

# Helston Forensics

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## Registered Firearms Dealers Professional Competence Course

A 3-day introductory course 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.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Health & Safety             | 10. Applied Safety          |
| 2. Firearms Acts               | 11. Trigger Pulls           |
| 3. Proof Acts                  | 12. Use of Gauges           |
| 4. Barrel Inspection & Gauging | 13. Deactivated Firearms    |
| 5. Air Gun Laws                | 14. Antique Firearms        |
| 6. Air Gun Testing             | 15. Ammunition Types        |
| 7. Proof Marks                 | 16. Firearms Classification |
| 8. Firearms Safety & Handling  | 17. Registers               |
| 9. Mechanical Safety           | 18. Insurance               |

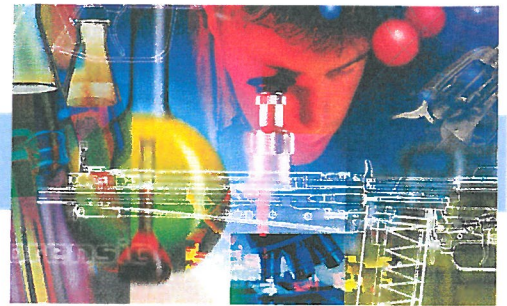
### Notes:

- 1) The course duration will be 0900- 1730 finishing at 1600 on the third day.
- 2) Refreshments and lunch will 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 a multiple-choice summative assessment and the award of a Course Completion Certificate.
- 5) Course cost £495 + Vat per student



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Forensic Ballistic Laboratories



**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.

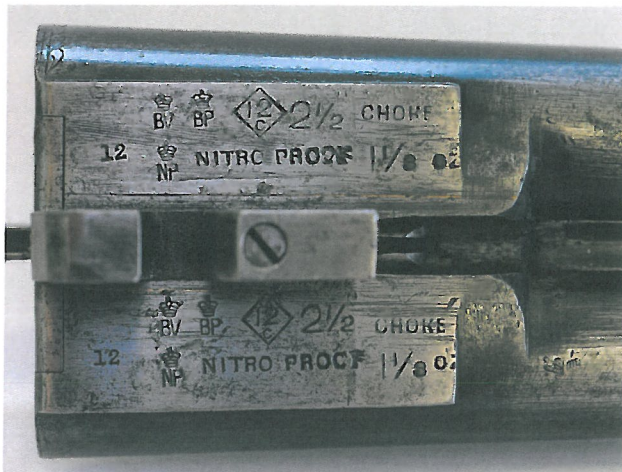
**HELSTON FORENSICS** is the preeminent privately operated technical firearms training provider in the UK with unparalleled facilities at its premises in Cornwall.



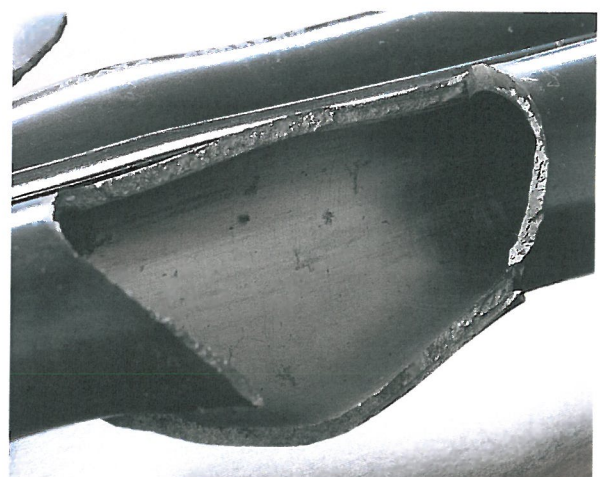
Chamber length is usually marked on the barrel, make sure your customer is using the correct cartridge to fit his gun, he looks to you for sound advice.



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.



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.

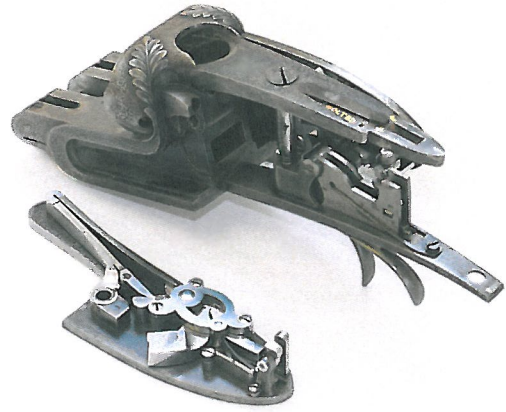


Advising your customer of the danger of mixing 12 Bore and 20 Bore could save them serious injury!





