

From: Quinn, David [redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2021 14:51
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Gardners Guns, Eskdalemuir Range [OFFICIAL]

Hi [redacted]

Sounds sensible given the public concern re this one

I will get [redacted] to contact them and save you a job

Thanks

David

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2021 14:50
To: Quinn, David [redacted]
Subject: RE: Gardners Guns, Eskdalemuir Range [OFFICIAL]

Hi David

Thanks for this, and thanks to [redacted] for persevering with this!

Based on what's set out below I don't have any objections. I've checked on our system and all SG has in writing from Gardner's Guns is their original change of secretary request from Feb 2020. To keep things tidy I'd suggest the club should write to me again (at firearms.enquiries@gov.scot) setting out their variation requirements at this point. They've already paid so there would be no fee. I can then resubmit this to police, to get the usual change of secretary enquiry report back.

I don't mean to recreate any work that's already been done, but I think it's important we have a clear audit trail for this one!

Does that sound ok to you? I'm happy to contact Mr Gardner myself, or leave it to yourself/[redacted].

Kind regards

[redacted]
Firearms Policy
Safer Communities Division
Scottish Government

I am currently working from home, emailing [redacted] or firearms.enquiries@gov.scot is the best way to contact me in the first instance.

From: Quinn, David [redacted]
Sent: 06 July 2021 14:52
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Gardners Guns, Eskdalemuir Range [OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

Good Afternoon [redacted]

Please see below re Gardner's Guns, Eskdalemuir. They have satisfied us regarding range safety and as anticipated, are using the SG approval to create a separate entity in Scotland.

If you are content with that, the change of Secretary can be progressed.

Thanks

David

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 06 July 2021 14:29
To: Quinn, David [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Gardners Guns, Eskdalemuir Range [OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Sir,

As discussed:

- I now have safety certificates for Ranges 1 and 4 at Clerkhill, Eskdalemuir.
- They have sufficient Insurance cover in place (£10 million)
- They already have Scottish Government approval (17/07/2017 to 16/07/2023 ref' DDG 5/5 DG4)
- They have an existing SHOGUN record – CID49
- They have provided also provided Gardners Guns Eskdalemuir Club constitution, membership list, Range SOP's, Training Area maps, copies of booking form and risk assessments.
- No weapons will be stored at the facility.
- This club will run separately and in addition to their English club (certificated by Cumbria under Home Office approval)).
- To avoid confusion with the English Club the club name in Scotland will be amended to Gardners Guns Eskdalemuir,
- In order to formalise this they wish to continue with their request, that was previously submitted to Scottish Government, to change the secretary to [redacted].

As such they have satisfied the safety requirements we requested in relation to 2 of the ranges under consideration and there are no Police safety objections to these facilities being used.

The ranges are still under planning consideration, which will mean that they can utilise the 28 day rule to use each range for a 28 day period out of 12 months while the planning is being considered.

Could you confirm these arrangements and confirmation of secretary change and name amendment to [redacted] at Scottish Government.

Regards

[redacted]

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Police Scotland Firearms Licensing currently has a Customer User Satisfaction Survey, we would ask that you take 5 minutes to complete the survey using the link below.

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 July 2021 14:17

To: [redacted]; Firearms Licensing Glasgow
<firearmslicensingglasgow@scotland.pnn.police.uk>

Cc: Firearms Enquiries <firearms.enquiries@gov.scot>; Quinn, David [redacted]

Subject: RE: Gardners Guns [OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

[redacted] I already have a rake of documents from Gardners Guns, which I'm reviewing, including their membership list.

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 July 2021 14:14

To: [redacted]; Firearms Licensing Glasgow <firearmslicensingglasgow@scotland.pnn.police.uk>

Cc: firearms.enquiries@assured.systems.gov.scot; Quinn, David [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: FW: Gardners Guns

Hi [redacted] / Glasgow firearms licensing

Gardners Guns have applied to change the secretary on their club approval, as well as changing their club name to distinguish it from their separate Home Office approval. This relates to a previous variation request they made back in Feb 2020, but I am resubmitting it now just to avoid any confusion. I would be grateful if police could complete a variation enquiry report and return it to me as usual.

