

# Lichfield : Whittington Rifle Ranges.

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the Lichfield Rural District Council and the Tamworth  
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1. THE area of land affected by these Bye-laws (hereinafter called the "Danger Area") is situate about half a mile South-East of Whittington Village in the parishes of Whittington and Tamhorn in the Lichfield Rural District and the parish of Hopwas Hays in the Tamworth Rural District. It lies on the North Side of and about three-quarters of a mile from the Lichfield-Tamworth Road. The length running North-West and South-East is about a mile and three-quarters, and its average width is about five hundred yards.

The North-Western Corner of the area, near which end the firing points are placed, is on the Barracks-Whittington Road at a point about a third of a mile from Whittington Village. From the firing points the area extends South-East to the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal. It is bounded as follows:—

*On the South-West—*

Approximately by, but excluding, Hopwas Hays Lane from its junction with the Barracks-Whittington Road to the point where the Lane enters Hopwas Hays Wood; thence South-East along the War Department iron wire boundary fence to the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal about two hundred and twenty yards South of Hopwas Wood Bridge; and thence:—

*On the East—*

By the Western bank of the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal Northward about eight hundred yards to the junction of the War Department iron fence; and thence:—

*On the North-East—*

By the War Department iron wire boundary fence North-Westwards to the brook Leasow, and thence North-West along the hedge to the Range Warden's Cottage on the Barracks-Whittington Road; and thence:—

*On the West—*

By, but excluding, the Barracks-Whittington Road Southwards about two hundred and fifty yards to its junction with Hopwas Hays Lane.

2. DURING such time as firing is taking place the Danger Area will be closed to the Public, and notice that the Danger Area is closed will be given as follows :—

By Red Flags hoisted at the following places :—

- (1) Near seven hundred yards firing point.
- (2) Two hundred yards South-East of Stop Butt.
- (3) Point where Hopwas Hays Lane enters wood.
- (4) North-West edge of Hopwas Hays Wood at a point about four hundred yards East of the point No. (3) above.
- (5) Hopwas Wood Bridge.

3. NO person shall enter or remain within the Danger Area when and during the time the flags are hoisted as aforesaid, and no vehicle, animal or thing shall be allowed to remain thereon, except that sheep may be allowed to remain thereon by agreement with the War Department at the owner's risk, and all Public Roads and footpaths will be closed.

4. NOTICE BOARDS, with a copy of these Bye-laws, will be placed where any road or footpath enters the Danger Area.

5. The following persons viz :—

- (i) Officer Commanding Troops, Lichfield,
- (ii) Senior Officer on the Ranges,
- (iii) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officer or Military Policeman for the time being under the Command of the said Officer Commanding Troops, Lichfield, or of the said Senior Officer on the Ranges,
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer Commanding Troops, Lichfield, or of the said Senior Officer on the Ranges,

(v) Any Constable shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

- (1) To remove from the Danger Area and bring before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction as provided by the Military Lands Acts 1892-1903, to be dealt with according to law, any persons contravening Bye-law No. 3.
- (2) To remove from the Danger Area any vehicle, animal or thing found therein in contravention of Bye-law

No. 3, and any such vehicle, animal or thing shall be liable to forfeiture as mentioned in the aforesaid Acts.

6. ANY person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 3, shall be deemed to commit an offence against the same, and is, under the said Acts, liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding FIVE POUNDS.

7. A map showing the limits of the Danger Area and the position of Flags referred to in Bye-law No. 2 and the roads and footpaths affected can be inspected at the following places:—

The Office of the Clerk to the Lichfield Rural District Council,  
45, St. John's Street, Lichfield.

The Office of the Clerk to the Tamworth Rural District  
Council, 29, Lichfield Street, Tamworth.

Range Warden's Cottage, near Firing Point.

The Office of the O.C. Troops, Whittington Barracks.

8. COPIES of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Officer Commanding Troops, Whittington Barracks.

*Dated this eighteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.*

*(Signed)* STEPHEN WALSH,

*His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State  
for the War Department.*

The Rural District Council of Lichfield hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

*(Signed)* JOHN MYATT,

*Chairman.*

*(Signed)* THOMAS MOSELEY,

*Clerk to the Council.*

The Rural District Council of Tamworth hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

*(Signed)* ROWLAND PILLITO,

*Chairman.*

*(Signed)* H. J. CHEATLE,

*Clerk.*