# **Press Release**



# 3 February 2017

# AGREED DATE FOR NEW MOBILE POST OFFICE VAN TO SERVE RURAL GLOCS COMMUNITIES

- New services for Avening, Brimscombe, Chalford, Kingscote & Shipton Moyne
- New Post Office mobile van service

To help serve five rural communities in the Stroud/Tetbury area, the Post Office is introducing a Post Office mobile van service.

The Postmaster for Royal Wootton Bassett Post Office will provide the service which starts the **week commencing 6 February**, with the exception of the Shipton Moyne service, where the date will be confirmed soon.

The mobile service is a travelling Post Office aboard a specifically designed vehicle that brings Post Office services and retail products to communities without relying on fixed premises that has formed part of our operational network for some years now.

Network Operations Manager, Neil Jenkins, said: "Since the temporary closure of the Post Offices for Avening, Brimscombe, Chalford, Kingscote and Shipton Moyne, we have sought a solution to restore services to these communities. The establishment of mobile services presents the best possible solution to restore Post Office services to these areas."

During public consultation we received a small number of comments from customers and local representatives, mainly in support of our plans, as the communities welcomed the restoration of Post Office services to these villages, which currently have no Post Office services.

# The agreed services are:

- Chalford mobile service, road behind 1 Belvedere Mews, Chalford, Stroud, GL6 8PF.
  Opening Monday & Thursday: 9 10am.
- Brimscombe mobile service, car park at the rear of The Ship Inn, Brimscombe Hill, GL5 2QN. Opening Monday & Thursday: 10.15 – 11.45am.
- Kingscote Mobile service, Village Hall Car Park, Kingscote, Tetbury, GL8 8YR.
  Opening; Monday & Thursday: 12.45 1.45pm.
- Avening mobile service, road opposite 65 Sunground, Avening, Tetbury, GL8 8NW.
  Opening Monday & Thursday: 2 3pm.

• Shipton Moyne Mobile service, on the road opposite 3 Southside, Shipton Moyne, Tetbury, GL8 8PP. Opening Monday & Thursday: 3.30 – 4.30pm

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#### **Notes to editors**

With over 11,600 branches, the Post Office network is the biggest retail network in the UK, with more branches than all the banks and building societies combined. 97% of Post Office branches are run with retail partners on an agency or franchise basis.

The Post Office provides services central to peoples' everyday lives; 99.7% of the population lives within 3 miles of a Post Office.

We offer the UK's largest fee free cash withdrawal network through our 11,500 branches and an additional 2,500 cash machines and 99 per cent of UK bank customers can access their accounts at the Post Office. We sell 170 different products and services spanning financial services including savings, insurance, loans, mortgages and credit cards; Government services; telephony; foreign currency; travel insurance and mail services.

Post Offices branches remain highly valued and trusted, and are the focal point of many communities. For more information, visit <a href="www.postoffice.co.uk">www.postoffice.co.uk</a> and to find out about a Post Office business opportunities visit <a href="www.runapostoffice.co.uk">www.runapostoffice.co.uk</a>

## **Details of the new Mobile services:**

# Avening Mobile Post Office service

On the road opposite: 65 Sunground Avening Tetbury GL8 8NW



# Opening times

Monday	14:00-15:00
Thursday	14:00-15:00



#### **Services**

Wide range of services including Car tax, Passport checking, and Euros Travel Money. Customers can still collect benefits in cash using our everyday banking services or Post Office card account.



## **Access and facilities**

There is a step into the Mobile vehicle, but an electronic tailgate is available to facilitate easy access for wheelchair users and those with disabilities.



# **Parking**

Parking available close to the Mobile Van.

# **Brimscombe Mobile Post Office**

Car park at the rear of: The Ship Inn Brimscombe Hill Brimscombe Stroud GL5 2QN



# **Opening times**

Monday	10:15-11:45
Thursday	10:15-11:45



# Services

Wide range of services including Car tax, Passport checking, and Euros Travel Money. Customers can still collect benefits in cash using our everyday banking services or Post Office card account.



#### **Access and facilities**

There is a step into the Mobile vehicle, but an electronic tailgate is available to facilitate easy access for wheelchair users and those with disabilities.



# **Parking**

Parking available close to the Mobile Van.

# Chalford Mobile Post Office

On the road behind: 1 Belvedere Mews Chalford Stroud GL6 8PF



# Opening times

Monday	09:00-10:00
Thursday	09:00-10:00



#### **Services**

Wide range of services including Car tax, Passport checking, and Euros Travel Money. Customers can still collect benefits in cash using our everyday banking services or Post Office card account.



### **Access and facilities**

There is a step into the Mobile vehicle, but an electronic tailgate is available to facilitate easy access for wheelchair users and those with disabilities.



#### **Parking**

Parking available close to the Mobile Van.

## Kingscote Mobile Post Office service

Village Hall Car Park Kingscote Tetbury GL8 8YR



# Opening times

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	Monday	12:45-13:45
	Thursday	12:45-13:45



#### Services

Wide range of services including Car tax, Passport checking, and Euros Travel Money. Customers can still collect benefits in cash using our everyday banking services or Post Office card account.



#### **Access and facilities**

There is a step into the Mobile vehicle, but an electronic tailgate is available to facilitate easy access for wheelchair users and those with disabilities.



### **Parking**

Parking available close to the Mobile Van.

# Shipton Moyne Mobile Post Office service

On the road opposite: 3 Southside Shipton Moyne Tetbury GL8 8PP



# Opening times

Monday	15:30-16:30
Thursday	15:30-16:30



# **Services**

Wide range of services including Car tax, Passport checking, and Euros Travel Money. Customers can still collect benefits in cash using our everyday banking services or Post Office card account.



## **Access and facilities**

There is a step into the Mobile vehicle, but an electronic tailgate is available to facilitate easy access for wheelchair users and those with disabilities.



# **Parking**

Parking available close to the Mobile Van.