

# SHEBBEAR SHOOTERS

## AIR GUN CLUB

### Application for membership (Full or Junior)

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Post Code: .....

Telephone: .....

E-mail: .....

Mobile: .....

Date of Birth: .....

I apply for: (a) Adult membership @ £30:00 per year.

(b) Junior membership @ £15:00 per year.

Any new member, joining after the start of the membership year (1<sup>st</sup>. February), will be expected to pay a pro-rata fee of £2.50 (Junior Members £1.25) for each month (or part) remaining in the current year, plus one month.

[Delete those that do not apply and please make cheques payable to "Shebbear Shooters"]

***I declare :***

***☞ I have read and understand the legal information on the reverse of this sheet, and***

***☞ I know of no legal impediment to my using, possessing or owning an air-gun, and***

***☞ I shall use on the club's grounds only those guns that conform to the legal requirements for airguns that do not require a Firearms Certificate, under the Dangerous Air-weapons Regulations and as defined in the Firearms Act (latest edition), and***

***☞ I shall inform the club if my circumstances change***

**I agree to abide by the club's rules and safety policy (latest version).**

Signed:..... Date:.....

(Applicant or parent / guardian if junior)

\*Witnessed: .....

(Club officer **see below**)

\*In the event of a person under 18 years of age wishing to join the club, this form **MUST** be signed by the parent / guardian of that person, at the club, in front of a committee member, who also countersigns it.

## **THE LAW**

The law makes no distinction between air rifles and more powerful guns for which you need a licence – they are ALL classed as firearms. This means that any offence you commit can carry a very heavy penalty – and there are at least 38 different offences.

## **WHO CANNOT SHOOT**

It is an offence for a person who is prohibited by Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968 (*SEE POSTED COPY*) to have a firearm or ammunition in his/her possession at any time.

This Section applies to any person who has been sentenced to imprisonment or to youth custody or detention in any young offenders institution for three months or more.

A person sentenced to a period between 3 months and 3 years is prohibited for 5 years from the date of release.

A person sentenced to 3 years or more is prohibited for life.

## **WHO CAN SHOOT**

### **18 years**

- If you are 18 years or older there are no restrictions on buying an air rifle and ammunition, and you can use it where you have permission to shoot.

### **14 – 17 years**

- You can
  - borrow an air rifle and ammunition
  - use an air rifle, without supervision, on private premises where you have permission
- You cannot
  - buy or hire an air rifle, or ammunition, or receive one as a gift. Your air rifle and ammunition must be bought and looked after by someone over 18 – normally your parent, guardian or some other responsible adult.
  - have an air rifle in a public place unless you are supervised by somebody aged 21 or over, and you have a reasonable excuse to do so (for example, while on the way to a shooting ground).

### **Under 14 years**

- You can
  - use an air rifle UNDER SUPERVISION on private premises with permission from the occupier - normally the owner or tenant. The person who supervises you must be at least 21 years old.
- You cannot
  - buy, hire or receive an air rifle or its ammunition as a gift
  - shoot, WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION.
  - Parents or guardians who buy an air rifle for use by someone under 14 must exercise control over it at all times, EVEN IN THE HOME OR GARDEN.

## **FIRING PELLETS BEYOND YOUR BOUNDARY**

It is an offence to fire an air rifle pellet beyond the land where you have permission to shoot, unless the occupier of the neighbouring land has also given you permission. Where someone under 14 is shooting, BOTH the young person AND the supervising adult can be prosecuted.

It is also against the law, in England and Wales, to fire an air rifle within 50 feet of the centre of a highway if this results in someone being injured, interrupted or endangered.

At all times, have in your mind, the pellet is yours until it comes to a stop.