

RURAL RATE RELIEF SCHEME  
QUALIFYING RURAL SETTLEMENTS  
2014/2015

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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 3000 or less in rural areas. 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 village shop or post office in a qualifying settlement, provided that the rateable value of each is £8,500 or below
- the sole public house or petrol filling station provided that the rateable value is £12,500 or less

Test Valley also has a discretionary power to grant further relief to any business in a qualifying settlement which the Council believes is of benefit to the local community provided that the rateable value of each is £16,500 or below and provided it has regard, in reaching its decision, to the interest of Council Tax payers.

Attached is a list identifying the qualifying settlements in Test Valley Borough Council which will take effect for the financial year 2014/2015. The list is reviewed annually and will be on deposit at the Council Offices by 31<sup>st</sup> December for the following financial year.

Unless otherwise indicated settlements are based on parish boundaries.

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

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## QUALIFYING RURAL SETTLEMENTS

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

### **A**

Ampfield  
Ampport  
Appleshaw  
Ashley  
Awbridge

### **B**

BartonStacey  
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  
King's Somborne

### **L**

Leckford  
Linkenholt  
Little Somborne  
Lockerley  
Longparish  
Longstock

### **M**

Melchet Park & Plaitford  
Michelmersh & Timsbury  
Monxton  
Mottisfont

### **N**

Nether Wallop

### **O**

Over Wallop

### **P**

Penton Grafton  
Penton Mewsey

### **Q**

Quarley

### **S**

Sherfield English  
Shipton Bellinger  
Smannell  
Stockbridge

### **T**

Tangley  
Thrupton

### **U**

Upper Clatford

### **V**

Vernham Dean

### **W**

West Tytherley  
Wherwell

## **QUALIFYING RURAL SETTLEMENTS**

The following areas have not been specifically designated by statute and will be dealt with by reference to maps separating the rural areas from urban areas. These maps are held by the Revenues Service.

Abbotts Ann  
Chilworth  
Nursling & Rownhams  
Wellow (North)  
Wellow (South)  
Andover

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