CI David Quinn and [redacted] have been dealing with this one so copying them in for awareness.

Kind regards

[redacted]
Firearms Policy
Safer Communities Division
Scottish Government

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From: MARCgardner [redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2021 16:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Gardners Guns

Hello [redacted]

I can confirm the following details in regards to the newly established gun club in Scotland:

Club name: Gardners Guns Eskdalemuir
Secretary: [redacted] No SGC or FAC

Please let me know if you need anything else,

Best Regards,

Marc Gardner
Managing Director
Gardners Guns Ltd
Purdoms Crook
Sandysike
Longtown
Carlisle
CA65ST
[redacted]
www.gardnersguns.co.uk

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From: Quinn, David [redacted]
Sent: 31 August 2021 13:15
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Eskdalemuir [OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi [redacted]

[redacted]
Will get the enquiry report to you as soon as we can

Thanks

David

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 August 2021 11:55
To: Quinn, David [redacted]
Subject: RE: Eskdalemuir [OFFICIAL]

Hi David

Thanks for this, much appreciated. All sounds good and I can get the Gardner's Scottish approval updated and reissued once we have the enquiry report for the new secretary.

[redacted]

Kind regards

[redacted]
Firearms Policy

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Scottish Government

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From: Quinn, David [redacted]

Sent: 30 August 2021 14:56

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Eskdalemuir [OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi [redacted]

I have spoken to [redacted] who is just back from leave and he provides the attached email from Marc Gardner re change of secretary just in case you didn't receive it.

I have had the appropriate enquiry form generated and will get it to you as soon as the checks are done.

[redacted]

Thanks

David

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 23 August 2021 12:51

To: Quinn, David [redacted]

Subject: Eskdalemuir

Hi David

[redacted]

I'm also conscious that I'm still waiting on [redacted] writeup of the club change of secretary request. As it stands Gardners still hold an SG approval, although that's arguably invalid as the details are out of date and a duplicate of their HO approval.

Kind regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 10 September 2021 13:34
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Gardners Guns [OFFICIAL: POLICE AND PARTNERS]

OFFICIAL: POLICE AND PARTNERS

Good afternoon [redacted],

Please find attached the renewal enquiry report for Gardners Guns.

Kind regards,

[redacted] Firearms Licensing Co-Ordinator - West Command
Police Scotland
Clyde Gateway
2 French Street
Dalmarnock
Glasgow
G40 4EH

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APPROVED CLUB ENQUIRY REPORT

This form must be completed in line with relevant PSoS Guidance document.
Forms 090-004D and 090-004F available for supplementary information.

1. ENQUIRY DETAILS

1. ENQUIRY TYPE		DCU	VA	Return Date	01/10/2021
1.1 Name of Club	Gardners Guns (Eskdalemuir)		CID Number	49	
Address of Club and postcode	Hart Manor, Eskdalemuir, Langholm, DG13 0QQ				
1.2 Existing Rifle or Muzzle-Loading Pistol Approved Club Refers only to Full-Bore Rifle, Small-Bore Rifle, and/or Muzzle-Loading Pistol				YES	
GRANT		SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY RENEWAL		ANNUAL INSPECTION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Scottish Government Approval Number?	DDG 5/5 DG4		Expiry Date	16/07/2023	
Ensure 'PRINT DETAIL SHEET' from SHOGUN accompanies FLER on all occasion where Rifle or Muzzle-Loading Pistol Club is involved					
1.3 Existing Air Weapon Approved Club?				NO	
GRANT		RENEWAL		ANNUAL INSPECTION	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air Weapon Club Certificate Number?			Expiry Date	Click here to enter a date.	
Fee required for Air Weapon Approved Club Grant or Renewal Only					
	Date Received	Fee Paid (£)	Method of Payment	Receipt No.	
CLUB FEE	Click here to enter a date.		Choose an item.		

