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Client : Brightside
Event : A Country Day
Attendees : 15
Venue : Aynho, Oxfordshire

The Brief

A staff recognition programme was set up for all members of staff and for Quarter 1, the client wanted to have a high end venue where the winners could participate in various country activities.

Our Response

This venue is set in a 250 acre estate featuring 3 trout lakes surrounded by woodland. The hospitality area and conference suite are housed in a magnificent 18th century barn which has been sympathetically converted to offer the best of both worlds i.e. log fires combine with the sophistication of modern conference facilities.



There are many activities to choose from such as clay shooting, archery, air pistol shooting, rage buggies, 4x4 driving, tractor driving, falconry, hovercraft driving to teambuilding exercises, the ropes course and raft building.

Itinerary

The guests arrived and were welcomed with tea, coffee and home-made biscuits.

The group were briefed on the day's activities and then split into groups to rotate around the activities which included:

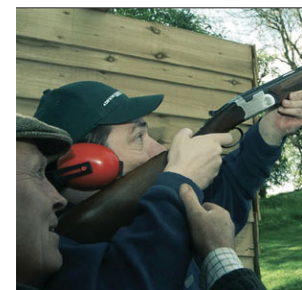
Archery

Set within the large estate surrounded by woodland with life-size as well as moving targets being used, guests used traditional bows and arrows.



Clay Shooting

The original country pursuit, and always enjoyed. Special lightweight guns are provided if required. The experienced instructors can turn any novice into a crack shot!



Lunch

Guests returned to the barn for a fabulous home-made finger buffet and then took part in the activities they did not complete in the morning.

Hovercraft Driving

The hovercraft provided an unusual test of co-ordination skills and an element of competition. Each hovercraft is managed by an experienced instructor who ensures the programme runs smoothly and the clients get the most out of the machines. These safe air cushion machines are easy to drive and promise an exciting and rewarding day out for everyone.



Rage Buggies

These are large grass go-carts at the heart of which is a robust Honda V-Twin petrol engine, giving a strong performance from its 620cc capacity. Guests do timed laps around the obstacle course and the team with the best time wins!



End of the day

Guests return to the barn for tea, home-made cakes followed by prize giving for the best at each activity.

Client's comments

“Thought the whole day was well set out, the guys running it were all a lot of fun and very helpful. Was also great to meet a few different people from around the offices that I hadn't spoken to before.”

“The event was fab, it was brilliant to mix with others in the business – I hardly ever get away from my desk. The range of activities was good as you didn't get bored of doing the same activity, and it introduced you to a few different sports – I definitely want to try clay pigeon shooting again! The food was amazing as well! Real warming hearty food for lunch which was good for being outdoors all day.”

“The entire day was exceedingly well run and the organisers and instructors were polite, friendly, helpful and also thoroughly entertaining. The food was sublime and the facilities were excellent. There was a spot of rain in the early afternoon but full waterproofs were provided. I had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities and facilities whilst there and would heartily recommend it to anyone. Great day out. Thank you.”