

ARCHERY Bath Archers competed successfully in the Somerset County Indoor Archery Championships at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre in Weston-super-Mare which featured 118 competitors from across the region and Wales, using a variety of bow types in a Portsmouth round. Bath members Paul Tuffus and GB athlete James Annall emerged as champions in the longbow and barebow sections, with Linda Stickings coming second in the longbow and Stuart Ohren third in the recurve. Mike Brown was fourth in the compound category and Dean Whitby 16th in recurve.

Steve Walker said: "The Portsmouth round is tough. The distance is only 20 yards, but the five dozen arrows are shot in groups of three rather than the usual six, so it's difficult to settle into a rhythm and the target face is small, so you need a steady hand and a sharp eye. Our team did brilliantly on the day. If anyone is interested in the sport, keep an eye on the courses page on the Bath Archers website, batharchers.org. Taster sessions and beginners' courses usually start in April. Next year's dates should be on the website soon."

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