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## **WHITTINGTON RANGES AND HOPWAS WOOD UPDATE**

The days that firing will take place on the long ranges will be shown on the table below with start and finish timings.

We also have had on a couple of occasions had units who were booked to fire and published not actually arriving to do so. This has then taken time to open the woods for access and has been unable to be published and passed on due to short notice.

We apologise for these issues arising and thank you for your patience as we work through matters as they arise and will endeavour to fully restrict all such issues in the shortest time.

This will obviously entail the area of Hopwas Woods being out of bounds for 1 hour prior to and 1 hour post the timings listed.

This will enable the staff to have time to raise flags and lock off gates and post sentries to ensure nobody enters the range danger area when firing is taking place.

I cannot emphasise how important it is for all to fully realise how dangerous it would be to enter the danger area when firing is taking place as it could lead to loss of life.

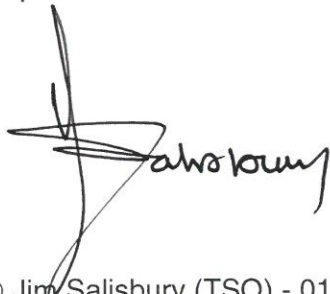
The measures we put in place will ensure this should not happen.

The bridleway from Common Lane via the range and Hopwas Hey Lane to Hopwas Bridge on the canal will be closed as per the Byelaws when firing is due to take place till after firing is complete.

Can I please request that during this time with little firing taking place that we stick to the only access route along the bridleway. I have been at the ranges and a large number of people feel they can go where they want, this is not the case and I ask that we all stick to the bridleway route when crossing the range.

<b>Fri 30 July</b>	<b>NO FIRING</b>	<i>Hopwas woods open</i>
<b>Sat 31 July</b>	<b>8.00-17.30</b>	<i>Long Ranges Troop Shelter In Use Hopwas Woods Closed</i>
<b>Sun 1 Aug</b>	<b>8.00-17.30</b>	<i>Long Ranges Troop Shelter In Use Hopwas Woods Closed</i>
<b>Mon 2 Aug</b>	<b>NO FIRING</b>	<i>Hopwas woods open</i>
<b>Tues 3 Aug</b>	<b>NO FIRING</b>	<i>Hopwas woods open</i>
<b>Weds 4 Aug</b>	<b>7.30-17.30</b>	<i>Long Ranges Troop Shelter In Use Hopwas Woods Closed</i>
<b>Thurs 5 Aug</b>	<b>NO FIRING</b>	<i>Hopwas woods open</i>
<b>Fri 6 Aug</b>	<b>NO FIRING</b>	<i>Hopwas woods open</i>

- Updated information on the firing taking place on Whittington Range Complex can be obtained by ringing  
Ops Room (24hrs) 01874 635599  
Whittington Range 07827 982 444  
Main Office 01785 763127
- Normal Firing Times are as follows:  
Monday – Friday 0830 - 1630  
Saturday and Sunday 0900 – 1630
- Please be aware that short notice additions or cancellations may be made to the above dates.
- The details are liable to change at short notice as notified on the following link:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/whittington-ranges-firing-times>
- If you would prefer to receive this notice via email, please email  
[bams907waleswest@landmarc.mod.uk](mailto:bams907waleswest@landmarc.mod.uk) Include your name, address, including postcode and contact number



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**24Hr Manned Ops Room 01874 635599**  
**24hr Manned Helpdesk 0800 0223334**