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## National Clout & Tassel Champs weekend

Well it happened, Covid didn't stop us this year!

A big welcome back was given at assembly which was greeted with a cheer! The entry numbers were slightly larger than those of the 2019 pre pandemic Championships which just shows how keen clout archers are to get back to competition. The new venue at York looked splendid on a cold Saturday morning with the day blessed with little or no wind. Unfortunately conditions proved to be testing with no record claims made but plenty of Tassel Awards. A few archers retained their titles held since 2019 but others saw new names added to the trophies.

The day was very successful throughout which can be summed up from some of the comments made after the weekend. These comments cover the whole weekend of shooting which saw the inaugural Tassel Scheme Championships on the Sunday following the Archery GB Championships on the Saturday.

"On behalf of Assheton BM a big thank you to Andrew, York AC, the organizers, judges and all the archers for a fabulous weekends clout shooting. It was so good to meet up with old friends and make new ones on target 5."

"Richard and I wish to say thank you on behalf of Woodford Archers, to all concerned, for a great weekend. See you all soon we hope."

"On behalf of Waterside Archers, a huge 'thank you' to Andrew and everyone involved in running this weekend's clouts. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks also to everyone else for excellent company this weekend and we hope to bring a few more from the sunny south coast next year!"

"Thank you everyone for making my first nationals an amazing experience"

"A big Thank you to Andrew and the team that made the National Clout, and Tassel Tournaments, the fantastic competitions they were. I haven't been shooting Clout that long and it is wonderful to feel part of this wonderfully mad community that it is."

"What a fab weekend with crazy friends. Thank you Andrew for a great weekend of competitions"

"Well what can I say other than I've had a blast at the National Clout Champs and the 1st Tassel Champs at York this weekend. A huge thanks to all those involved and to the whole Clout Community"

## Reminder

The National Clout Championship & Tassel Scheme Championships Weekend – 15 & 16 October 2022 – York.

## Did you know?

Even though 2021 was a part year affected by Covid I still sent out 94 Imperial Tassel badges and 138 Metric Tassel badges. For the first time ever there were more Metric Tassel Shoots than Imperial tassel Shoots.

## Any news or photos?

I aim to send Clout Times out once a year around Christmas/ New Year to include those having attained GMB/MB/JMB Classification status, Purple/ Gold Tassels and Metric 3/6 Clout End badges. I do like to include an archer profile if anyone provides me with one.

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## Scoring by Mark Hayes—Judge & Archer



I thought that I would cover the subject of clout scoring in this issue of the clout times after witnessing several occasions this past summer where archers were unsure of the recommended procedures.

No person other than the appointed scorers (colour sergeants) shall enter the target area until all arrows have been withdrawn and placed in their respective scoring groups.

An arrow withdrawn by anyone other than an appointed scorer shall not be scored.

The appointed scorers shall not take any arrows into the target area.

It is also a good idea for the scorers to rotate to an adjacent colour on each scoring end.

The duties of the colour Sergeant are to collect the arrows from within the scoring zone they have been allocated. Arrows should not be drawn from the ground until the scoring rope reaches them and once all the arrows have been collected they should be laid out in groups, on top of the cord, within the coloured area for the zone they relate to.

When determining the value of an arrow close the boundary between two colours please do not dig into the grass roots to find where the arrow enters the ground, we are not auditioning for Time Team after all. Simply press the scoring rope down to the ground on either side of the arrow to determine the score, there is **no need to dig at all**.

When the scorer calls your name out to record your arrow values call them to the scorer highest to lowest in two groups of three and the scorer will call them back as the scores are recorded. Whilst this is being done the archer should pick up the arrow so that the other archers can see that the scores were called and recorded correctly.

I did notice this summer that some archers are not aware of how to determine the value of an arrow when it is not simply “stuck” in the ground. Therefore, I hope the following is of help to you.

An arrow value is determined by where the point of the arrow finishes, this means that any arrow in the post or flag with the point still in the air will score 5 points, this includes arrows which may have their nock end on the ground after getting caught in the flag.

