



# News Shots

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**This week in News Shots: Defra Avian Flu News, Team GB Success at World Championships, ICTSC News, Home Office and Police review firearm and shotgun costs, Something to watch.**

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## Defra announces GB wide Avian Flu Prevention Zone

Last we reported on the sudden rise in Avian flu cases in many parts of the country and the need to set up local prevention zones. It appears the situation has escalated and Defra have announced from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 that the whole of GB will be a prevention zone.

Below is the link to the Farming UK site and announcement from Defra:

[Defra announces GB-wide Avian Influenza Prevention Zone - FarmingUK News](#)

In addition, BASC has announced guidance for shoot organisers amidst concerns over the continuation of game shooting throughout the country. The link to their website and information is given below:

[Avian Influenza - The British Association for Shooting and Conservation \(basc.org.uk\)](http://basc.org.uk)

It is important for those engaging in game shooting whether, beater, gun, coach or organiser, to observe the rules as laid down on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

## Success for Team GB at the World Championships



It's been a terrific week of shooting for British athletes at the World Championships.

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October GB secured gold and a silver medal in the individual junior skeet events, with Sophie Herrmann making history as the first junior GB woman ever to become World Champion. Just a day later, the duo of Herrmann and Mitchell Brooker-Smith secured another gold for GB in Junior Mixed Team Skeet.

GB's Olympic Trap men's team are also World Champions after defeating Czech Republic in the final in Croatia. The team of Matt Coward-Holley, Nathan Hales and Aaron Heading shot phenomenally to secure a 6-2 win in the gold medal match.

The result comes just a day after Hales secured silver with compatriot Lucy Hall in the Mixed Team event and means the 26-year-old shooter comes away with a medal haul of two silvers and a gold, having earned Team GB's third quota place for shooting at Paris 2024.

Amber Hill has continued her incredible form in major competitions this year by securing two medals at the World Championships. The first, an individual silver in Women's Skeet, followed by a Mixed Team gold, making her and partner Ben Llewellyn World Champions in the event.

British Shooting's athletes have now won a total of three Olympic quota places between them after Lucy Hall secured silver in Women's Trap and Amber Hill won gold in Women's Skeet at the European Championships.

## ICTSC Home International Rota Announcement



After reviewing the current rota, and the effects of changes that had to be made during covid, it has been decided by the ICTSC Board to reset the Home International Rota with immediate effect to ensure a more balanced distribution between countries. A copy can be found by following the link below:

[ICTSC Home International Rota Announcement - CPSA](#)

## License Cost Review Underway

Gun Trade News reports that the long-awaited review of firearms and shotgun licenses and certificate costs is underway.

The Home Office and Police Service are essentially in agreement that the service should pay for itself. GTN is suggesting that costs may rise with a new firearms license rising from £88.00, (shotgun £79.50) to something more like £200.00. This is a potential increase of 150%.

It is hope, by the powers that oversee the service, that such a rise will help relieve the backlog in applications and renewals which they believe are a result of underfunding and made worse by Covid restrictions.

Nick Hunt, Head of Firearms Policy Unit at the Home Office told the GTA AGM "We are looking again at the level of fees charged for certificates. We last looked at then in 2014 and levels increased in 2015, so its overdue that we looked again".

The full article can be viewed at:

[Gun Trade News Issue 83 by GunTradeNews - Issuu](#)

We shall continue to update members as information comes to light.

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## Olympic Skeet Coaching Development Course



**POSTPONED**

**Olympic Skeet Coaching Course,  
At  
East Yorkshire Clay Target Centre  
on  
Thursday 27th October 2022.**

This workshop has had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. It is hoped to offer this workshop again in the Spring of 2023.

## Something to watch...

Perazzi workers, just a quick look inside the Perazzi factory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POheZMmKJRo>

Artist in Steel. John Farman. Engraver of Fine English Sporting Guns

<https://youtu.be/EOZcw2z9b4o>

## ICSI ONLINE SHOP

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