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STOP PRESS

Military Road Works – Eastern Infrastructure Plan (EIP)

Work on the closing sections of this project are planned to take place as follows:

New Road – Golf Golf Crossing to Perham Down ranges – Nov 2012 to Jul 2013
New Tank Crossing (Papa Golf) over Somme Road Perham Down - Nov 2012 to Easter 2013
New Tank Crossing (Papa Papa) over Kimpton Road, Perham Down - Nov 2012 to Easter 2013

New road Imber Ranges to Lavington Vedette via A360 (Delta Crossing) - Jan to Easter 2012
Ridgeway (the stone track between Lavington Vedette and Casterley) - Jan & Mar 2012

TRAINING

December will see a significant reduction in training on the Plain in the draw down to Christmas. The Royal School of Artillery will complete live firing on 13 & 14 December, which will include AS90. Noise levels will be kept to the minimum level as required under environmental legislation.

The Field Training Unit will run EX PASHTUN FUSILIER (an Army Weapons Effect Simulation Exercise) for Z Coy 1 RRF 8 – 14 December. This is mission specific training for the Warrior Company deploying to Afghanistan in the New Year. Training will take place on SPTA West and around Copehill Down Village.

From 14 December military activity will reduce to a low level.

Late firing on Larkhill Ranges on: 4th, 6th, 11th & 13th Dec.

AS90 Firing from Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle: Nil

Complaints about Firing Noise should be made to (01980) 620819.

Military Flying – Helicopters, Hercules (C130) and fast jets may be active at any time. Fox Covert & Everleigh Dropping Zones will be active for most of the period.

Complaints about low flying should be made to 0207 218 6020 or e-mail lowflying@mod.uk.

Provisional Dates for Future Major Exercises. During the following exercise access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges and in the Chitterne – Shrewton – Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

12 Nov 12	-	26 Nov 12	Ex WESSEX THUNDER
11 Feb 13	-	3 Mar 13	Ex PASHTUN DAWN
10 Jun 13	-	24 Jun 13	Ex WESSEX STORM
26 Aug 13	-	13 Sep 13	Ex PASHTUN DAWN
11 Nov 13	-	25 Nov 13	Ex WESSEX THUNDER

ACCESS

Access to SPTA is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands, Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. Always comply with local signs and flags. Public rights of way located 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) 67 4763.

Larkhill Ranges

No firing is planned for: 8th, 9th, 15th - 31st Dec.

Note: Due to the risk of "cook off" from unexploded ordnance the range is closed during fires.

Bulford Ranges

No firing is planned for: 1st, 2nd, 15th – 31st Dec.

Imber Ranges

The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened and access is then limited to the roads from Warminster to Joan a Gore's Cross, Bratton to Imber and Heytesbury to Imber. It is planned to open roads through Imber as follows:

From	To	Remarks
21 Dec (1600)	7 Jan (0800)	Christmas and New Year

Details for road opening at Easter, in the summer and for St Giles's Day and Remembrance services will be published as soon as they are known.

1. Even when roads are open the village and buildings remain out of bounds to the public.
2. Dates may change if operational training needs dictate.
3. Church opening times can be found at www.imberchurch.org.uk.

What Can You Do to Reduce Crime on Salisbury Plain?

If a crime is taking place call 999 and do not challenge the offenders.

Report suspicious activity to PLAINWATCH (01980 674700). The more information received the better e.g. time, place, vehicle registration, description of individuals and vehicles.

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for Commander DTE SW

Season's Greetings from all at Salisbury Plain!