



**IMPORTANT! Notes for Applicants**  
**(PLEASE REMOVE AND KEEP THIS INFORMATION)**

1. All new members will hold a probationary membership for a minimum period of 12 weeks unless they are already a Full member of another Rifle shooting club. In these cases, the probationary period may be reduced if the probationary member has completed all range safety courses and been signed off by the RCO. New members (excluding the above) must have attended the range on a minimum of 6 separate occasions before they can pass the probationary period. Please be aware full membership can only be granted by the club chairman after assessment on the range.
2. Applicants under the age of 17 years or younger must be supervised by a parent or guardian over the age of 21 whilst on club premises. The minimum age to join the club is 8 years. Junior members are classed as such until the first renewal date after their 18th birthday.
3. All applicants must provide 2 referees who have known the applicant for a minimum period of 2 years. These do not need to be specifically shooting referees, character references are sufficient. These referees may be contacted before new applicants will be allowed to come and shoot at the club.
4. Applicants will be contacted after the membership has been processed and informed of their unique club membership number and that they can shoot at the club. Once membership has been processed you can book sessions at Longtown online via [www.gardnersguns.co.uk](http://www.gardnersguns.co.uk) Longtown range is available to full members only Sunday - Tuesday (minimum of 2 members booking), Wednesdays can be booked by anyone for training with Marc Gardner and Thurs-Saturday by anyone individually, this is the period during which Probationary Training will take place. Opening times on all days is 10am to 4pm
5. All new applications are to be accompanied by photographic proof of identification in the form of a photocopy or scan of either your passport or photo driving licence or another suitable photo ID. If you cannot supply one of these as proof of identification, then a passport size photograph certified by one of your referees and a utility bill not more than 3 months old will be required. For junior members who do not possess a suitable photo ID, the parent or guardian should supply theirs. Please email a DIGITAL Passport sized photograph to: [helen.gardnersguns@gmail.com](mailto:helen.gardnersguns@gmail.com), or text/WhatsApp a 'selfie' to 07890527648 accompanied by your full name. If you are unable to do so please email Helen to make other arrangements.
6. Any probationary member who, without good cause, does not attend the range 6 times within the first 6 months of joining, will have their probationary membership cancelled.
7. Any full member not attending the range at least 4 times in a 12-month period, without good cause, will have their membership cancelled and if they hold a firearm certificate, the issuing police force will be notified. If for any reason you are unable to attend the minimum visits and have a good reason for such please let us know as soon as possible.
8. Lapsed and or cancelled members may reapply to join, but must start as a Probationary member and all fees will apply.
9. All members (full and probationary) must complete and sign the range log on each visit.



10. The fee for membership is £165 for adults and £80 for juniors, with the following concessions: Juniors aged 8 to 12 years are FREE OF CHARGE, Juniors aged 13-17 are FREE if they are accompanied by a full paying adult/parent. Range fees at Longtown, for full members are £25 for an adult and £10 for a junior or you can SUBSCRIBE AND SAVE at £25 per month for adults and £10 for juniors which gives unlimited access to Longtown (Subject to fair usage) Memberships are due on the 1st of February each year.
11. Deliberately supplying incorrect or misleading information on this form is grounds for immediate expulsion from the club, we will also be duty bound to inform the police.
12. The RCO's instructions on the Range MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES. Anyone not doing so will be asked to leave the Range and their membership status will be reviewed by the Committee – this may result in expulsion from the club.
13. Wherever possible communication regarding membership will be made via email to: [helen.gardnersguns@gmail.com](mailto:helen.gardnersguns@gmail.com)
14. Application forms and all completed paperwork, with the membership fee should be emailed to [helen.gardnersguns@gmail.com](mailto:helen.gardnersguns@gmail.com) or can be sent by post/dropped off at the shop - Gardners Guns Ltd, Purdoms Crook, Sandysike, Longtown, Carlisle, Cumbria CA6 5ST.
15. Membership fee can be paid by Cash or cheque made out to Gardners Guns Ltd Bank details for BACS payment are: GARDNERS GUNS LTD; 20 18 47; 20567914
16. Once you have been passed off to Full Member you will be issued with a plastic photographic ID card, please keep this safe as it is not renewed annually. There is a charge for replacing lost/damaged cards of £5
17. Full members can join us at Eskdalemuir for long range target shooting, dates are regularly emailed out and you can book by emailing [helen.gardnersguns@gmail.com](mailto:helen.gardnersguns@gmail.com) or by text/WhatsApp to 07890527648