Arrows can be in the post or flag with the points touching the ground, mostly they will score 5 points but please be aware on the AGB round with the smaller gold/red an arrow maybe in the flag with the point on the ground in the red which would mean it scores 4 points.

Any arrow lying on the surface is scored where the point finishes in the scoring zone.

Any arrow which is in the ground but the point is visible further along its length because of a rut or hole is scored where it first enters the ground and not where it can be seen due to a defect in the ground.

Lastly, should an arrow break into pieces in the scoring zone (after hitting the flag for instance) the score is determined where the point is lying, this may mean a miss should it have flown outside the circle with the fletching end staying inside the scoring zone.

## Here's a few words from me about my clout journey—by Mandie Elson

I dabbled in clout in 2019 and fell in love with it straight away but then Covid hit and we all know what happened then. Anyway I decided that 2021 was going to be my year for booking clout comps and wow what a year it has been especially meeting the clout gang at so many comps. I've never met such a bunch of friendly people that you only know for hours at a time.

I did my first clout in May and got a bowman score, then went to Cheshire tri clout, which was 3 days, and wow it was fab and wow I camped and I hate camping. The people were amazing, supportive, friendly and the organisation was amazing. Bonus too was a secured my gold tassel badge as it is about the fab badges for me and I love putting the bling on my quiver.

My journey continued and then it was time for the Archery GB clout champs followed by the 1st tassel award comp and again what a great weekend. Smiles all around, fab banter and great support. The organisation by those in the background was and is brilliant to enable archers like me to take part in these competitions. The weather was great, awards and trophies too and the whole process was a pleasure from start to finish and I do have to mention Andrew Neal, who I met for the first time at York in September, what a commitment he has made to this discipline of archery and it's down to people like him that people like me develop in this sport and have a crazy but fun journey.



Mandie gets her 6 clout end

Now everyone has a journey and I do too as I've had a traumatic life and pushing myself to travel to areas on my own is a huge step and to camp on top of that is a safety issue for me, but without knowing my journey, people have been so supportive and given me huge amounts of support to feel safe amongst friendly strangers that I now consider to be archery friends.

The clout collective have been a huge part of my journey and I'm so looking forward to getting booked in to as many clouts as I can in 2022.

Anyone out there that is thinking about having a go at clout, go and find your nearest club and get booked in.



### Tassel Scheme Championships “bling”

A big thank you to all those that donated monies to enable all the trophies to be purchased. Over £1600 donated enabling, with discount, over £2k worth of trophies to be purchased.

## BAREBOW BEGINS—BY BARBARA WILLIAMS

Once upon a time the Barebow was but a twinkle in the major manufacturers' eyes, just Recurves with all the expensive sticky-out bits, clicker and sight removed. They had to be "bare, free from protrusions, marks, blemishes or laminated pieces which could be of use aiming, etc., etc." Simple.

As Barebow numbers increased, judges started checking up; leaving Barebow archers wondering just how stringently the rules would be enforced. The word would go up "they're looking at lettering on the limbs!" and there was suddenly a black market in masking tape. Judges would purposefully stalk the lines asking "Barebow?" My favourite was the peer group inspection – call for everyone, get them in a circle and then ask the archers if they objected to any of the other archers' bows. Sorry mate, but I don't like the colour of yours much . . .

The classic error was the sight block being left on, many archers set out as a Barebow, ending the day as a Recurve because they couldn't get the block off - one archer having glued it on to prevent rattling!

We got some funny decisions; judges got entrants to plaster their bows with tape to cover up manufacturers' limb and riser lettering, dents and scratches – then spotted that the tape left more marks than those with which the bow started. The National Champion of 2006 was informed she couldn't use a platform tab or a finger separator and one judge wanted all to remove pressure buttons as they could be used as an aiming device. It's not easy being a judge and it's not getting any easier.

With the rise in popularity came the manufacturers' attention. We've moved on from unweighted risers that used to tip back and clobber us on the head as they sold us screw-on Barebow weights. My private battle with Carol Fairbrother commenced when she put one small weight where a long rod would go. I retaliated with a bigger, chrome, centrally-mounted one so she went for 2 even bigger ones on the middle and bottom of the riser. Two new Risers jumped into my car recently; one has weights running all the way down the lower half of the riser in lovely, bling colours, the other has a bolt-on "hell-can-I-lift this?" weight. Advantage Williams.

