

# TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## NON-DOMESTIC RATES

### RURAL RATE RELIEF SCHEME

### QUALIFYING RURAL SETTLEMENTS

2017-2018

**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 rate relief (up to 100%) to any business in a qualifying rural settlement which the Council considers is of benefit to the local community, with a rateable value of £16,500 or less, and it is considered reasonable to grant such rate relief having regard to the interest of all its' Council Tax-payers.

The following list identifies the qualifying rural settlements in the Test Valley Borough Council area effective for the financial year 2017-2018. The list is reviewed annually and is published by 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

Ampfield  
Appleshaw  
Ashley  
Awbridge

### **B**

BartonStacey  
Bossington  
Braishfield  
Broughton  
Buckholt  
Bullington

### **C**

Chilbolton

### **E**

East Dean  
East Tytherley  
Enham Alamein

### **F**

Facombe  
Frenchmoor  
Fyfield

### **G**

Goodworth Clatford  
Grateley

### **H**

Houghton  
Hurstbourne Tarrant

### **K**

Kimpton  
King's Somborne

### **L**

Leckford  
Linkenholt  
Little Somborne  
Lockerley  
Longparish  
Longstock

### **M**

Melchet Park & Plaitford  
Michelmersh & Timsbury  
Mottisfont

### **N**

Nether Wallop

### **O**

Over Wallop

### **Q**

Quarley

### **S**

Sherfield English  
Shipton Bellinger  
Stockbridge

### **T**

Tangley  
Thrupton

### **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 Service.

Abbott's Ann  
Amport  
Charlton  
Chilworth  
Monxton  
North Baddesley  
Nursling & Rownhams  
Penton Grafton  
Penton Mewsey  
Romsey Extra  
Smannell  
Wellow

The towns of Andover and Romsey are not designated as rural areas and 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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