

# 3 DAY REGISTERED FIREARMS DEALER

## Introduction

This introductory course is designed to familiarise Registered Firearms Dealers (RFDs) with current legal and professional responsibilities and best practice.

The course will appeal, equally, to new RFD applicants, recently approved RFD's and to established RFD's wishing to maintain standards.

## Agenda

- Health and safety
- Firearms Acts
- Proof Acts
- Barrel inspection and gauging
- Air gun laws
- Air gun testing
- Proof marks
- Firearms safety and handling
- Mechanical safety
- Applied safety
- Trigger pulls
- Use of gauges
- Deactivated firearms
- Antique firearms
- Ammunition types
- Firearms classification
- Registers
- Insurance

## Prerequisite

The student will be expected to have basic knowledge of safe firearms handling.

## Course Instructors

The principal course instructors at Helston Forensics have in excess of 100 years of professional experience between them, that experience is current and covers all types of firearms: sporting, law-enforcement and military.

## Helston Forensics

Is the preeminent privately operated technical firearms training provider in the UK with unparalleled facilities at its premises in Cornwall.

## Notes

1. The course duration will be 09:00-17:30 finishing at 16:00 on the third day.
2. Refreshments and lunch to be provided.
3. Assistance with hotel bookings will be available from our office staff.
4. This is a CPD-related course. This can contribute to your Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and will be evidenced through multiple-choice summative assessment and the award of a course completion certificate.



Chamber length is usually marked on the barrel, make sure your customer is using the correct cartridge to fit his gun, he looks to you for sound advice



Understanding choke sizes, how to measure them to give the customer an indication of what patterns to expect, it's not just a matter of putting a gauge in the muzzle as shown



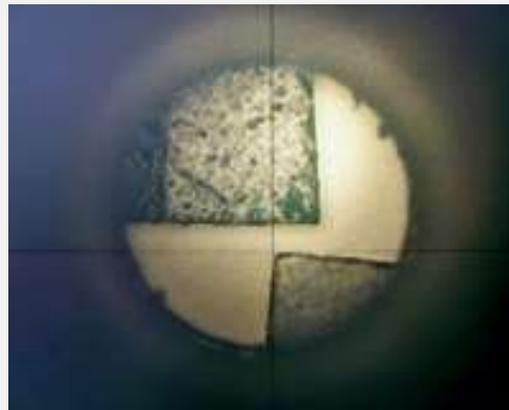
Barrel inspection, dents, bulges, pitting and rivelling, things to look for when inspecting the bore



Airgun law is complex, ages, power limits, understanding lethality, gun handling in the shop, your staff must be properly trained



It is against the law to offer a gun for sale that is out of proof. Proof laws are regulated by the UK Proof Authority. If ever in doubt contact the Proof House, they are the experts



Sear engagement of X-Pro trigger shown on the viewing screen of a profile projector, this trigger unit must be regulated using the correct equipment only!



Mechanisms can be complex, only competent gunsmiths should be used to regulate them safely, do not use the local engineer or blacksmith to fiddle with your gun, you could end up being liable for a fatality!



Advising your customer of the danger of mixing 12 Bore and 20 Bore could save them serious injury!



Gauges, you need to understand how to use them



Trigger pull regulation is for the expert, trigger pull weight, sear engagement, correct function of the safety catch must be checked before a gun is offered for sale



Firing solid shot, or steel shot through heavily choked shot guns can damage the barrel



Trigger pulls can be measured in various ways, customer safety is the overriding responsibility of the RFD!

