

SASS December 2025

As the year is ebbing away with freezing fog outside, here are a few SASS statistics for 2025. During the year, collectively, we have shot at (not broken) more than 32,500 clays. The average cost of a clay target is 40p, so we have spent in the region of £13,000.00 at shoots and around £11,000.00 for cartridges averaged at around 34p each. We have visited eleven different clay grounds, the most attended across all twelve months was Popham where we aimed at 6,370 clays. The furthest away was Sporting Targets in Bedfordshire. The best attended months were March, June and November because they all had five Sundays this year. The annual shooting economy is said to be worth £3.3 billion in the UK, more about that next year. Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year, see you in 2026.

Mill Farm, 7th December

Four guns met at the Arms and with Badger as chauffeur, we made our way in the rain to the shoot. After a bit of a queue to pay, we were rewarded with free turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce rolls, which the shoot was offering to all guns. There were some difficult stands, but nothing un-hittable, just very wet. Well done to Badger and Robbo for joint first place, Badger wins the cartridges for the most shots and joint highest actual 42/50 with Sturat.

Chalky Hill, 14th December

Five guns and a guest met at the Arms. It was nice to see former member, Soap, pay us a visit while he was in the area. The grass was a bit damp, so we had to push Badger's car again, due to lack of traction, this time into Chalky rather than out of Mill Farm. We shouldn't complain though as we are always grateful for the lift. The sun came out occasionally, but the wind was chilly as ever on the hillside. Duncan mixed things about as usual and it was a testing layout. Robbo brought out the Purdey for a bit of fifty-bird fun, so he played the joker and his scores were not included in the Sunday 25s. Badger hit a lovely pair of clays with Robbo's hundred plus years old side by side, then proceeded to miss some of the same with his own gun. Well done to Unick for the highest actual 42/50 and the cartridges. All finished off with pushing the Tesla out for Albert.



Mill Farm, with handicap

1st	Badger	52
1st	Robbo	52
3rd	Sturat	50
4th	Hunter	48

Chalky Hill with handicap

1st	Unick	56
2nd	Albert	53
3rd	Big Mac	51
4th	Spiced	49
5th	Badger	44
5th	Hunter	44
5th	Sturat	44



Petersfield, 21st December

Five guns met at the Arms, and all squeezed into Unicks new car and set off to Gunners Wood with Dynamite, the rose in the middle (Pikey on the way back). Being the last before Christmas, the shoot was not too busy. It transpires that this is the shoot on the market as a going concern. It appears that Alan and Sarah have had a taste of freedom over the summer. It was a testing layout with no-one shooting above their handicap except for Dynamite who won the cartridges. The highest actual was 38/50 by Pikey, well done both.



Christmas shoot, Popham, 28th December

The Christmas shoot was held at the Test Valley ground in Popham. Thanks to Big Mac we were given members rates again this year for the hundred bird layout. Twelve guns came out and shot as four squads. Both Capp and Smudger sent their apologies due to ill health, best wishes and a speedy recovery to both. The ground was not busy when we started, but it built up as the morning went on, we were (mostly) able to avoid the queues. This was a comparatively easy layout, and everyone shot well above their handicap, notably Brain Fart with a personal best 39/50 winning him the hamper. Pikey collected the cartridges for the highest actual 47/50, well done both. After the shoot we went to the White Hart in Stockbridge, narrowly missing the tractor run from Broughton to Romsey. Whilst we waited for our food with our complimentary drink, the usual Christmas raffle was held. The winner of Dynamites hamper raffle at the Arms was Unick. That raffle raised £325.00 to be donated to Prostate Cancer Research once it is topped up with the money raised from the Christmas shoot. Robbo put together a guess the number of cartridges in a jar, which was won by Badger. A vintage bottle of port was auctioned, going to Unick for the highest bid of £50.00, for which he outbid himself. The food arrived and it was a good spread. In total, including Dynamites hamper £605.00 was raised and Dynamite very generously rounded it up to £700.00 and donated it to Prostate Cancer Research.

Petersfield, with handicap

1st	Dynamite	51
2nd	Pikey	50
2nd	Robbo	50
4th	Hunter	48
5th	Unick	44

Popham, with handicap

1st	Brain Fart	62
2nd	Hunter	60
3rd	Pikey	58
3rd	Fries	58
5th	Spiced	57
6th	Robbo	56
6th	Big Mac	56
6th	Unick	56
6th	Albert	56
10th	Sturat	55
10th	Badger	55
12th	Dynamite	54

Thanks for your order, Russell AA



Thanks for your order, Russell. All the profits raised through the shop help fund lifesaving research into better ways to diagnose and treat prostate cancer, and support services for men and their families affected by the disease.

What you ordered:
Order number 350108.

Item Description	£ GBP
Product Name: Bobble hat Quantity: 1 Model: MER-BOBBLE	Price: £7.50 Total: £7.50
Product Name: Donation Quantity: 1 Model: PCUK_DON01	Price: £700.00 Total: £700.00



Events and Fixtures

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
04 January 2026	Hangmans Stone	Hangmans Stone Lane, Newbury	RG20 7EX	9:00 AM	£37.00	100
11 January 2026	Popham	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
18 January 2026	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£24.00	60
25 January 2026	Bisley Pay and Play	Long Siberia, 154 Queens Road, Surrey	GU24 9AU.	8:45 AM	£48.00	100

The Politics of Shooting in 2025

The year began with confirmation that firearms licensing fees would soar from February, with shotgun certificate renewals rising by 157% to £126 and Initial grant fees rising from £79.50 to £194.

In February the Government announced its intention to consult on applying stricter licensing controls to shotguns, proposing to treat them the same as Section 1 firearms. The move would require every shotgun owner to go through the same licensing process as rifle owners, fundamentally changing how half a million shotgun owners access shooting. The current 72-hour lending rule would end, cartridge purchases would be restricted with compulsory security requirements, and the minimum age for using shotguns would rise.

The Government announced that shot containing more than 1% lead will be banned. Legislation is due to be introduced by summer 2026, with a three-year transition period ending in 2029.

New firearms licensing rules came into force across England, Wales and Scotland on 5th August, requiring shotgun certificate applicants to provide two referees instead of one and disclose all convictions except parking violations. Police must now also speak to partners and household members of firearms applicants to identify signs of domestic abuse, a change the Home Office said was in direct response to concerns raised by the coroner after the Plymouth shootings in August 2021.

“However much ministers deny it, many people will see this as part of a wider anti-rural agenda,” said Tim Bonner, chief executive of the Countryside Alliance.