As just mentioned, major manufacturers now produce Barebow and Hybrid risers which have integral weights in lower half of the riser of which Hoyt, Spigarelli and Gillo are examples. In 2019 an archer asked if the weights on the bottom of the Hoyt Xceed were legal as they protruded from the riser's original profile. A lively discussion between archers and judges broke out and after a few days' skirmishing it was deemed that a responsible manufacturer like Hoyt wouldn't produce anything illegal. Barebow begin – who'd have thought it – to have legal sticky-out bits of their very own.



The photo aside shows a few from my collection (some people have shoes – cool?) shows some Barebow development. The purple KG Astron is 23 years old, solid aluminium and has the cleanest profile - but even with a weight, once loosed the limbs hit me on the head. The blue Vellator is much lighter, has a heavier weight on the front and is currently the most common set up for Clout Barebow. It's more stable and it's not out to get me. The smoke-grey Sovren shows the manufacturer's bolt-on weight and far right is the bronze Vigo with the bling spectra weights. Both the Sovren and the Vigo are completely stable and I've shot less well-mannered Recurves.

The latest WA rules will from 15 Jan 2022 allow weights added below and above the riser's grip. Vibration dampeners are permitted, any combination of weights etc. The reason for the latest changes is "in an effort to reduce repetitive motion injuries, our committees feel that it is important to protect the archers and prolong their archery careers". How reasonable, thanks WA.

Photo: from left to right. KG Astron, Kinetic Sovren, Fivecs Vellator, Kinetic Vygo

## Novice to nationals - by Mollie James

I started archery just before the Covid chaos began after watching my dad shoot at our local club. I did a beginners course and decided that this sport was brilliant! A club member suggested to try clout, which was so much more fun than shooting at a coloured face, I liked the idea of not having a clue where the arrows went until we walked up the field.

Instantly hooked, I started shooting it more often and then entered my first clout event, Ray Defty Memorial shoot, where I achieved my metric gold tassel! I entered a few more events and made some improvements and was convinced by the wonderful Rebecca to enter nationals.

Nationals was incredible! The event was so well run, enjoyable and was an amazing experience to be part of. It was obviously my first experience of the national event so I had no expectations, I loved everything about the day! I finished in 2nd place for ladies recurve, the ladies on my target were so supportive and everyone made me feel very welcome. The tassel champs the following day was also very good, I can say I 100% prefer the metric circle... for obvious reasons. The atmosphere of the weekend was a high contribution to me shooting better, I achieved 2 GMB scores and both my gold tassels.

I can't wait for the next year of events, everyone is so friendly and supportive, it's such a great sport to be a part of. Thank you to everyone involved in clout, I feel like I'm part of something special and can't wait to meet more people who love shooting arrows at a stick miles away.

Huge thanks to Andy S for getting me involved in clout, Chris B for being the perfect role model and of course my dad for being my number one supporter.



## More new shoots on the horizon!

With the strict restrictions Covid brought us we are hopefully looking forward to building the Clout calendar in 2022 to pre-covid levels and beyond.....

4 new Tassel Award shoots have already been added, 2 in the South of the Country and another 2 in the Midlands. These are Cheltenham, Lincolnshire, Waterwheel Field and the Civil Service Nationals.



Cheltenham Archers will be hosting their first UK Record and Tassel Status Clout Tournament on Sunday 14 August 2022.

To be held half way between Cheltenham and Gloucester and less than 4 miles from J11 M5 in the country side setting of the Dowty Sports and Social Club, GL2 9QH.

With a North facing range, a 147-space carpark backing on to the tent line and a clubhouse just yards away, serving hot and cold food and drinks, this is possibly to most disabled and user-friendly Clout archery venue in the country.

Why not make a weekend of it and visit the historic Gloucester docks or Gloucester Cathedral, where Harry Potter was filmed, or go shopping in Regency Cheltenham?

