



Getting Started

I am interested in trying clay pigeon shooting, where do I start?

The best place to start is by having a lesson at a local shooting ground from an experienced coach. There is no point in going any further until you have tried the sport and decided if you like it or not. There are many good shooting grounds and coaches in Surrey

Is clay pigeon shooting expensive?

The cost of an hours lesson can vary depending on the experience of the coach, possible the shooting ground on which they are teaching and also if gun hire, clays and cartridges are included.

When you shoot, does it hurt?

When you go for a lesson, the coach will ensure that the gun you are using fits properly and that you are holding it appropriately to avoid any kick back from the gun. There are various other ways to reduce the risk of recoil such as using a lower calibre shotgun from 410, 20 bore and 12 bore, also low recoil cartridges.

Do I need any special clothing?

Not necessarily, but it would be advisable to get a shooting vest as they have big pockets for cartridges and many have a padded section when you put your gun. Other than that, clothes to suit the weather conditions on the day you venture out.

When I have decided I would like to continue with clay pigeon shooting, what are the next steps?

If you would like to continue, the best course of action would be to continue with having lessons, when you are at the stage you would like to move forward to getting your own gun you can apply for a shotgun licence. A licence can be applied for through your local police firearms department, the procedure starts with completing a form which will require some references.

Do I need insurance?

Whilst insurance is not mandatory it would be highly advisable, by becoming a member of the CPSA you will have civil liability and personal accident insurance cover for both game shooting and clay pigeon shooting. Your shotgun can be added to your house insurance or a specific policy can be arranged.

How do I buy my first gun?

Your coach should be able to provide some advice on an appropriate first gun. There are many good gun shops in Surrey who will also help you select a suitable gun. You will need a secure gun cabinet in which to store your shotgun and a cleaning kit to keep the gun in good working order.

I am a student in Surrey, can I compete in the Surrey Championships as a temporary resident?

Yes, if you college or university address is put as your temporary residence.

How do I get selected for a Surrey County Team?

Please see the Contacts section of this website, the information on this page will provide more information on the selection criteria.