

# KENT & SUSSEX SHOOTING SCHOOL

Joining Instructions: To Make Your Experience Easier

## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for booking with Kent & Sussex Clay Pigeon Shooting School and the team look forward to welcoming you to the Shotgun Safety Course.

The following few pages are intended to help you find us easily and provide you with further information and answer many additional questions you may have.

Our team are fully qualified as not only Safety Officers, but also as professional shotgun coaches qualified by the following prestigious shooting organisations:

- **BASC:**  
British Association for Shooting & Conservation
- **ICSI**  
The Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors
- **CPSA**  
Clay Pigeon Shooting Association
- **APSI**  
The Association of Professional Shooting Instructors



If you have any questions prior to your session with us, please either call us on 07487 619746 or email us at [info@ksshooting.co.uk](mailto:info@ksshooting.co.uk).

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*Relaxed Coaching from Professionally Qualified Shotgun Coaches*

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## VEHICLES ON SITE

Kent & Sussex Shooting School operate across a working 900-acre farm site. Our entrances to the shooting grounds are typically via passable farm tracks and we kindly request that you observe a 5mph speed limit whilst on site as you never know what is around a bend.

Kent & Sussex Shooting School accept no liability for your travel on site, car parking and or contents associated with and within your vehicle and remember to watch out for tractors!



## SITE DIRECTIONS:

### Colebrook -1

Address: Kingstanding Way, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN2 3UP

What3Words: name.oiled.areas



The shooting ground entrance is on the right-hand side of Kingstanding Way. There is a private track 250 yards past the Arriva bus garage on the right-hand side with a yellow gate. The entrance will have a blue Kent & Sussex Shooting School blue flat at the entrance.

Please note that we shoot at several locations here – Please follow the track and you will find us.

### Honnington Farm

Address: Vauxhall Lane, Southborough, Kent. TN4 0XD

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The Honnington Farm entrance is on the right-hand side of Vauxhall Lane from the A26. When entering though the farm, please keep following the track to the left.

We advise that you park somewhere with the main area car park when entering Honnington and walk to the shooting area which is sign posted. This walk is around should take no less than five minutes



### Bourne Mill

Address: Vauxhall Lane, Southborough, Kent. TN4 0XD

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The Bourne Mill entrance is on the left-hand of Vauxhall Lane (within 30 yards) after the junction with the A21 before you cross the railway line and reach Tonbridge Cottage Hospital (on your righthand side).

## WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING WITH YOU



Please also ensure that you bring with you a baseball or peaked hat as we always shoot wearing these.

Bring suitable shoes as we shoot from a grass base and sometimes it can get muddy, so please have a change of footwear for the homeward journey.

Please dress for the weather as there is nothing worse than being cold or wet. We are great believers that there is no such thing as bad weather – **Only a poor choice of clothes.**

## ARRIVAL TIME/LATE ARRIVALS

We kindly request that you arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of your session and ask that you call us on 07487 619746 if you foresee any travel issues or delays.

If you arrive more than 15 minutes late then please note that your session may have to be cut short due to other sessions planned that day or due to other time restrictions or sadly cancelled.

We cannot offer any refund or postponement for delays outside of our control.

## PERMISSION TO TOUCH

We live in a modern age where your coach will ask you for permission to touch. This is to help ensure that you are in the right position and stance, etc. For attendees under the age of 18 years, the coach will ask the child for permission first and then the parent or guardian. Our coaches are DBS checked.

## SAFETY BRIEF

We will take you through a thorough safety brief and take you through the process of how a shotgun works so you have a clearer understanding before moving to the shooting area. It is essential that you pay close attention to this briefing and of course feel free to ask any questions.

## JUST FOR THE LADIES

We don't want to ask you any potential embarrassing questions (especially if a secret) and of course we have no right to ask if you are pregnant (congratulations if you are). Whilst there is no definitive medical advice or data that precludes you from shooting, it must be understood that this is your choice should you choose to shoot and Kent & Sussex Shooting School or your coach cannot accept any liability if you choose to do so.

## LEGALITY TO SHOOT

On arrival to the shooting ground you (and your party) will be asked to sign a declaration statement relating to Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968.

The statement will require your name, home address, etc. Please note that Kent & Sussex Shooting School do not use any of the information you share for our own marketing purposes and do not share with any other person or group, unless there is a legal reason to do so.

Section 21 applies to anybody who has been sentenced to imprisonment or to youth custody or detention in a young offenders' institution for three months or more.

If the sentence was three months or more but less than three years, the prohibition lasts for five years from the date of their release. If the sentence was greater than three years, then the prohibition extends for life.

It is an offence for a person to transfer, let or hire, give or lend a firearm or ammunition to someone whom he/she knows has reasonable grounds for believing to be prohibited by Section 21.

Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968 covers people who are banned from being in possession of firearms or ammunition. It is an offence for a shooting range operator to knowingly allow persons who are banned under section 21 from using guns at the range.

All shooters under the age of 18 will need their parents or guardian(s) to sign on their behalf and remain present for the duration of the session.

## SPECTATORS & DOGS

Spectators are more than welcome but need to attend our safety brief and wear hearing protection. If you have well-behaved dogs they can of course attend but must be kept on the lead and remain quiet. If a coach is concerned about your dog, they will ask you to place the dog in your car and or if another shooter is concerned or scared by dogs.



