Six shooters chasing international honours

SHOOTING

Six young marksmen and women from Norfolk have been selected to represent their countries in international shooting matches.

Run each year by the British Schools Smallbore Rifle Association, the competition pitches teams of 12 from England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and against each other, with each participant shooting 10 shots at each of two targets from a distance of 25 yards with a .22 inch calibre rifle.

The young people can choose which country they wish to put themselves forward for, based on birth, parentage or the location of their school.

The selectors for the England A team is George Anderson, 17, from Holt. This is the fourth consecutive time that he has been picked for this match. He has also shot for the British Schools team in the annual postal match against the New Zealand Schools.

The GB Under-19s will also be a reserve for the full Norfolk County smallbore rifle team. In full bore (7.62mm) shooting, Anderson captained the UK Cadets in an Inter Services Long Range match at Bisley in 2013, and is currently a member of Norfolk’s smallbore and County Ladies teams.

Making the England B team are Gresham’s Rifle Club captain Clare Masson, from Edgefield, and club-mates Tom Dowd, 17, of Field Dalling, and Adam Partridge, from Cufffield.

Jon Cracknell, 17, from Wells, has only recently taken up target shooting but has been chosen for the honours-only team.