

## **Chairman's Report 2021 YAA AGM**

Firstly, I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their input and help during the year.

As with the country our sport has been devastated with the effects of the Covid pandemic. The restrictions in movement and gatherings imposed by the government and our ruling body has had a negative impact at all levels of archery participation.

Many clubs did not get the opportunity to open up to outdoor shooting for members over the summer and this has continued through the indoor season and second lockdown. It is no surprise therefore that affiliations to club, county and region are down when compared to a "normal" year.

Hopefully 2021 will see our sport opening up again enabling clubs to hold beginners courses which will see new members come to our sport. The return of tournament archery will also have a positive effect for the archers who like to take part in them.

Our sport relies entirely on volunteers at all levels and as we come out of the pandemic we will rely on these volunteers more than ever. Therefore, I urge you to consider volunteering and becoming involved rather than relying on someone else to organise at club, county or regional level

Later in this AGM you will have to opportunity to get involved on behalf of Yorkshire archers (there are over 3000 of us!) this commitment covers 4 meeting per year and some help for a few hours at one of the 4 Wetherby days so please consider becoming a volunteer and help our sport by getting involved.

I hope you stay safe and well as we come through the pandemic and we all have the opportunity to get back to archery in all its forms this year.

Mark Hayes

Chairman