

# Use of Sporting Rifle in Pest Control

## At a glance...

### Customised Provision

Duration Notes:	The expected duration for the course is two days, however please note this may vary according to factors such as level of experience, or the ratio of instructors to learners and potentially rifle range availability.
Delivery Method:	Classroom and practical assessment
Prerequisites:	Lantra Safe Use and Handling - Rifle or similar would be preferred.

## Overview in brief

Learn the basics of pest control using a rifle safely and responsibly.

Do you need to use a rifle for your work or are you interested in using one recreationally?

Do you know the safety rules and regulations? This course will help you learn and progress.

## The finer details

The purpose of this course is to enable you to facilitate safe humane and effective pest control measures plan, as well as implement a control strategy using a suitably prepared sporting

rifle matched to the operator's proficiency and knowledge.

The Workbook has been produced to accompany an ScJ Training Ltd rifle training course and to inform Learners of current 'good working practice'. It is written to give guidelines in terms of recommended working practice and operation. Operating safety and safe firearm use are constantly emphasised throughout the ScJ Training Ltd rifle training



programmes and Learner training and assessment will rigorously reflect this point.

Where Learners operate with their own equipment, which may include their own firearm as appropriate, the responsibility for that equipment and matters relating to its certification and conditions of use rests with the Learner. Any doubt or uncertainty on such matters should first be discussed and fully clarified with the ScJ Training Ltd prior to the course.



Learners attending an ScJ Training Ltd firearms training course do so with an explicit obligation to operate and use equipment, including any firearm as deemed appropriate, in a manner which promotes and maintains the highest standards of operational safety.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) relating to the operation and use of a firearm remains the responsibility of the individual Learner, who will be appropriately advised prior to course attendance.

This course follows on from the Lantra Awards - Safe Use and Handling - Rifles course.

### Who should attend?

This product is designed for Learners who have successfully completed Lantra's 'PSC1 Safe Use and Handling – Rifles' and have some experience of wildlife management and firearms awareness. Shoot management, pest control and farming interests are likely to be represented. You must be 18 or over in order to register for this course.

### What will be covered?

At the end of this course the Learner should be able to:

- Appreciate a practical foundation for safe working practice related to sporting rifle use
- Understand legislation relating to the ownership and use of a sporting rifle
- Identify and understand the main parts of a rifle and telescopic sight, and know what happens when the trigger is pulled and know how to maintain a rifle
- Understand current legislation and relevant codes of practice relating to pest control
- Understand the basic ecology of pest species as this relates to control
- Appreciate the effective planning and application of pest control measures





- Understand key aspects of fox behaviour and life history
- Appreciate the efficient application and planning of fox control measures
- Understand current legislation and relevant codes of practice related to fox control
- Be able to assess the land relating to safe rifle use
- Understand the basics of delivering accurate shots
- Understand the basic principles of health and safety planning and risk assessment relating to sporting rifle use
- Appreciate a procedure for recording control and management activity relating to the use of a sporting rifle
- Have undertaken a practical exercise to extend their understanding of essential ballistics
- Appreciate the reading of a projectile path, its drop and the relationship to aiming and sight adjustment allied to range performance

