun shop who will help you choose correctly.

## **Applying for Your Shotgun Certificate**

To own a shotgun you will need to hold a current shotgun certificate. The application and fee needs to be sent to your county Police Firearms Licensing Department. You can find out more details on how to do this on our website.

Once all the background checks have been made a Firearms Officer will come out to you for an interview. You will need to demonstrate that you understand shotguns and ammunition as well as your "duty of care" which includes all aspects of safety and security. You can book a shotgun skills course with us to gain all the knowledge needed for this process.

You will need to install an "approved" gun safe in your home, fitted in a suitable manner and location, once again we can advise you on what type to buy and how to satisfy the requirements. We sell a large range starting at £130.

The police will require you to provide a referee of good character (excluding family members, Police employees or registered firearm dealers) that has known you for at least two years prior to your application.

Your doctor will be contacted and required to provide a private medical report, so it's probably a good idea to forewarn your GP of this. There may be a fee to pay for them to provide this information.

## Further Information

If you have any questions or need further information please call us on 01234 708 893

## Booking Lessons

Our team of instructors are highly qualified to teach all levels from the complete beginners to the regular competitors wishing to improve their skills and also game shooters preparing for the season ahead.

Beginners lessons include all safety equipment and the use of a gun so you don't have to spend a large sum of money to get started.

Call 01234 708893 to book your lessons and get started in this exhilarating and highly rewarding sport.

## Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday 9am-6pm

Wednesdays 9am-8pm (or dusk)

Sundays 9am-2pm

Shooting will cease at closing time, daylight permitting



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