

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NON-DOMESTIC RATES

RURAL RATE RELIEF SCHEME

QUALIFYING RURAL SETTLEMENTS

2024-2025

**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 2024-2025. 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:

Ampfield	Lockerley
Amport	Longparish
Appleshaw	Longstock
Ashley	
Awbridge	Melchet Park & Plaitford
	Michelmersh & Timsbury
Barton Stacey	Monxton
Bossington	Mottisfont
Braishfield	
Broughton	Nether Wallop
Buckholt	
Bullington	Over Wallop
Chilbolton	Penton Grafton
	Penton Mewsey
East Dean	
East Tytherley	Quarley
Facombe	Sherfield English
Frenchmoor	Shipton Bellinger
Fyfield	Smannell
	Stockbridge
Goodworth Clatford	
Grateley	Tangley
	Thrupton
Houghton	
Hurstbourne Tarrant	Upper Clatford
Kimpton	Vernham Dean
Kings Somborne	
	West Tytherley
Leckford	Wherwell
Linkenholt	
Little Somborne	

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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.

Abbotts Ann
Charlton
Chilworth
Enham Alamein
North Baddesley
Nursling & Rownhams
Penton Grafton
Penton Mewsey
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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