



Villa Ladies are shown how the guns work and, right, try shooting them



Villa ladies are real crackshots

Footballers and coaches learn the ropes at Lea Marston Shooting Club

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ASTON Villa Ladies were calling the shots last weekend with a pre-season trip to Lea Marston Shooting Club.

Fifteen Villa ladies, including first team players and coaches, were split into three teams, with each team assigned a specialist coach from the shooting club. Lord Mayor of Bir-

mingham, Councillor Yvonne Mosquito, also attended and met the Villa ladies and Lea Marston Shooting Club staff.

Councillor Mosquito presented prizes of gold, silver, and bronze medals to the three highest scorers in the individual teams, and a high gun prize to the overall highest scorer.

Aston Villa Ladies club captain Kerri Walsh said: "It was a great day,

from start to finish and extremely well organised.

"Staff at Lea Marston Shooting were brilliant, especially considering a lot of us had never done anything like that before!

"I would like to thank them all on behalf of all of the staff and players at the club for their efforts in organising such a great day. The activity was a great way to get some team bonding. We don't get the opportunity to

get together as a group away from football too often and it bought out the competitive side of a few players we hadn't seen before!

"In all seriousness it was great for us to spend the day doing something other than football and it has certainly brought us together as a group. I am sure it will only contribute in a positive way for us leading up to competitive fixtures. We are all set and looking forward to the open-

ing game of the season." CPSA Coach Paul Dancer said: "Putting a team of competitive ladies together produces pressure to achieve as many hits as possible.

"Their hand-eye coordination is exceptional due to being athletes."

Aston Villa Ladies FC are in the Women's Super League and will play their first match of the season against Sheffield United Women on Saturday.



Birmingham Lord Mayor Councillor Yvonne Mosquito paid a visit as the players had a fun time