2. POINTS OF ENQUIRY

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2.1 Enquiry Review (to be completed as applicable)	
Processing Centre Comment	

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Divisional Admin Additional Comment	
Enquiry Officer Additional Comment	
2.2 Supplementary Forms (State Number of additional forms attached if applicable)	Form 090-004D – Additional Location of Possessed Weapons <input type="checkbox"/>
	Form 090-004F – Supplementary Information <input type="checkbox"/>

3. ANNUAL INSPECTION ONLY

3. ANNUAL REVIEW		Date of Inspection		Click here to enter a date.		
3.1 Club Approval Criteria (Criteria Approval to be assessed available at sections 7 and 8 if required)						
Does the club continue to satisfy all approval criteria?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has the club register been checked and all appears in order?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has the club changed its Principal Officers since last visit? If any changes, update section 4 accordingly.			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the club looking to change its club firearm certificate holder? (Rifle and Muzzle Loading Club only) If any changes, update section 4 accordingly.			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has the club been provided permission to shoot on ranges not already detailed on SHOGUN? If any changes, update section 6 accordingly.			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has there been any changes made to the club since last visit? Police must be informed if the club wishes to use an alternative or additional range regularly (this does not apply to regular competitions between approved clubs). Changes of club secretary or club title or premises must also be notified.			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information	Club was and still is Home Office approved by Cumbria Constabulary Firearms but at same time held Scottish Government approval. Some of the ranges in use are within Scotland (Eskdalemuir). Following lengthy discussion and meetings the decision has been made to split the club, Gardners Guns in Longtown retain Cumbria Constabulary certification and Gardners Guns (Eskdalemuir) to take up existing Scottish Certification, with change of secretary, now residing in [redacted].					

3.2 Annual Review						
Has the Club come to Police attention since last visit?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any issues identified with Club Certificate holder?			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Any issues identified with any full or probationary member?			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Any member not shot in the last 12 months?			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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If yes, detail fully	Club is currently in dispute with local Community Council and Same Ye Ling Tibetan Monastery in relation to noise from ranges. A long running Planning Permission saga is ongoing with Dumfries and Galloway Council. All are well documented and have been reviewed with NFEL and Scottish Government. The noise complaints are a matter for the local Council to review rather than Police.
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3.3 SECURITY				
Has security changed since last inspection? If any changes, update section 5 accordingly.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are the details of the firearms and ammunition held by the Rifle or Muzzle-Loading Pistol Approved Club recorded correctly on SHOGUN and club certificate? if no, detail enquiry below	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gardners Guns (Longtown) has certificate with Cumbria, Club Certificate Number 03/C/000801/2013. Gardners Guns (Eskdalemuir) is in the process of applying for a certificate (Marc Gardner is making the application in his name). They do not store any weapons or ammunition at Langholm and all club weapons are shared with and stored at Gardners Guns (Longtown).				
UNLESS UPDATING FURTHER SECTIONS DUE TO NEW INFORMATION RECEIVED, GO TO SECTION 9				

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICER CHECK

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICER CHECK (Principal officer details MUST be provided in respect of the Secretary and Club Liaison Officer for every grant and renewal only)

Letters of approval are issued in the name of the club and state the club secretary's and, from 1 January 2015, another designated responsible officer's name and address. Therefore, 2 separate individuals must be identified to Police in the case of Rifle or Muzzle-Loading Pistol Approved Club. It is good practise that Air Weapons Clubs provide similar to Police.

4.1 Principal Officer Name	Marc Gardner		SHOGUN PID No. if applicable	N/A					
Occupation	RFD		DOB	[redacted]					
Address and Postcode	[redacted]								
Work Tel	[redacted]		Mobile Tel	[redacted]					
Email			Place of Birth	[redacted]					
Club Position	Secretary?			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Police Liaison?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Club Firearm Cert. Holder?	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHS No			PNC ID						
Type of Check	Complete		Type of Check	Complete					
PNC/CHS	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intelligence	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
VPD	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STORM	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

OFFICIAL: POLICE AND PARTNERS

Is the Principal Officer a prohibited person?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Identify All Issues of Note (Ensure all ALL domestic incidents are provided, whether a suspect, accused or victim. Firearms Licensing Manager to review)				