### Clout Classification scores

These can be found on the Northern Counties Archery Society website, together with GMB/MB/JMB claim forms. [www.ncas.co.uk](http://www.ncas.co.uk)

## **Clout 2021 Return to Archery a Grandads Tale - Terry Finnegan**

### **May**

After a lockdown that seemed to go on forever, Evie and myself got our bows and equipment out of storage and made our way to our first Clout Competition of 2021 at Neston. Even though it was restricted due to the Pandemic and socializing was obviously not permitted, it was so good to be returning back to competitive archery. Thank you to the organizers and AGB for getting us all safely back to archery. However, once again the weather Guru's got it wrong. The days forecast was for moderate wind and rain. This "moderate" soon developed into a "storm" which caused several archers, possibly those with more sense, to pack up their water sodden tents and retire early. On a funnier side, while the storm continued to persist down, we finished the last two ends to the music of ELO and Mr Blue Skies, nice one Tony Nordorf. But amazingly after several years of shooting Clout I picked up my first Clout medal, thank you the Weather Guru's, perhaps every cloud does have a silver – or in this instance - bronze lining and perhaps inclement weather isn't so bad after all.

The 2021 Clout calendar soon started to fill up and so next it was a trip over the Woodhead Pass to Derbyshire and our first visit to The Clout Collective. So many smiley faces, all glad to be back shooting. Strange however that my arrows knew how to socially distance themselves away from the target, weird.

This was followed by a return to the Wirral to a much drier and sunny Neston than previously and the Cheshire Clout.

### **June**

The CA11 post code was tapped into the sat nav for our first scenic trip of 2021 up the M6 North to Penrith and the Eagle Clout two-day event.

### **July**

And again, a return trip North to Penrith and the Cumbria 2 Day Tournament. I sometimes feel that it wouldn't make any difference if you forgot your watch when visiting Cumbria as the people are so laid back. Everything at a steady pace.

Blundell Sands Merseyside and the LAA Clout Championships. This for me was the highlight, not only of 2021 but of my short Clout career to date.



Evie went on to retain her Lancashire Junior Bare Bow Clout title and to my surprise, due directly to my seriously under-performing score, I won the Senior Gents Lancashire BB Championship. But to be there stood alongside my Granddaughter for a photo as LAA Junior and Senior BB Champions meant so much more to me than any trophy, memorable. I'm wondering whether it's actually a first, Granddad/Granddaughter County BB Clout Champions together at the same event?

### **August**

The Cheshire Tri Clout, Neston, Cheshire. Good weather so no chance of any medals. My third visit to this tournament and all credit to Tracy and Peter of Goldcrest and the team of helpers for organizing and putting on a seamlessly well organized three day multi event.

### **September**

Two trips over the Pennines and into Yorkshire. The first to Driffield, our first time at this sports venue and then onto York later in the month.

### **October**

Even though I was double jabbed the dreaded Covid finally struck and two weeks of self-isolation followed. The bows, tent and equipment all packed away in the cellar, all immediate forthcoming archery competitions cancelled. Self-isolation thankfully over and followed by the highlight of the Clout season The Nationals and the new National Tassel Tournaments at York. Again, another great weekend.

**Continued....**

In sending out the request for articles Andrew asked if we felt that there was anything, in our opinion, that could be improved at next years Nationals.

An observation regarding medals for Junior archers both at the Nationals and a few other Clout events throughout 2021. At the beginning of the presentation, it was quite rightly commented that “we should try and get more Junior archers to attend next years event”, yet surprisingly AGB did not award medals for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Junior Barebow archers!

I feel strongly that if we are to encourage more Junior archers to participate in future events we should offer medals for all the top 3 Junior places, all bow disciplines.

My home club is Assheton BM Manchester, but because of the field size and location we are not allowed to shoot Clout. But I am often asked by fellow ABM members “what’s the comparison between shooting Clout and Target archery?” My answer is simply that there are more archers on a Clout boss than on a Target boss and, even though it’s still competitive, it is so much more sociable than target competitions. Another plus is that I’ve discovered that there are plenty of experienced Clout archers quite willing to offer valuable advice to newer archers.

**2021 Overall**

From Neston to the Nationals, it’s been another great season shooting Clout.

I’ve won my first trophy plus a couple of medals.

