



In the mid-19th century famous gunmakers such as Whitworth, Henry, Metford and Rigby began to move away from military firearms and developed a more accurate rifle purely for target shooting.

The highly specialised 'match rifle' was used in competition out to ranges of 1,000 yards and was the ultimate development of the muzzle loading rifle before breech loading rifles began to come to the fore.

Today these rifles are still used in both domestic and international competition.