2 nd Principal Officer required on ALL Occasions							
4.2 Principal Officer Name	[redacted]			SHOGUN PID No. if applicable	N/A		
Occupation	[redacted]			DOB	[redacted]		
Address and Postcode	[redacted]						
Home Tel				Mobile Tel	[redacted]		
Email	[redacted]			Place of Birth	[redacted]		
Club Position	Secretary?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Police Liaison?			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Club Firearm Cert. Holder?	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CHS No					PNC ID				
Type of Check	Complete				Type of Check	Complete			
PNC/CHS	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intelligence	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
VPD	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	STORM	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the Principal Officer a prohibited person?					Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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ONLY COMPLETE WHERE EXISTING RIFLE OR MUZZLE-LOADING PISTOL APPROVED CLUB FIREARM CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS DIFFERENT TO PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ABOVE

4.3 Certificate Holder Name					SHOGUN PID No. if applicable				
Occupation					DOB	Click here to enter a date.			
Address and Postcode									
Home Tel					Mobile Tel				
Email					Place of Birth				
CHS No					PNC ID				
Type of Check	Complete				Type of Check	Complete			
PNC/CHS	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intelligence	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
VPD	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	STORM	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the club firearm certificate holder a prohibited person?					Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Identify All Issues of Note (Ensure all **ALL** domestic incidents are provided, whether a suspect, accused or victim. Firearms Licensing Manager to review)

5. SECURITY

5. SECURITY further guidance can be found here			
5.1 Does the Club Store Weapons and ammunition? (If no, move to Section 7)			NO
Date security check carried out			Click here to enter a date.
5.2 How many weapons are stored by the Club?			
5.3 Security Standard (Mark each Standard that is applicable)			
Weapon Security	Ammunition Security	Nature of Room	Location
Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Note Additional Security			
Weapon Storage Capacity (Specific number to be noted, if unknown, provide reason why unknown)		Alarm Fitted?	Choose an item.
5.4 Detail any concerns around the wider security?			
5.45 Is security shared between a Rifle or Muzzle-Loading Pistol Approved Club and Air Weapon Approved Club?			Choose an item.
Where security is shared, detail the security arrangements to ensure that members only have access to weapons they are legally allowed to possess?			
5.4 ADDITIONAL LOCATION? (Form 090-004D for each additional location of possessed weapons)			Choose an item.

6. RANGES

6.1 Detail all ranges which the club has approval to use?	
Name and Address of Range Clubs must show that ranges used by them are approved for safety, have in place adequate financial arrangements to meet any injury or damage claims and allow the shooting discipline used within the club onsite	Confirmed suitable?

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Range Firing Area 1, Hart Manor, Eskdalemuir, Langholm,	Postcode	YES
	DG13 0QQ	
Range Firing Area 4, Hart Manor, Eskdalemuir, Langholm	Postcode	YES
	DG13 0QQ	
	Postcode	Choose an item.
	Postcode	Choose an item.
	Postcode	Choose an item.

6.2 Detail any concerns concerning ranges provided as used by the club

Numerous complaints have been made in relation to noise from the local Community Council and a 'change org' petition is in place from Same Ye Ling to have the range closed. A safety concern in relation to lack of signage has recently been received in relation to Range Firing Area 4 and is currently under active investigation with range visits planned for the next range day (25/09/2021). The club principles have engaged positively in regards to this and are actively reviewing signage and flags

7. RIFLE OR MUZZLE-LOADING PISTOL APPROVED CLUB CRITERIA

7 RIFLE OR MUZZLE-LOADING PISTOL APPROVED CLUB CRITERIA CONSIDERATION

For Guidance:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/533572/Clubs_Criteria_Leaflet_-_Final_.pdf

