Defence Infrastructure Organisation

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10 June 26

Dear Essex County Newspaper,

RANGE BOOKINGS FOR COLCHESTER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2026
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE NOTICE – REF NO: LSSN062367

Please find the new revised advert to be advertised No Later than 29 June 26 in local newspapers.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE NOTICE

Night firing will take place on the following days during July 2026:

Fingringhoe Ranges – Nil

DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS FIRING INCLUDING NIGHT FIRING MAY TAKE PLACE AT EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE, AFTER THE DATE OF THIS PUBLICATION.

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY DO NOT ENTER THE RANGE DANGER AREA IF RED FLAGS ARE FLYING OR RED LIGHTS ARE DISPLAYED.

Colchester Fieldcraft Training Areas will have troops training on most days during this month. Members of the public are reminded that the Range Danger Area is closed including all entrances, when Red Flags are flying, or Red Lamps/lights are displayed. The Training areas are only available for recreational walking when **NOT** being used for military training.

Pest Species control and Deer Management, using shotguns and rifles, will also take place on these ranges and training areas and members of public are therefore warned of this potential risk when entering the training area and ranges.

The Permissive Footpaths and all Permissive entrances onto the Training Area will close on the 1st of the Month for a period of 24 Hours.

A danger of unexploded bombs exists on the ranges and training areas. Members of the public intending to make use of these areas, when safe to do so, should ensure that they remain on public rights of way all the time. There must be no horse riding on the training estate. **Horse riders are to remain on bridleways only**.

If any irregularity is seen on Friday Wood Training Area, Middlewick and Fingringhoe Ranges, you are to report to Training Safety Officer East Anglia Training Area on 01206 736149 or training area operatives on 01206 735203 during working hours. During out of working hours it should immediately be reported to Royal Military Police on 01206 816830/6831 or Essex Police on 101. If there is no answer ring the Operations Room on 01842 855367 manned 24/7.

Major (Retd) JD Scrivener PARA | Training Safety Officer - East Anglia Training Area (EATA)
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External:

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Please send Middlewick Ranges calendar (very basic calendar) to the following on the email addresses given below for their fliers and further action.

Cllr Dave Harris - Councillor.dave.harris@hotmail.co.uk
Cllr Mike Lilley - cllr.michael.lilley@colchester.gov.uk
Cllr Lee Scordis - Cllr.lee.scordis@colchester.gov.uk
Cllr Martyn Warnes - martyn.warnes@colchester.gov.uk
Cllr Chris Pearson - Cllr.chris.pearson@colchester.gov.uk
Clerk to Parish Council - info@eastdonylandpc.co.uk
Mr Tom Sawdon (tenant farmer) - Tom@peldonhall.com
Mr Lawrence Kernan (tenant farmer) - lawrence.kernan@hotmail.co.uk
Brightlingsea Harbour Master - hm@brightlingseaharbour.org

Internal:

Mr Peter Chamberlain, TSM, Middlewick Ranges, Near Mersea Road, Colchester CO2 8PN with Training Area Calendar email - Pete.Chamberlain100@mod.gov.uk

Important Information

Do's and Do-Not's

Do

- Read Range Calendar.

- Close Gates behind you.
- Read Byelaws Notices.
- Obey Range Danger Area Signs (they are erected inter visible and when direction changes).
- Obey Red flags during day and red lamps at night.
- Report to Site Manager or Training Area Team Leader if you see anything suspicious.

Do-Not

- Enter Range Danger Area at any times when red flags are flying, or red lamps are lit.
- Pick up any cartridges, shells or any other objects from the range/training area or within the boundary of the range/training area.
- Pick up anything suspicious, it may explode and kill you.