

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NON-DOMESTIC RATES

RURAL RATE RELIEF SCHEME

QUALIFYING RURAL SETTLEMENTS

2022-2023

**RURAL RATE RELIEF SCHEME
RURAL SETTLEMENT LIST
SECTION 42A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988**

Rural Rate Relief is available to certain businesses in designated rural areas with populations under 3,000. Unless otherwise indicated rural areas are based on parish boundaries.

From 1 April 2017, rate relief of 100% can be granted provided the business is:

- the only general store, food shop (excluding catering premises) or post office in a qualifying rural settlement, with a rateable value of £8,500 or less, or
- the only public house or petrol filling station in a qualifying rural settlement, with a rateable value of £12,500 or less.

Test Valley Borough Council also has the power to grant discretionary rural rate relief of up to 100% to any business in a qualifying rural settlement which the Council considers to be of benefit to the local community, with a rateable value of £16,500 or less, and that it is considered reasonable to grant such relief having regard to the interest of all its Council Taxpayers.

The following list identifies the qualifying rural settlements in the Test Valley Borough Council area effective for the financial year 2022-2023. The list is reviewed annually and is published by 31st December each year in respect of the following financial year.

QUALIFYING RURAL SETTLEMENTS

The following are designated as qualifying settlements within designated rural areas and will be included in the Rural Rate Relief scheme in their entirety:

A

Abbotts Ann
Ampfield
Amport
Appleshaw
Ashley
Awbridge

B

Barton Stacey
Bossington
Braishfield
Broughton
Buckholt
Bullington

C

Chilbolton

E

East Dean
East Tytherley

F

Facombe
Frenchmoor
Fyfield

G

Goodworth Clatford
Grateley

H

Houghton
Hurstbourne Tarrant

K

Kimpton
Kings Somborne

L

Leckford
Linkenholt
Little Somborne
Lockerley
Longparish
Longstock

M

Melchet Park & Plaitford
Michelmersh & Timsbury
Monxton
Mottisfont

N

Nether Wallop

O

Over Wallop

Q

Quarley

S

Sherfield English
Shipton Bellinger
Smannell
Stockbridge

T

Tangley
Thruyton

U

Upper Clatford

V

Vernham Dean

W

West Tytherley
Wherwell

QUALIFYING RURAL SETTLEMENTS

The following areas have not been designated as solely rural by statute, and applications will be decided by reference to maps identifying and separating the designated rural and urban areas.

These maps are held by the Revenues & Welfare Service.

Charlton
Chilworth
Enham Alamein
North Baddesley
Nursling & Rownhams
Penton Grafton
Penton Mewsey
Romsey Extra
Valley Park
Wellow

The towns of Andover and Romsey are wholly urban areas and no parts thereof are designated as rural areas. Therefore, businesses within these areas will not be eligible for Rural Rate Relief.

If you would like any further information regarding the Rural Rate Relief scheme please contact:

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