**Bullets designed to expand? They are subject to section 5 – (1A) (g) of the Firearms Act 1968 as amended, RFD's can possess and sell them, but only to those who have the correct authority.**



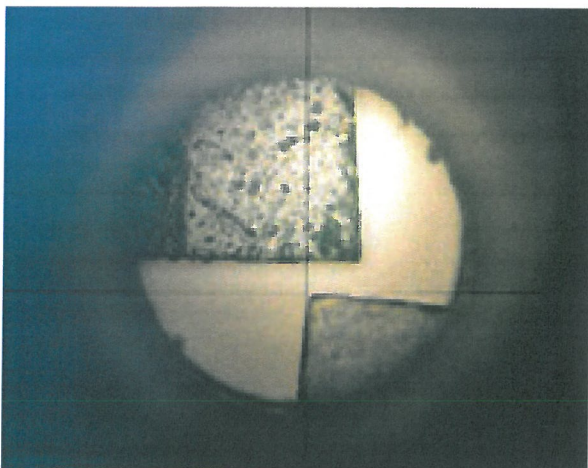
**Mechanisms can be complex, only competent Gunsmiths can regulate them safely, do not use the local engineer or blacksmith to fiddle with your gun, you could end up being liable for a fatality!**



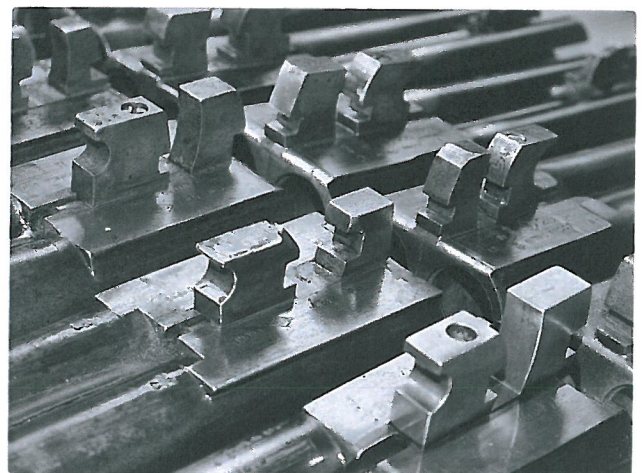
**Gauges, you need to understand how to use them.**



**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.**

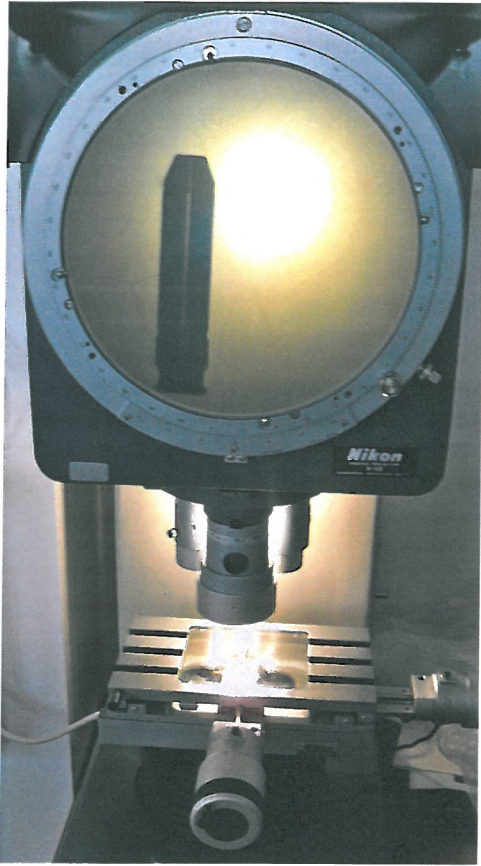


**Sear engagement of X-Pro trigger shown on the viewing screen of a profile projector, this trigger unit must be regulated using the correct equipment only!**

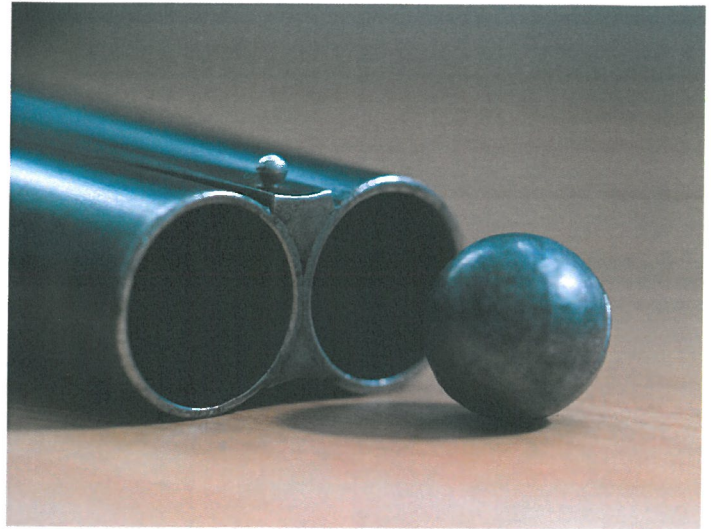


**Barrel inspection, dents, bulges, pitting.**





**Gauges must be fit for purpose, understanding tolerances for C.I.P., SAAMI, and the UK Law is essential.**



**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!**



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