We visited a couple of new venues, but most importantly we made new friends and met up with lots of old friends in what has been a challenging year for all of us.

But without the TO’s, Judges, event officials, field parties, volunteers, County and Regional officials, host clubs, caterers and many many more this wouldn’t have been possible. A massive thank you to all concerned for making the 2021 Clout season possible.

Now where’s the link to that 2022 weather app? And Alexa, play Mr Blue Skies.

**Don’t be shy give Clout a try!**

**Tassel Award  
Status**

Application forms  
and guidance  
notes can be  
found on  
[www.ncas.co.uk](http://www.ncas.co.uk)

**Clout Classifications—Don’t forget to reclaim**

It doesn’t look like Covid and the reduced number of shoots affected the claims too much! More this year than 2019, especially the Ladies!

The table below shows the claims made, together with those of 2019 in brackets. Great to see some Juniors joining in on the action! Individual names can be found in the listings towards the end of this newsletter. I still think there’s more archers out there that don’t know about the classifications or just don’t want to bother. Spread the word.

**Classification Awards 2021 (2019 numbers)**

	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Gents</b>
<b>Master Bowman</b>	Recurve x 3 (3)	Recurve x 4 (5)
	Compound x 4 (0)	Compound x 1 (2)
	Longbow x 2 (1)	Longbow x 4 (3)
	Barebow x 4 (2)	Barebow x 1 (3)
<b>Grand Master Bowman</b>	Recurve x 2 (3)	Recurve x 1 (1)
	Compound 1 (1)	Compound 5 (2)
	Longbow x 0 (1)	Longbow x 1 (1)
	Barebow x 3 (1)	Barebow x 2 (2)
<b>Junior Master Bowman</b>	Barebow x 2 (0)	
	Longbow x 1 (0)	

**Clout Classification scores**

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Please re-claim each year even if you’ve got your badge

See your name in Clout Times!

DIARY OF SHOOTS - CONFIRMED

<b>Tassel Award Shoots 2022</b>			<b>Location</b>
As at 26/12/21			
Sherwood	27/02/2022	Metric	Kirklington, Notts
York	09/04/2022	Imperial	York
Stortford	09/04/2022	Metric	Bishops Stortford
Stortford	10/04/2022	Imperial	Bishops Stortford
Yorkshire	16/04/2022	Metric	Driffield
Yorkshire	17/04/2022	Imperial	Driffield
Waterside	16/04/2022	Metric	Southampton
Waterside	17/04/2022	Imperial	Southampton
Essex County	23/04/2022	Metric	Woodford Green, Essex
Essex County	24/04/2022	Imperial	Woodford Green, Essex
Cheshire	02/05/2022	Metric	Neston
The Clout Collective	14/05/2022	Metric	Alfreton
Civil Service Nationals	28/05/2022	Metric	Dial Post, Sussex
Archers of East Riding	28/05/2022	Imperial	Driffield
Archers of East Riding	29/05/2022	Metric	Driffield
SCAS & Beds	05/06/2022	Imperial	Caddington, Beds
Eagle	11/06/2022	Imperial	Penrith
Eagle	12/06/2022	Metric	Penrith
Harlequin	25/06/2022	Metric	Didcot
Harlequin	26/06/2022	Imperial	Didcot
The Clout Collective	02/07/2022	Imperial	Alfreton
Waterwheel Field	23/07/2022	Metric	Branston, Lincs
Cumbria	09/10/2022	Metric	Penrith
Cumbria	10/07/2022	Metric	Penrith
Derbyshire	13/08/2022	Metric	Alfreton
The Clout Collective	14/08/2022	Imperial	Alfreton
Cheltenham	14/08/2022	Imperial	Gloucester
Tri Clout	27/08/2022	Imperial	Neston
Tri Clout	28/08/2022	Imperial	Neston
Tri Clout	29/08/2022	Metric	Neston
Northern Counties	03/09/2022	Metric	York
Northern Counties	04/09/2022	Imperial	York
Bowflights	11/09/2022	Imperial	Tardebigge, Worcs
York	08/10/2022	Imperial	York
Lincolnshire	09/10/2022	Imperial	Branston, Lincs
Nationals	15/10/2022	Imperial	York
Tassel Scheme Champs	16/10/2022	Metric	York
EMAS	22/10/2022	Metric	Alfreton





## **Tassel Scheme Championship 2021**

### **Honoured Guest Speech - Ray Chaplin**



Firstly, I would like to thank Andrew for his Invitation to be the Honoured Guest at this inaugural event.

