

Loaders - Shotgun



At a glance...

Training (with Assessment)

Duration:	1 day
Delivery Method:	Classroom and practical assessment

Introduction

Hone your ability to handle a shotgun safely and responsibly with our dedicated one-day course.

Overview in brief

Shotgun field shooting is an enduring pastime – and business.

And the loading and assisting role is a vital part of a shoot's success.

Our course will help you to develop your skills in that role.

As you'd expect, safety issues are paramount every step of the way.

The finer details

You'll need to have previous knowledge and experience in shooting to be eligible for our course.

We encourage you to bring your own shotgun.

We'll guide you through the key health and safety issues, as well as expected standards of behaviour.

You'll learn about the weapon itself and receive training in general firearms legislation.

The safe loading and handling of both single and double guns will be covered.



There will also be sessions on gun and equipment maintenance and driven grouse shooting.



Course sessions:

- The role of the shooting loader
- Standards of behaviour and etiquette in the shooting field
- Quarry identification – status and context
- Shotgun knowledge (loader)
- Firearms legislation (loader)
- Shotgun and equipment maintenance (loader)
- Loading routines, safe handling and use: single gun
- Loading routines, safe handling and use: double guns
- Driven grouse shooting
- Health & safety: planning, application, and managing risk.

Worth noting: You won't need to bring ammunition. This will be provided by the shooting school or ground.

You'll be permitted to handle, strip and clean your own shotgun as directed by the instructor.

You'll need to supply a slip or cover for use on the ground.

What will be covered?

By the end of this course, you'll be able to:

- Understand the professional role of the shooting loader
- Appreciate the importance of appropriate standards of behaviour and etiquette in the shooting field
- Identify main quarry species
- Demonstrate knowledge of the sporting shotgun consistent with the role of the loader
- Understand firearms legislation of relevance to the loader
- Undertake shotgun cleaning and appropriate maintenance consistent with the role of the loader
- Demonstrate safe shotgun handling and loading routines consistent with the use of a single gun
- Demonstrate safe shotgun handling and loading routines consistent with the use of a pair of guns
- Appreciate the process of risk assessment relevant to formal driven shooting
- Demonstrate the management of risk by applying health and safety measures as a loader.

Other areas of interest

- Safe Use and Handling - Shotgun



- Shotgun Coaching



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