

Romsey Shooting Club Policy on Age Restrictions

The law as it stands on December 2001

UNDER 14 YEARS OLD	
CAN:	Hold a Shotgun Certificate.
CANNOT:	Hold a Firearms Certificate.
CANNOT (Even if holding a shotgun Certificate):	Purchase or hire a shotgun until 17 years old. OR Receive a gift of a shotgun until 15 years old.
UNDER 15 YEARS OLD	
CAN:	Hold a Shotgun Certificate. AND Hold a Firearms Certificate.
CAN (If authorised by the relevant Certificate):	Receive a gift of a Section 1 firearm from the age of 14 years.
CANNOT (Even if holding the relevant Certificate):	Purchase or hire a Shotgun until 17 years old. Purchase or hire a Firearm until 17 years old. Receive a gift of a Shotgun until 15 years old. Have an assembled shotgun unless supervised by a shotgun certificate holder over 21 years old OR Have an uncovered/unsecured shotgun until 15 years old.
UNDER 17 YEARS OLD	
CAN:	Hold a shotgun certificate. AND Hold a firearms certificate.
CAN (if authorised by the relevant certificate):	Receive a gift of a shotgun from the age of 15 years. Receive a gift of a firearm from the age of 14 years. Possess a shotgun if covered and secured from the age of 15 years.
CANNOT (Even if the holder of a relevant certificate):	Purchase or hire shotguns until 17 years old. Purchase or hire firearms until 17 years old.

In addition to the above the following two extracts from the Firearms Act of 1968 are worthy of note.

Section 11 (5):

“A person may, without holding a shotgun certificate, borrow a shotgun from the occupier of private premises and use it on these premises in the occupiers presence”.

Section 11 (6):

“A person may, without holding a shotgun certificate, use a shotgun at a time and place approved for shooting at artificial targets by the Chief Officer of Police for the area in which that place is situated”.

For us in the Romsey Shooting Club this means that you must not lend a shotgun or firearm to an uncertified person when shooting at Manor Farm.

At ‘Shield’ this is permitted, providing they are under certified supervision.