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Dear West Suffolk shooters,
After the abandoned AGM,
and the questionnaire, you
may have been wondering
what's going on.

The answer is plenty....

First of all, we are very much
in business. You steering
group are Andy Thomson,
Chris Heales, Jeremy Hinde,
Tim Webster, & Henry Day

We had a great response
to the questionnaire and
thank you for taking part.

Overleaf, you will find a
summary of the answers,
many of them really
interesting and all positive
and helpful. If you want to
get in touch, we have a
new email:

westsuffolkrc@gmail.com



*Being very Bug conscious, we met by 'Zoom'
Henry was busy saving us from said Bug,
so missed the photo.*

Shooting Dates

We are planning at least 3 shoots this year, and will make bids for Thetford on 9 April, and 10 September, and Barton Road on 23 April, 25 June and 1 October. Pencil these in your diaries. The bidding system is very clunky and we will not get all the dates. They can be cancelled too...



And it will rain all day!



Who's this?



Now you are asking, who is this chap? He ought to be fairly familiar, as he is actually the map outline of West Suffolk!

Thetford is at the very top right of his hat, Mildenhall near his eye and Bury St Edmunds near his tum.

Part of what we are doing is to create a better identity for the club, and we are on the look-out for a decent logo. Other ideas will be gratefully received, so get jotting, scribbling or drawing...

Questionnaire Answers

***The questionnaire was a real mine of information and brilliantly successful.
Thank you again for taking part***

Here are the best bits...

- 1) You want the club to continue
- 2) More prefer Thetford to Barton Road
- 3) Many of you would be happy with a half-day of shooting, at one distance
- 4) Many would like electronic targets, BUT we have been told the MOD don't yet permit them
- 5) June, July and August are the least favoured months
- 6) Many of you would like a bit of coaching
- 7) You understand the need for the club to be affiliated to the NRA
- 8) 80% of respondents would give time to helping run our shoots
- 9) There were lots of great ideas to widen our appeal to new members
- 10) Many of you have specific skills and ideas and have volunteered help. We have noted VERY CAREFULLY who you are, and WILL be in touch!



FAC Renewals

SUMMARY

If your FAC is getting close to requiring renewal, please do it well in advance!



The joint Norfolk/Suffolk FA department is under a great deal of pressure, and the pandemic has not helped. They have been running over their target time for renewal as a result.

It is your responsibility to do your application in time, & if you do it too late, and they run over your expiry date, your guns will have to be lodged with a Registered Firearms Dealer until the renewal is complete!

BUT, if you get your completed renewal application in to them with a minimum of eight weeks notice, and they over-run, they will give you an exemption document for you to continue to hold your guns during the renewal.

So, please get your renewal application in promptly and with at least 8 weeks before the expiry date, and you will be OK.

Your organising group are busy getting dates together for our first shoots, and we will be in touch as soon as the bidding conferences have been held, and we have provisional dates. Meantime, it turns out you lot are ready to help, and happy to do a bit, providing it doesn't ALL fall in YOUR lap. So we need to know about Range Conducting Officer, and First-Aid qualifications.

We are also building a website which we hope will be informative and interactive. We need photos, particularly of Suffolk shooting, ranges, characters etc

For both the above, please contact us NOW & certainly before Feb 1st 2022

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The Suffolk 'Ajar', the newest of our fine cups and trophies. If you don't know the joke, this is the trophy open to any shooter not qualified for the Closed Championship

