

The post office is situated just past the Royal Signals Museum at the entrance to Blandford Camp. The terrain is hilly and the bus service is limited. Blandford Camp has a primary school (attended by non-army children as well as army ones) and a variety of other facilities for the families.

## Concerns that this closure raises

•	Top 5% most deprived area nationally for geographical access to services (Indices of Deprivation 2007)
•	Poor access to main post office in Blandford
•	Pressure on main post office caused by closures of Charlton Marshall PO and Salisbury Road.

Access to services is one of the factors considered in the measurement of the Indices of Deprivation 2007. The index ranks areas in the country for relative levels of deprivation. The 'Access' domain looks at distance to GPs, shops, post offices and primary schools. **Areas in red are within top 20% most deprived nationally.**



## Post Office KEYFACTS based on one mile radius

Average number of customer sessions a week	200-299	Customer sessions as a % of the catchment population	11%
Road distance to nearest alternative branch	1.4 miles	Full-time/part-time service	f/t 39 hrs week

## Focus on the population in a one mile radius from Blandford Camp Post Office

* ONS 2006 ** Patient Register FHSA *** 2001 Census	PO data (2001 Census)	2007 data from Patient Register**	Dorset	England & Wales
Total Population	2,250	1,100	403,046*	-
Aged 0-15	16%	50%	17%*	19%*
Aged 16-64	83%	50%	55%*	62%*
Aged 65+	0%	0%	28%*	19%*
Aged 75+	-	0%	12%	8%
Households with one or more cars ***	97%	-	83%	73%
Households with person with limiting long term illness ***	2%	-	19%	18%

	Total No.	% of population in one mile radius of PO on benefits	% of Dorset population on benefits	Businesses within one mile radius
Benefit population (2008) - people on benefits, their partners and dependants	<5	0%	12%	30

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