

**The 25th FITASC Home International hosted by England
Held at West Midland Shooting Ground, Hodnet
Saturday 4th October 2025**

The course was the usual 100 targets set over four hybrid layouts by Owain Jones. Some of the targets were technical, some distant, above and below the shooter, certainly varied with full use of the well know Hodnet topography.

When the targets were viewed by Captains and Managers, the England Captain Billy Baughan this will probably be won with an 86. Few straights were expected and as predicted there were none on the day of competition.

The England Team approached the tournament with unrivalled team spirit and comradery; they supported each other throughout the build-up and on the day. All the graft and hard work throughout the team qualification process had been worth it. Congratulations to all the New Caps John Newman, Harry Jude and Benjamin Rivers.

Despite Storm Amy making her presence felt with some strong winds, we saw excellent shooting and great determination from all competitors.

Our Senior Team placed First with a totalling score of 486 were Billy Baughan 86, Phil Gray 84, Roy Cherry 81, Guy Franklin 80, John Newman 79 and Josh Brown 76. The Runners Up Team was Wales with 467.

England won the Ladies Team Trophy, Emma Stacey 70 and Becky Clifton 62. Runner Up were Scotland. Janine White of Wales was Ladies High Gun 73. Emma was Ladies Runner Up.

The Veteran Team Micky Rouse 78 and Andy Clifton 71 were Runners Up to the Scotland Team Gary Meikle 79 and Stuart Elder 77. Gary Meikle was Veteran High Gun and Mickey Rouse was Runner Up.

England won the Super Veterans, Christopher Chip Smith 81 and Glenn Hunt 80 were dominant, Chip was Super Vets High Gun and Glenn was Runner Up. Team Runners Up were Wales.

England won the Juniors, Harry Jude 81 and Ben Rivers 80 had a good day, also taking Junior High Gun and Runner Up. The Scotland Team Runners Up.

Harry Jude was New Cap High Gun of the tournament pushed all the way by Junior Team mate Ben Rivers only one behind. The England New Caps were the top three.

High Gun of the Match was England Captain Billy Baughan 86, also taking the Captains High Gun and England High Gun Trophies. Overall Runner Up of the Match was Phil Gray 84.

The Pete Dennett Trophy for England High Gun on Layout 3 was another Trophy in the collection for Billy Baughan with a score of 22 although Glenn Hunt and John Newman were close behind with 21's.

England were Overall Winning Country

The overall feeling by the shooters from all the Nations was that it was an enjoyable, tough set of targets, the wind of Storm Amy was always going to affect the odd target. The day ran smoothly and to schedule.

A huge Thank You to Owain Jones all the Staff and Referees at West Midland Shooting Ground. The 2025 Home International concluded with a fantastic banquet and prize giving at The Hawkstone Park Hotel. After all the pressure of shooting for your country had finished, we could all unwind and enjoy the moment.

My very special thanks must go to The Captain of Team England Billy Baughan who led by example and was amazing throughout.

Thanks also to The CPSA Director Miles Machin and Staff Ian Parker, Clare Alger and Gary Cooper for all their work behind the scenes at the Ground and Banquet.

We are all looking forward to 2026 when it will be Scotland's turn to host this fantastic event at Bisley Braidwood - keep your eyes open for the qualification shoots.

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