

Some basic rules when looking for lost arrows.

1. Always follow safety rules. A person should stay in front of the boss and/or a bow should be placed across the face of the boss.
2. When you start a shoot ALWAYS know how many arrows you started with.(This saves you looking for something you have not lost.)
3. When you shoot an arrow, watch where it goes. If it sticks in the boss you can forget it, it's not lost.( You may need to know where it is if you are going to shoot another arrow.)
4. Archers need to watch each other's arrows. This cuts down the time spent hunting for lost arrows.
5. If the shot is not a ricochet, line up the peg you shot from and the target. You could be looking where you arrow could not possibly be i.e. there's a tree in the way.
6. First walk the shot, the arrow could be lying in plain sight.
7. Always walk further than you think, arrows skip along the ground.
8. Always look under the boss (short) and just behind,(I have found arrows lying behind the boss in plain view( dropped perhaps).
9. Has the arrow gone into the boss up to the fletches and is sticking out the back.
10. Don't forget to look up; it could be above your head in a tree.
11. Ricochets could go anywhere. Once you have carried out the above checks, widen your search area.
12. Rakes and metal detectors may be your last resort.
13. If you plan to return to search for your arrow, know what target you lost it on.
14. Before you return to the target another archer may pick up your arrow. If it has your name on it, they may save you a further search.
15. ADDERS live on the floor, be mindful of this as you rake through the undergrowth. Their bite is worse than their bark.