I'd like to do a short resume on the progress of the Tassel Award Scheme and offer some thanks to people who have help in the development of Clout and the scheme into the successful entity that it is today.

In the late 1980s and early 90s there was little promotion for Imperial rounds, be it Target or Clout. At that time, I was shooting a lot of Target archery and being from York I was keen to raise the profile of the York/Hereford/Bristol rounds, so I wrote the Rose Award Scheme. This proved very successful both in the number of tournaments taking place and the number of Rose Award Badges being awarded.

I then got more into Clout and saw the same lack of events, promotion, and low participation levels. There were barely a dozen tournaments per year with participation of 30 – 40 archers. Finding out where the tournaments were being held was difficult, but they seemed to be mostly in the north of the UK.

Having seen how successful the Rose Award Scheme had become, I adapted that concept to create the Tassel Award Scheme for Clout. The late Ted Mallet was the YAA, NCAS and GNAS Clout Representative. It was protocol at the time for such proposals to go thorough County, Regional and then National Committees before they could be adopted. Ted proposed the Tassel Award Scheme to all these bodies, receiving approval from YAA, then NCAS, but GNAS did not offer its support. Luckily for us archers NCAS came on board wholeheartedly and backed the project which started in 1996.

Initially the scheme was used in the NCAS area but gathered momentum under Ted's administration and eventually went national, so when Andrew took over in 2004 the number of tournaments had grown into the early twenties.

By 2008 WA Metric Clouts had become popular, so Andrew embraced them into the scheme, with 7 tournaments in the initial year.

We are now in a position, Pre- Pandemic numbers, where we have annually 38 Imperial and 22 WA Metric events per year, each with typically up to 100 archers, so Andrew deserves all the plaudits available for his promotion and administration of the scheme.

Speaking of administration since the conception of the scheme there have been:

4448	Badges awarded for Imperial Tassel claims
2331	Badges awarded for the Metric Tassel claims
117	Metric Longbow 3 Clout Ends
134	Metric 6 Clout End badges

And these numbers are still going up as there have been a couple more tournaments since these figures were calculated.

There are a couple of other archers who also deserve praise.

Peter Gregory has been a long-standing advocate of clout and has assisted several clubs to set up their own clout tournaments, even donating trophies to them. Currently he is running 4 tournaments a year (ably assisted by Tracy, as he always reminds us)

And lastly to overcome the lack of information about where Clout Tournaments are being held, we now have a web page created by Ian Downham which is the "Go To" place to find an entry form or a results list for all the Tassel Clout tournaments. I would encourage every Tournament Organiser to engage with Ian to spread the word about their event.

So could you all please join me to show your appreciation and thanks to Ted, Andrew, Peter and Ian for all the Voluntary work they do which allows us to have so much pleasure shooting Clout.

Now there is one final award to make today. This is not a competitive award but is one which is well overdue. It is fitting today to present this award to someone who has done so much for Clout in the last two decades in:

- Administering the Tassel Award Scheme
- Introduced the Classification Scheme
- Organised the National Clout Championships
- Organised the Northern Counties Clout Championships
- Collated the National Rankings
- And so much more

So, from the UK Clout Community in Recognition of his Outstanding Service to Clout Archery the award is presented to Andrew Neal.



### **My National Clout weekend journey - Diane Pople**

Andrew asked to hear from people about their time at the National Clout. But rather than talk about archery, I'm going to share the story of how I got to the shooting line that weekend ... literally. I'd booked B&B and sorted car hire, so I could have a good rest the night before after the journey up from Kent. I'd not shot much since March 2020, so wasn't expecting a good score, but was really looking forward to being able to meet archery buddies again.

A week before, my B&B cancelled my stay as they had to do some building work. But I managed to get another, a bit more expensive and a bit further from the ground ... but at least I could still go. I was still set for a lovely weekend, even the weather forecast looked reasonable!