We generally have our trained working dogs on site (Pointers, Cocker Spaniels and Chesapeake Bay Retrievers) and these dogs are generally off the lead sitting around the shooting area watching the fun and wanting to fetch back any unbroken clays. If you are nervous about dogs, then we can put them away.

## SHOTGUN SELECTION & CARTRIDGES

Your coach will select the right shotgun for your age and size. We carry a wide range of shotguns from 12 & 20 bore guns with varying stock lengths and .410 shotguns for the real junior shooters as we accept children from eight years of age.

Many first-time shooters can be nervous about the recoil of a shotgun, please do not worry as we carry shoulder pads and only use light loads to reduce any recoil. Please remember if you mount & hold the shotgun correctly you will not feel it (too much).

## GUN FIT & EYE DOMINANCE

There are no sights on a shotgun so it is essential that we understand how your eyes work as one will be more dominant than the other as it is not always the case if you are right-handed that you are right eye dominant.

We will also place a shotgun in your shoulder and check the fit of the shotgun and your eye alignment. Good gun fit will improve your shooting and your day.

Please note that you should **NEVER** point any firearm at any person – We as your coaches are trained in shotgun fitting and will always check and double check the shotgun prior to gun fit – Safety is our priority!



## I DON'T LIKE IT, NOT WHAT I EXPECTED

If you decide that shooting is not for you, then tell your coach and your session will end and we will fully support your decision, especially with children. We are not fans of peer pressure being applied so we will have your back!

## PARENTAL & GUARDIAN SUPPORT

To the parents and guardians, we really want children to have fun and enjoy shooting. Our team are very experienced working with children and just like adults we are constantly monitoring how well they are getting on and it is important that you kindly step back and observe the session as the last thing a child will need is a parent or guardian pushing them on when they are not enjoying it.

It must be understood that your child's coach may decide to bring your session to a close in support of the needs of the child.

## TOILETS ON SITE & OUTSIDE PURSUITS

Our shooting ground covers 650 acres and therefore we do not have any toilet facilities, but plenty of bushes, paper, disposable bags and handwipes.

If you need to be more 'substantial' there is a more publicly accessible toilet ten minutes away.

## GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

We need everyone to follow our rules and commands (whilst still allowing for fun), If you or any member of your group decide that our simple safety conscious rules do not apply to them then their session will end with no refund being offered.

## **ATTENDING THE SHOTGUN SAFETY COURSE?**

If you are attending the Shotgun Safety and Skills course, please bring a chair with you and of course a notebook, pen, your pre-learning study book and a selection of cakes for your coach, remembering that bribery gets you nowhere.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Kent & Sussex Shooting School only use fibre wad cartridges only and we have a recycling arrangement in place for all used cartridges.

The clay targets used are made of natural materials and contain no outlawed chemicals and contaminants as certified by Bureau Veritas and Exeter University and have been independently verified and have an ECHA-REACH definition as an 'Environmentally Friendly Clay Pigeon'.

## **CAN I BRING MY OWN CARTRIDGES?**

You can of course bring your own cartridges if you wish, but these are included in your session cost (21 or 24 Gram loads). There is no price reduction if you choose to bring your own cartridges, but they must be fibre wad and not plastic in support of our environmental focus.

Doing our part being environmentally focused helps to protect the future of the clay shooting industry.

## **CAN I BRING MY OWN SHOTGUN?**

You can of course bring your own shotgun, but you must present a valid shotgun certificate when arriving at the ground.

Please **ensure** that your shotgun certificate is signed as this is a legal requirement and it saves embarrassment.

Kent & Sussex Shooting School will take the opportunity to check your shotgun prior to use. Please ensure that you bring your choke key with you (if applicable).

## **CANCELLATION/CHANGE OF DATE**

If you wish to change the date you must provide more than 21 days' notice.

If under 21 days, then this will be classed as a cancellation, and no refund will be offered or considered.

If attendees fail to attend no financial refund will be offered or considered.

## **YOUR FEEDBACK**

Your feedback means the world to us, and we kindly ask that you enjoyed the course then please leave us your positive five-star feedback for Kent & Sussex Shooting School on TripAdvisor, Google or Facebook. Please see QR code:



## YOUR COACHING TEAM

### Lee Funnell

Lee is the lead coach for Kent & Sussex Shooting School and has been an active shooter for over 40 years providing both game and clay pigeon shooting lessons internationally.

Lee is a qualified ICSI, APSI & BASC coach. BASC Safety Officer and coach mentor. GWCT (Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust) accredited game and field shooter.



### Steve Camoccio

Steve has over 30 years of shooting experience covering clay pigeon shooting, game and wildfowling.

Steve is a Level 1 Coach & Shotgun Skills Instructor qualified by CPSA, a NSRA Range Officer and further supports BASC Young Shots Events.



### Tim Woodhams

Tim has been game, wildfowling and clay pigeon shooting for over 50 years and has represented Great Britain four times as a member of Team GB.

He was the Chairman of the Sussex Branch of the CPSA for many years/ He is a qualified BASC coach, safety officer and a LANTRA qualified loader.



## SELECTING YOUR COACH

If you have a preference on a particular coach, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate but cannot guarantee your request. But we are all nice, so whoever you get will still mean having a fantastic and fun shooting lesson.

Because we are a dedicated shooting school it may be possible that you will be assigned a 'coach in training'; but don't worry as these new coaches have many years of experience and shooting knowledge. If this is the case, you will also be supported by our lead coach.