7.1 Is the club is a genuine Rifle or Muzzle-Loading Pistol Approved Club with a written constitution?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Are the principle officers of the club responsible people who can be entrusted with the proper administration of the club?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Are club members of good character?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
At time of application, does the club have at least 10 members?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club appointed a liaison officer with the police, and are you content that this person will provide the police with such information as required to ensure that the activities of the club and its members are conducted properly and safely and give no cause for concern?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club ensure that an attendance register, including the date of each visit and details of the firearms used (calibre, type and serial	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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number), is made available to all members and visiting shooters and is checked by club staff at regular intervals for accuracy?				
Relevant information				
Has the club a process to ensure that every member who holds a firearm certificate declares to the secretary whether or not the club is to be regarded as his or her primary club, and if so, for which class (es) of firearm it has been nominated?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process which will notify police of all members who have nominated it as their primary club for one or more classes of firearm or air weapon? (Notification being made to the police force, which issued the individuals certificate.)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process where, having been advised by a member that another approved club has been nominated as the members' primary club, will check that this is the case?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process where they inform police if any primary club member ceases to be a member for whatever reason? (Notification being made to the police force that issued the individuals' certificate.)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process where they inform police if any primary club member who has nominated the club as their primary club for a particular class of firearm, or air weapon as appropriate, has not shot with the club for a period of 12 months? (Notification being made to the force which issued the individuals firearm certificate)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process where they inform police of any application for membership giving the applicants name, address and DOB and the outcome of the application?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process where they inform police of any individual ceases to be a member of the club?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process/policy where the club will NOT GRANT a full or probationary membership unless the applicant has informed the club of whether or not they have ever had an application for a firearm, air weapon or shotgun certificate refused by the police or had a certificate revoked?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the Club make provision for members, prospective members and guests to sign a declaration that they are not prohibited from possessing an air weapon by virtue of section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club have use of, on a reasonably frequent basis, ranges with safety certificates for the categories of firearm in respect of which	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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approval is being sought or possessed, and with adequate financial arrangements in place to meet any injury or damage claim?				
Relevant information				
Is the security arrangements for the storage and transportation of club firearms, air weapons and/or firearms ammunition satisfactory?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
If using shared premises in terms of Rifle or Muzzle-Loading Pistol Approved Club and Air Weapon Approved Club, are there suitable and robust arrangements in place to ensure that members only have access to weapons they are legally allowed to possess?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Is it confirmed that the club does not run a temporary membership scheme?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Is it confirmed that the club does not have more than 12 guest days per year? (Guest members will be either members of recognised outside organisations or people who are known personally to at least one full member of the club.)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Are Club guests supervised on a one-to-one basis at all times when handling weapons and firearms ammunition by a full club member or someone who is a coach with a qualified recognised UK or National Sports Council?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process/policy where the Club Secretary/Police Liaison Officer will notify each guest day to the Firearms Licensing Unit 48 hours in advance of the guest day taking place?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Must all applications for membership be sponsored by at least 1 full club member?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club ensure that before becoming a full member, individuals will serve a probationary period of at least 3 months, during which time they will be expected to attend and shoot regularly?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club ensure that before becoming a full member, the probationary member will be given a course in the safe handling and use of firearms/air weapons on a one-to-one basis by someone who is either a full member of the club or who is a coach with a qualification?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club ensure that until a probationary member has satisfactorily completed a course in the safe handling and use of firearms, they will be supervised at all times when in possession of a firearm and ammunition or an air weapon by a range officer, a full member or someone who is a coach with recognised qualification?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Relevant information				
Does the club ensure that probationary periods are only waived at the club's discretion for someone who is already a full member of another approved club for the same type of firearm?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does that the club have more full members than probationary members?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club have in place adequate financial arrangements, such as insurance cover, to meet any injury or damage claims arising out of the activities of the club?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Is there anything that would make the club unsuitable for approval?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information	The current issues in relation to noise are well documented and an issue for the local Council to address rather than Police.			
ENSURE AN UPDATED MEMBERSHIP LIST IS PROVIDED BY THE CLUB PRIOR TO REPORT SUBMISSION.				

