



# Defence Infrastructure Organisation

East Anglia Training Area |  
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Ref. DIO SD TRAINING EAST/EATA/J3040

Essex County Newspaper  
Essex County Newspapers, Unit 1 Brunel Court,  
Brunel Way, Severalls Industrial Estate,  
Colchester, Essex, CO4 9XP

11 Dec 24

Dear Essex County Newspaper,

## **RANGE BOOKINGS FOR COLCHESTER FOR THE MONTH OF JAN 2025 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE NOTICE – REF NO: LSSN062367**

Please find the new revised advert to be advertised No Later than 30 Dec 2024 in local newspapers.

### **MINISTRY OF DEFENCE NOTICE**

Night firing will take place on the following days during Jan 2025:

Fingringhoe Ranges – Nil

Middlewick 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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** | Training Safety Officer Fingringhoe |  
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Distribution:

External:

Mr C Lochore, Friday Wood Farm, Bounstead Road, Colchester CO2 0DF with Training Area  
Calendar email - "[lochorem8@gmail.com](mailto:lochorem8@gmail.com)"

Mr Edward Hull, Turncole Farm, South Minster, Essex CM0 7JJ with Training Area Calendar email -  
[edwardahull@outlook.com](mailto:edwardahull@outlook.com)

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	- <a href="mailto:Councillor.dave.harris@hotmail.co.uk">Councillor.dave.harris@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Cllr Mike Lilley	- <a href="mailto:Cllr.Mike.Lilley@colchester.gov.uk">Cllr.Mike.Lilley@colchester.gov.uk</a>
Cllr Lee Scordis	- <a href="mailto:Cllr.lee.scordis@colchester.gov.uk">Cllr.lee.scordis@colchester.gov.uk</a>
Cllr Adam Fox	- <a href="mailto:Cllr.adam.fox@colchester.gov.uk">Cllr.adam.fox@colchester.gov.uk</a>
Cllr Martyn Warnes	- <a href="mailto:martyn.warnes@colchester.gov.uk">martyn.warnes@colchester.gov.uk</a>
Cllr Chris Pearson	- <a href="mailto:Cllr.chris.pearson@colchester.gov.uk">Cllr.chris.pearson@colchester.gov.uk</a>
Clerk to Parish Council	- <a href="mailto:info@eastdonylandpc.co.uk">info@eastdonylandpc.co.uk</a>
Mr Tom Sawdon (tenant farmer)	- <a href="mailto:Tom@peldonhall.com">Tom@peldonhall.com</a>
Mr Lawrence Kernan (tenant farmer)	- <a href="mailto:lawrence.kernan@hotmail.co.uk">lawrence.kernan@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Brightlingsea Harbour Master	- <a href="mailto:hm@brightlingseaharbour.org">hm@brightlingseaharbour.org</a>

Internal:

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