

Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Award Clay Pigeon Shooting

The bronze award for clay pigeon shooting provides a comprehensive introduction to the sport; and takes place one-hour a week over the course of 12 weeks. During this time the CPSA's (Clay Pigeon Shooting Association) shotgun skills course is also completed, both modules 1 and 2. A certificate is awarded for each of these on their successful completion.

Students will receive instruction and coaching from a CPSA Academy Coach. All equipment is provided, aside from shotgun cartridges, which will need to be an additional purchase.

The bronze award covers the following areas:

All Aspects of Safety Gun Handling Shooting Basic Incoming and Going Away Targets Shooting Combination Targets Simple Maintenance of Equipment Having completed the 12-week course students should be able to demonstrate competence in all aspects of safety and the ability to handle a shotgun in a safe and diligent manner. They should also be able to shoot and break basic individual and pairs of targets.

Although the weekly sessions may vary from student to student, depending on ability, the weekly structure of the course will be as follows.

At the start of each session a review of the previous weeks material takes place. This allows students to go over any areas they are unsure of before moving on.

Week 1 - Module 1 of the CPSA's Shotgun Skills Course

Week 2 - Module 2 of the CPSA's Shotgun Skills Course

Week 3 - Gun Fit – Practical – Shooting at incoming targets

Week 4 - Practical - Shooting going away targets

Week 5 - Practical – Shooting at simple combination incoming targets

Week 6 - Practical – Shooting at simple combination going away targets

Week 7 - Practical - Shooting a combination of incoming and going away targets

Week 8 - Review Course so far and objectives - Gun maintenance - cleaning

Week 9 - Pick up on any issues raised in last session - Practical - Shooting at simple crossing targets

Week 10 - Practical - Shooting at fast ground targets "Rabbits"

Week 11 - Practical – Shooting at simple combinations of targets

Week 12 - Course review – Duke of Edinburgh Award Paperwork completed, and students are presented with their award.