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**Salisbury Plain Training Area  
Newsletter  
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March 18 continues on from a very busy February. Exercise Wessex Storm continues until 9 March. Throughout the month there will be heavy use of all parts of the Plain as armoured, armoured reconnaissance and armoured infantry sub-units train ready for deployment for training in Canada later in the year. The Land Warfare School major armoured exercises COMBAT TEAM and TEAM SPIRIT are on the plain but with a reduced number of vehicles. The gap between these exercises is being utilised by a major logistics exercise TIMBER TRUSS run by the Defence Logistics School involving large convoys of heavy trucks which will be using all training area transit routes and tank crossings. The public are advised to take extra precautions when using the byways and recreational access areas particularly during the peak periods Monday to Friday. Convoys will be dispatched at regular intervals and disruption to civilian traffic at A and C tank crossings on the A345, CC and DD tank crossings on the A338, GG tank crossing on the A3076, and BB and A2 tank crossings on the A342 is likely throughout both days and the nights. Drivers are advised to exercise extra caution when approaching tank crossings in the area where mud clearance parties will be working.

**Please report all concerns to the Complaints Help Desk on 01980 620819 in the first instance.**

**Related Links - [Gov.uk/DIO](http://Gov.uk/DIO)**

**Monthly firing calendar for March 2018 (subject to change)**

1. Artillery live firing days from areas 6, 7 and 8 (east of Chitterne):

Nil

2. Artillery live firing days on Salisbury plain (east) (north of Bulford & west of Tidworth):

Nil

3. Late firing days on Larkhill/Westdown danger area (north of Larkhill):

01, 03, 06, 08, 10, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

4. Non-firing days on Larkhill/Westdown danger area:

17, 18, 24, 25

5. Non-firing days on Bulford fixed firing ranges:

03, 04, 17, 18, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31

6. Late firing days on Imber ranges, areas 1, 2, 3, 4 (east of Warminster)

Nil

Note: Bulford Fixed Firing Ranges Closed 29th Mar – 16 Apr 18  
Warminster Fixed Firing Ranges Closed 23rd Mar – 09th Apr 18

## Governance – Prohibited Activities

3. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of byelaw 2, no person when on the Military Lands shall except with the prior permission of the MoD and in accordance with the terms of such permission:

- (o) affix posters, notices or bills of any description in or on the boundaries, walls or fences or in or on any building or other structure or on any tree, pillar, post, bollard, railing, gate or other erection, provided that this shall not prevent the display of such posters, notices, or bills for non-commercial purposes in a window or on a temporary notice board within the curtilage of any dwelling;

This simply means: that unauthorised posters, notices and signs are not to be displayed on military lands; this includes the siting/erection of 'Memorial Posts/Crosses' of bereaved persons or animals.

## Byelaw Governance – Antisocial Behaviour

Parish members are encouraged to report all illegal activity on Salisbury to the Wiltshire Police. If serious crime is experienced the 999 should be dialled, and for all other reports including: illegal off-roading, illegal motor biking, drone use, poaching, hare coursing, petty theft, camping on MoD land, kite flying please call 101 and list the call as 'antisocial behaviour' and a Byelaw violation. Once reported please inform Range control on the Plainwatch number: 01980 674700 or email [PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk](mailto:PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk).

## Access

Access to SPTA is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands, Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. Always comply with local signs and flags. Rights of way in Range Danger Areas are closed when red flags are flying.

This Newsletter is published up to 6 weeks before the event and changes may occur. Access timings for the next week can be found on the SPTA Walks Line: (01980) 674763.

**Imber Ranges.** The public are excluded at all times, except when the roads are specifically opened. Planned opening dates for 2018 are as follows:

| Event     | Open                   | Closed                |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Easter    | 1800hrs Thur 29 Mar 18 | 0800hrs Tue 03 Apr 18 |
| Summer    | 1800hrs Fri 17 Aug 18  | 0800hrs Fri 24 Aug 18 |
| Christmas | 1800hrs Thur 27 Dec 18 | 0800hrs Wed 02 Jan 19 |

A leaflet on public access to Imber is available online and should be read in advance of any visit: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/435909/Imber\\_A5\\_Leaflet-final\\_Online\\_version.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/435909/Imber_A5_Leaflet-final_Online_version.pdf)

**Note.** Dates may change if operational training needs dictate.

## What Can You Do To Reduce Crime On Salisbury Plain?

If any crime is taking place call 999, (or 101) and do not under any circumstances challenge the offenders.

**Health and Safety reminder for ALL Military Training Areas and Ranges:**

- Do not touch or tamper with Military debris.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Clean your footwear before you enter your car or home.

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