

NON-DOMESTIC RATING
RURAL RATE RELIEF SCHEME
QUALIFYING RURAL SETTLEMENTS
2016-2017

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

The Rural Rate Relief Scheme only applies to small settlements with a population of 3,000 or less in rural areas. Unless otherwise indicated settlements are based on parish boundaries.

The relief consists of two elements. There is a mandatory element which automatically entitles certain businesses to a 50% reduction in their rates bill. This type of relief applies to:-

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

Test Valley Borough Council also has the discretionary power to grant further relief (up to 50%) to any business in a qualifying rural settlement which the Council believes is of benefit to the local community, provided that the rateable value of each is £16,500 or less, and it is considered reasonable to grant relief having regard to the interest of its' Council Tax-payers.

Attached is a list identifying the qualifying rural settlements in the Test Valley Borough Council area which will take effect for the financial year 2016-2017. The list is reviewed annually and will be published by 31st December each year in respect of the following financial year.

If you would like any further information regarding this scheme please contact:

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The following are designated as qualifying rural settlements 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 will be dealt with by reference to maps identifying and separating the rural areas from urban areas. These maps are held by the Revenues Service.

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

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