#### **DATA PROTECTION NOTICE**

Applicants are advised that completed forms will be kept securely on file at Gardners Guns for a minimum of six years. By joining the club, you are giving consent for the club to hold this information about you, use it for the purpose of maintaining its register of members and accounts, and if required, to supply it to the police, home office or other bodies authorised to receive it.



	FULL/PROBATIONARY
	ID NUMBER
	EMAIL LIST UPDATED
	WELCOME EMAIL SENT
	POLICE NOTIFIED
	TRAINING SHEET

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS ADDRESS (If less than 2 years at current address): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_



Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for any of the following relevant medical conditions: Acute Stress Reaction or an acute reaction to stress caused by trauma: Suicidal thoughts or self harm: Depression or anxiety: Dementia: Mania: Bipolar disorder or Psychotic illness: a personality disorder: a neurological condition eg Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinsons or Huntingtons diseases, or Epilepsy: Alcohol or drug abuse: Any other mental or physical condition which may affect your safe possession or use of a firearm or shotgun? \_\_\_\_\_

(Answering 'Yes' to this question will not prevent you from joining the club, it is simply a case that we need to know of any issues so that we can take appropriate measures for the health and safety of all)

Do you currently hold a Firearms Certificate? **YES / NO**

If yes, please provide details:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ISSUING POLICE FORCE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL LICENSING OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently hold a Shotgun Certificate? **YES / NO**

If yes, please provide details:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ISSUING POLICE FORCE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL LICENSING OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_



Have you, at any time, ever had an application for grant or renewal of a firearms or shotgun certificate refused, or had a certificate revoked for any reason? (This would not automatically prevent you from becoming a member) **YES / NO**

If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you now, or have you previously been a member of another shooting club? **YES / NO**

If yes, please give details:

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**NEXT OF KIN:**

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

I declare that the statements made on this form are true and I agree to abide by the club rules and constitution and any relevant firearms legislation,

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



## Section 21

There is a legal requirement that all prospective members must sign a declaration that they are not prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition in contravention of section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968, which states: -

Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968 prohibits a person from possession of any type of firearm if they have been given a custodial sentence when convicted of a criminal offence.

If you have received a CUSTODIAL OR SUSPENDED sentence of between 3 months and 3 years, then you are prohibited for a period of 5 years from the date you are released, or for suspended sentences for 5 years from the second day after the date of sentencing.

If you have received a custodial sentence of 3 years or more then you are prohibited for life, from the date of release.

The prohibition may be lifted on application to the Crown Court, (Sheriff's Court in Scotland) for advice please consult a solicitor.

It is also an offence for a person to sell or transfer a firearm or ammunition to, or repair, test or prove a firearm or ammunition for, a person whom he/she knows or has reasonable grounds for believing to be prohibited from having a firearm or ammunition in his possession.

The Club's membership application form requires you to disclose any conviction or current police investigation and failure to do so will invalidate your application. Signing the application form also declares that you are not prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition by virtue of Section 21.

Please note that under Home Office criteria for target clubs, the Club must notify the police of new members. Under the Firearms Acts no conviction may be considered as 'spent' where applications to possess firearms are concerned and the police will notify the Club if they feel that a person's record or background would render them unsuitable to possess firearms.

Naturally, the Club has an obligation to its members to protect its good name and will not normally accept persons as members who are clearly unsuitable to be in possession of firearms. Therefore, if you have any convictions or are currently under investigation by the police you must complete the application form honestly in order to avoid subsequent embarrassment or possible prosecution under Section 21 of the Firearms Acts.

I declare that I have read and understood the above, and that I am not prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition by Section 21 of the Firearms Act (1968)

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian must sign if applicant in under 18 years of age



**REFEREE ONE:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS (ESSENTIAL): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the referee and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

**REFEREE TWO:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS (ESSENTIAL): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the referee, and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_