8. AIR WEAPON APPROVED CLUB CRITERIA

8. AIR WEAPON APPROVED CLUB CRITERIA CONSIDERATION				
8.1 Is the club a genuine air weapon target shooting club with a written constitution?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Are the principle officers of the club responsible people who can be entrusted with the proper administration of the club?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club appointed a liaison officer with the police, and are you content that this person will provide the police with such information as required to ensure that the activities of the club and its members are conducted properly and safely and give no cause for concern?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club have regular use of ranges, whether indoor or outdoor, where shooting can be carried out safely and securely?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Are the security arrangements for the storage of club air weapons are considered satisfactory?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
If using shared premises in terms of Rifle or Muzzle-Loading Pistol Approved Club and Air Weapon Approved Club, are there suitable and robust arrangements in place to ensure that members only have access to weapons they are legally allowed to possess?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				

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Does the club have in place adequate financial arrangements, such as insurance cover, to meet any injury or damage claims arising out of the activities of the club?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club have, at least 5 members at the time of application and at all times whilst approved unless, exceptionally, the Chief Constable has determined that there are special circumstances which justify a lesser number?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club maintain a register of attendance register, including the date of each visit, of all members and visiting shooters, together with the competitions, if any, in which they took part?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the Club make provision for members, prospective members and guests to sign a declaration that they are not prohibited from possessing an air weapon by virtue of section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Are Club guests supervised on a one-to-one basis at all times when handling air weapons by a full club member or someone who is a coach with a qualified recognised UK or National Sports Council?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process to ensure that every member who holds an air weapon certificate declares to the secretary whether or not the club is to be regarded as his or her primary club?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process which will notify police of all members who have nominated it as their primary club for one or more classes of firearm or air weapon?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process where, having been advised by a member that another approved club has been nominated as the members' primary club, will check that this is the case?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process where they inform police if any club member ceases to be a member for whatever reason?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process where they inform police if any primary club member who has nominated the club as their primary club for an air weapon certificate has not shot with the club for a period of 12 months?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process where they inform police of any application for membership giving the applicants name, address and DOB and the outcome of the application?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				

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Has the club a process/policy where the club will NOT GRANT a full or probationary membership unless the applicant has informed the club of whether or not they have ever had an application for a firearm, air weapon or shotgun certificate refused by the police or had a certificate revoked?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Is the security arrangements for the storage and transportation of club, air weapons satisfactory?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Is it confirmed that the club does not run a temporary membership scheme?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Is it confirmed that the club does not have more than 12 guest days per year? (Guest members will be either members of recognised outside organisations or people who are known personally to at least one full member of the club.)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Has the club a process/policy where the Club Secretary/Police Liaison Officer will notify each guest day to the Firearms Licensing Unit 48 hours in advance of the guest day taking place?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Must all applications for membership be sponsored by at least 1 full club member?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club ensure that before becoming a full member, individuals will serve a probationary period of at least 3 months, during which time they will be expected to attend and shoot regularly?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club ensure that before becoming a full member, the probationary member will be given a course in the safe handling and use of air weapons on a one-to-one basis by someone who is either a full member of the club or who is a coach with a qualification?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club ensure that until a probationary member has satisfactorily completed a course in the safe handling and use of air weapons, they will be supervised at all times when in possession of an air weapon by a range officer, a full member or someone who is a coach with recognised qualification?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does the club ensure that probationary periods are only waived at the club's discretion for someone who is already a full member of another approved air weapon club?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
Does that the club have more full members than probationary members?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				

Is there anything that would make the club unsuitable for approval?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant information				
ENSURE AN UPDATED MEMBERSHIP LIST IS PROVIDED BY THE CLUB PRIOR TO REPORT SUBMISSION.				

