



The British Deer Society Training Department

Providing education and training for the humane management of British wild deer
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Application to attend The BDS Training and Mentoring Scheme

In partnership with The Crown Estate Windsor, the Society is able to offer opportunities for BDS Members who are holders of a Deer Stalking Certificate 1 to gain one-to-one practical experience in aspects of deer stalking. These will include where possible, an opportunity under direct supervision to stalk and shoot deer, gralloch and transport deer, and leave deer in coat in a condition fit to enter the human food chain.

For a fee of **£250.00** a participant will have two outings with a professional BDS training instructor who will guide them through all aspects of stalking and dealing with a carcass after the shot. Participants will be shown how to carry out specific procedures which they will be encouraged to attempt themselves. For those without their own rifles, one may be borrowed from the instructor under the terms of the section 16 Firearms (amendment) Act 1988. **The cost does not include accommodation, meals or travelling.**

To secure a place on the course full payment in advance is required. Once the booking is made, confirmation of the dates will be given and joining instructions forwarded.

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM (or mark as N/A)

Title:	First name:	Surname:
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Address:	
Postcode:	Date of Birth:

Tel No:	FAC Expiry Date:
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Mobile No:	FAC Issued by:
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Email:	Firearms Certificate No:
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BDS Membership No:	Calibre of candidate's rifle:
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Stalking Insurance Policy No:	Stalking Insurance Expiry Date:
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Name of Stalking Insurance Provider:

Where did you hear about BDS Training and Mentoring Scheme?

Do you wish to borrow a rifle? Yes: No: (Please tick)
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Please tick box which describes your stalking experience:

Nil 1-2 Yrs 2-5 Yrs 5-10 Yrs 10+ Yrs

Please indicate which preferred Month/Week you require?

Terms and Conditions

- The applicant will when booking, pay the full cost of attendance at the rate prevailing at that time
- Cancelled bookings will be subject to the following fees being paid: Cancellations between 30 -59 days prior to the start of the event will forfeit 50% of the fee and less than 30 days no refund will be given. In the case non-attendance (excepting unusual circumstances) no refund will be given. All event transfers will incur a £25.00 administration charge
- All activities conducted in Swinley Forest or on any part of The Crown Estate property used in connection with the scheme will be done under the close supervision of an appointed British Deer Society (BDS) instructor
- An applicant must produce for inspection to the scheme instructor, a valid Firearm Certificate (unless stalking under section 16 below), proof of third party liability insurance and proof of current BDS membership
- If an applicant's own rifle is used, it together with ammunition must be legal for the deer species stalked.
- If an applicant wishes to borrow a rifle from the instructor under the terms of section 16 of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988, they must be over the age of 17 and sign a section 21 declaration stating they are not a prohibited person from being in possession of a firearm.
- All applicants will be required to check zero their rifle at the commencement of the scheme to the satisfaction of the instructor.
- Failure to meet the zeroing requirement will preclude that person from shooting deer. Training may continue with any deer being shot by the instructor.
- All ammunition used by an applicant borrowing a rifle either for zeroing or deer shooting will be charged for at £1.50 per round payable to the instructor.
- The training scheme will entail one evening and one morning outing to be arranged between the applicant and instructor
- Any deer to be stalked and/or shot will be decided by the BDS trainer.
- Deer shot within Swinley Forest will remain the property of The Crown Estate and will be stored in the estate larder appropriately.
- Badly shot deer rendering the carcase in whole or in part un-saleable will be charged to the applicant at the prevailing market rate.
- The applicant will not associate any photograph or other documentation used in the public domain including postings on social media with deer stalking activity on the Crown Estate.

Joining Instructions - On receipt of the completed application form and payment we will issue joining instructions detailing your participation on the training event. This includes a location map and venue details.

I agree to abide by the terms and conditions set out above.

Signature:

Date

Full cost of attendance **£250.00** Please make cheques payable to:
The British Deer Society

Card No		Security No
Start Date	Expiry Date	Issue Date (if applicable)
Name as shown on card		

Email registrations to: education@bds.org.uk
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