Until I turned up at the car hire on Friday morning. When they asked for my credit card to hold the damage excess, the "chip and PIN" failed, no alternative payments methods taken. Despite calls and visits to banks to try to get it working again, they refused to let me take the car. But I checked on my phone and found a train which still had tickets available, so I booked them (my card still worked online!). My trip (although now a lot more expensive) was still on.

I rushed home to repack into something I could carry on a train, and made it in time to King Cross ... and saw the train was cancelled. Argh, but the help desk said they would accept my ticket on a later train. I wouldn't have a reserved seat, but at least I could still get to York - and bad things happen in threes, so there'd be no other problems, right? Well, apart from that 20 mins after that later train's departure time, I was still at Kings Cross. There had been a technical problem on the train. Eventually that was sorted, and I ran the length of the platform to get a seat (as best I could carrying a bow bag and tent). I wouldn't get to York until 10.30pm (hardly ideal), but I was on my way north at last. Things were looking up! Except then I remembered I needed to google how to get from the B&B to the ground as I had no car now. Uh-oh: I would need multiple buses and the journey would be up to 90mins.

But this is when the BEST thing happened. I posted my plight on the clout Facebook page, and asked if anyone would be kind enough to give me a lift to/from the ground. Despite the short notice and late time, offers of help came in. Offers from friends, from archers I'd met at one shoot years ago, even from fellow clouters I'd never met. All were lovely people, prepared to go out of their way to help me overcome my final hurdle to get to the shooting line. I had lifts to/from the ground on both days, with wonderful company, thanks to this awesome community. You are all the reason why I love clout so much!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped, and offered to help, so that I DID get to the shooting line at the National Clout.



### Grand Master Bowman

Chris Baigent	Waterside	Recurve
Caroline Cater	TCC	Compound
Tracy Cross	Goldcrest	Barebow
Carol Fairbrother	St.Georges	Barebow
Peter Gregory	Goldcrest	Compound
Glyn Jones	TCC	Barebow
Warren Levins	LAOFAC	Compound
Erin Mayer	Stalybridge	Recurve
Karen McKay	Wyre Forest	Recurve
Christopher Moore	Hingham	Compound
Joshua Moore	Hingham	Compound
Ray Stevens	TCC	Barebow
Dicky Summers	Southampton	Longbow
Alan Tonge	TCC	Compound
Barbara Williams	Herts	Barebow



### Master Bowman

Caroline Cater	TCC	Compound
Andy Cherry	Adur Valley	Recurve
Hamish Freeman	Assheton	Longbow
Rebecca Giddings	Forest of Bere	Recurve
Richard Gregory	TCC	Longbow
Christine Heap	Wakefield	Recurve
Deborah Hill	Rutland	Barebow
Geoff Ingleby	Ebor	Barebow
Mollie James	Waterside	Recurve
Diane Jobson	Morpeth	Longbow
Elaine Jobson	Morpeth	Longbow
Maggie Johnston	Abbey (Herts)	Barebow
Steve Kelley	Goldcrest	Recurve
Warren Levins	LAOFAC	Compound
Emma Mooney	Goldcrest	Compound
Alison Page	TCC	Recurve
Roxanne Prime	Eccles	Barebow
Stefanie Probet	Eagle	Compound
Jasmine Simpson	Wyre Forest	Barebow
Andy Sollars	Waterside	Longbow
Dicky Summers	Southampton	Longbow
Roz Summers	Southampton	Compound
Jared Thornton	Whitburn	Recurve



### Junior Master Bowman

Evie Finnegan	Assheton	Barebow
Jessica Hardesty Dean	Thirsk	Barebow
Ellie Probert	Eagle	Longbow



