



NEWNHAM
PARK SHOOTING
GROUND

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NEWNHAM PARK SHOOTING GROUND STREAMLINES OPERATIONS

Newnham Park (UK) Ltd announced today that it will cease two of the four shooting activities offered at the Shooting Ground, Club and Competition, shifting its focus to growth in Coaching and Corporate operations.

With immediate effect, Newnham Park Shooting Ground in Plympton will no longer be open for practice by club members and visiting shooters. Neither will any further competitive events be hosted at the site, including CPSA registered competitions.

"The severity of the present economic climate forced me to reconsider the viability of the Shooting Ground, whose activities are primarily Club, Competition, Coaching and Corporate shooting.

"This was an extremely difficult decision and I deeply regret the impact it will have on my employees and the shooting community.

"By concentrating our resources on Coaching and Corporate - the growth areas of the current business - we will strengthen our position and service our customers," said Estate Owner and Manager David Cobbold.

Newnham Park Shooting Ground will continue to coach shooters in the clay disciplines and in game practice which, against the steep oak wooded valley and the advantage of a grouse butt, has been a popular business stream with both visiting game shots and local syndicate members since it was introduced in 2006. The coaching team, headed by Graham Laphorn, offers a wealth of experience teamed with knowledge of Devon's most famous driven shoots.

Similarly corporate events will continue at the Ground, in which Newnham Park has built a strong reputation for entertaining groups having pre-booked clay shooting for team-building or celebration.

"We have a 25-year history of clay shooting on the Newnham Estate, one I embarked upon with my late father, and I am thankful for the support of all my colleagues, the local community and customers. Providing your shooting has granted me and my family great pleasure," continues David.

All published competition and practice fixtures are cancelled with immediate effect. Customers booking coaching or corporate events may continue to do so via telephone on 01752 348066.

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NOTE TO EDITORS

- Newnham Park SG is located at the heart of the historic Newnham country estate, occupying 22 of the 1550 acres, which nestles between the city of Plymouth and the foothills of the Dartmoor National Park.
- The wooded valley in which is home to the Shooting Ground lends itself perfectly to clay shooting as a sheltered, still and stunningly beautiful setting. Moreover, this oak wood offers the most natural setting for English Sporting in all this country and the world.
- The Newnham estate is owned and managed by David Cobbold, inherited on his maternal side from the Strode family. The estate was in existence before the writing of the Domesday Book in 1086, and has been in the family for almost 900 years.
- In the 1980s, with agriculture becoming redundant, David and his late father decided upon a new direction for the estate and set about capturing the emerging market of corporate entertainment. In 1985 Newnham's clay shooting ground was born, named The Golden Clay Shoot, entertaining corporate groups initially and opening for open shooting soon afterwards with 30-target Sporting on Sundays.
- Newnham Park SG won the prestigious title of 'Best UK Shooting Ground' at the 2008 Shooting Industry Awards.
- Newnham Park SG was awarded the 'National Shooting Week Award' by trade publication 'Tackle & Guns' in 2008, in acknowledgement of effort in support of the future of shooting sports within the National Shooting Week initiative.

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