9. OBSERVATIONS OF ENQUIRY OFFICER

9 OBSERVATIONS OF ENQUIRY OFFICER	
9.1 RIFLE OR MUZZLE-LOADING PISTOL APPROVED CLUB CONSIDERATION Section 15 Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988	
• Does the Club meet the Criteria for Scottish Government Approval?	YES
• Are you satisfied that in all circumstances, the Club can be permitted to operate without danger to the public safety or to the peace?	YES
• Have all relevant enquiries been undertaken into the suitability of the application?	YES
If No to any of the above, state reason	
9.2 AIR WEAPON APPROVED CLUB CONSIDERATION Section 18 Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015	
• Does the Club meet the Criteria for Chief Constable Approval?	Choose an item.
• Are you satisfied that that in all circumstances, the Club can be permitted to operate without danger to the public safety or to the peace?	Choose an item.
• All relevant enquiries been undertaken into the suitability of the application?	Choose an item.
If No to any of the above, state reason	
9.3 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS	
• Do you consider that the applicant was helpful and co-operative during enquiry?	YES
• Does the applicant show a reasonable knowledge of firearms law and a level of knowledge in regards firearms safety / responsibilities required by a principal club officer?	YES
If No to any of the above, state reason	
Did you identify anything which tended to show that the club was unsafe or unsuitable?	NO
If Yes, state reason <i>There is one safety concern currently being investigated and the club are fully engaging to review signage as a result</i>	
Has a copy of the Club's Constitution been provided?	YES

Any other relevant information?		NO	
If Yes, state fully This application is being completed post Scottish Government approval to ensure that all relevant paperwork is in place.			
ENQUIRY OFFICER			
Name	[redacted]	PSI	1590801
		Date	08/09/2021

10. OBSERVATIONS OF DIVISIONAL FIREARMS SPOC

10. OBSERVATIONS OF DIVISIONAL FIREARMS SPOC			
10.1 Are you satisfied that the club meets the Criteria for Scottish Government Approval as a Rifle Or Muzzle-Loading Pistol Approved Club and can be permitted to operate without danger to the public safety or to the peace?		YES	
If No, state reason			
10.2 Are you satisfied that the club meets the Criteria for Chief Constable Approval as an Air Weapon Approved Club and can be permitted to operate without danger to the public safety or to the peace?		Choose an item.	
If No, state reason			
10.3 Any other relevant information?		YES	
If Yes, state fully The club have provided independent safety inspection reports/certificates in respect to the ranges in use and have adequate insurance provision in place. The club are currently in dispute with the local Community Council and Same Ye Ling Monastery in relation to noise complaints, however this is an issue for the local Council to answer.			
10.4 In terms of this application, is it supported?		INSPECTION ONLY	
Name	[redacted]	PSI	1590801
Rank	SERGEANT	Date	08/09/2021
IN ALL CASES, REPORT TO BE RETURNED TO NFEL INSPECTOR FOR FINAL REVIEW			

11. NATIONAL FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVE LICENSING INSPECTOR

11. DETERMINATION NATIONAL FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVE LICENSING	
11.1 HAVING REGARD TO ALL CIRCUMSTANCES THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE;	SUPPORTED
Provide reason for rationale in line with legislation	
This relates to a change in secretary – the approval is already issued and there are no concerns identified in relation to the proposed new secretary.	

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Name	David Quinn	PSI	1650001
Rank	Chief Inspector	Date	09/09/2020
COMPLETED FORM TO BE RETURNED TO NFEL CO-ORDINATOR			



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Our ref: DDG 5/5 DG5
20 October 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

APPROVAL OF RIFLE AND MUZZLE-LOADING PISTOL CLUBS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1988 (AS SUBSTITUTED)

The Scottish Ministers hereby approve the club named below under Section 15(1) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988¹.

Name of Club: Gardners Guns Eskdalemuir

Name and address of Club Secretary: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

This approval is for the following classes of firearms: Full-bore rifles, Small-bore rifles, Muzzle-loading pistols

You must notify the Scottish Government and the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland of any of the following changes in circumstances:

1. if the club loses its range(s), or intends to use an alternative or additional range;
2. if there is a change of club secretary; or
3. if the club wishes to change its name.

¹ 1988 c.45; section 15 was substituted by the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997 (c.5), section 45(1). The functions of the Secretary of State under section 15 are exercisable in or as regards Scotland by the Scottish Ministers by virtue of the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/1750).

The club must at all times comply with the criteria listed in the Home Office leaflet 'Approval of Rifle and Muzzle-Loading Pistol Clubs', which is available online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/firearms>.

**This approval is valid for a period of six years unless revoked or cancelled.
This approval expires after 23:59 hours on 17 July 2023.**

Yours faithfully