### Purple - Metric

Caroline Cater	TCC	Compound
Alan Tonge	TCC	Compound



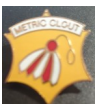
### Gold - Metric

Andy Cherry	Adur Valley	Recurve
Tracy Cross	Goldcrest	Barebow
Ian Foster	DeLacy	Compound
Richard Gregory	TCC	Longbow
Mark Hayes	York	Compound
Mollie James	Waterside	Recurve
Warren Levins	LAOFAC	Compound
Chris Moore	Hingham	Compound
Callum Piggott (J)	Bowbrook	Recurve
Louisa Piper	Woking	Recurve
Ray Stevens	TCC	Barebow
Alan Tonge	TCC	Compound
Mick White	Goldcrest	Compound



### Purple - Metric

Andy Cherry	Adur Valley	Recurve
Tracy Cross	Goldcrest	Barebow
Peter Gregory	Goldcrest	Compound
Fiona Harris	St.Georges	Barebow
Diane Jobson	Morpeth	Longbow
Glyn Jones	TCC	Barebow
Martin Leonard	Eagle	Longbow
Warren Levins	LAOFAC	Compound
Karen McKay	Wyre Forest	Recurve
Joshua Moore	Hingham	Compound
Richard Powell	Dearne Valley	Longbow
Roxanne Prime	Eccles	Barebow
Jasmine Simpson	Wyre Forest	Barebow
Ray Stevens	TCC	Barebow



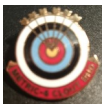
### Gold - Metric

Richard Allan	York	Barebow
Stuart Barber	Stortford	Compound
Caroline Cater	TCC	Compound
Mandie Elson	TCC	Barebow
Peter Gregory	Goldcrest	Compound
Richard Gregory	TCC	Longbow
Ian Harris	St.Georges	Barebow
Christine Heap	Wakefield	Recurve
Wayne Hibbard	TCC	Longbow



### Gold - Metric (Continued)

Mollie James	Waterside	Recurve
Diane Jobson	Morpeth	Longbow
Martin Leonard	Eagle	Longbow
Warren Levins	LAOFAC	Compound
Richard Mohammed	Woodford	Barebow
Andy Monks	Goldcrest	Longbow
Chris Moore	Hingham	Compound
Rhys Morrillo (J)	Goldcrest	Recurve
Eleanor Probert (J)	Eagle	Longbow
Joseph Stevens (J)	Adur Valley	Recurve
Ray Stevens	TCC	Barebow
Thomas Whettam (J)	Goldcrest	Recurve
Mick White	Goldcrest	Compound



### Metric 6 Clout End

Stuart Barber	Stortford	Compound
William Beverstock	Aim 4 Sport	Recurve
Caroline Cater	TCC	Compound
Andy Cherry	Adur Valley	Recurve
Mandie Elson	TCC	Barebow
Bridget Evans	Stalybridge	Recurve
Mollie James	Waterside	Recurve
Warren Levins	LAOFAC	Compound
Emma Mooney	Goldcrest	Compound
Joshua Moore	Hingham	Compound
Rhys Morrillo (J)	Goldcrest	Recurve
Tony Nordoff	Goldcrest	Barebow
Joseph Stevens (J)	Adur Valley	Recurve
Thomas Whettam (J)	Goldcrest	Recurve



### Metric 3 Clout End (Longbow)

John Boddy	AOER	Longbow
Lee Brackenbury	Kettering	Longbow
Joseph Burlington	Kettering	Longbow
Ann Conifey	Riverside	Longbow
Archie Counter (J)	Aequus	Longbow
Evie Finnegan (J)	Assheton	Longbow
Richard Gregory	Mercia	Longbow
Wayne Hibbard	TCC	Longbow
Kevin Hill	Stortford	Longbow
Paul Holland	Mercia	Longbow
Ian Laud	Mercia	Longbow
Angela Loten	Chichester	Longbow
Kathy McLenaghan	Nonsuch	Longbow
Jonny Mylchreest	Goldcrest	Longbow
Eleanor Probert (J)	Eagle	Longbow
Andrew Rowe	Assheton	Longbow
Philip Short	Meriden	Longbow
Ted Tricker	Waterwheel	Longbow
Steve Watts	Stalybridge	Longbow



## And Finally!

**The Tassel Scheme National Clout Rankings can be found  
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**A small request for any organisers reading this, can you  
please, if possible, let me have your shoot results in Excel  
format as it makes it much easier to collate all the scores,  
with less errors made with conversion.**