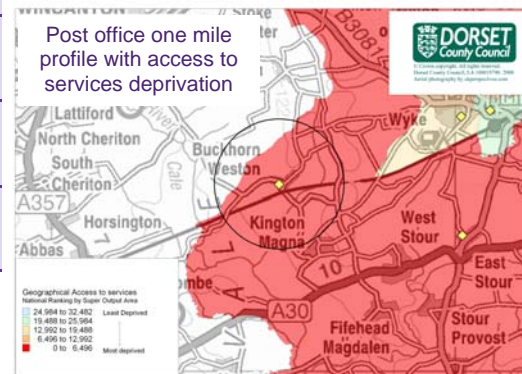


Post Office Closures: Buckhorn Weston, Gillingham

Buckhorn Weston Post Office and store is located in the middle of this village opposite the public house. The store sells sweets, soft drinks and stationery. There is on-road parking around the branch and the bus service to the nearest alternative post office runs only certain days a week. This post office is proposed to be replaced by an outreach mobile service, of one hour per week.

Concerns that this closure raises

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located within top 3% most deprived area in the Country for Access Deprivation (Indices of Deprivation 2007)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the only village shop in the settlement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bus service to the alternative Branch (Wyke)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almost 4 miles to the next nearest branch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When outreach is not operating, there is poor access to the alternative PO.



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	100-199	Customer sessions as a % of the catchment population	36%
Road distance to nearest alternative branch	3.8 miles	Full-time/part-time service	p/t 30 hrs week

Focus on the population in a one mile radius from Buckhorn Weston P.O.

* ONS 2006 ** Patient Register FHSA *** 2001 Census	PO data (2001 Census)	2007 data from Patient Register**	Dorset	England & Wales
Total Population	330	421	403,046*	-
Aged 0-15	14%	18%	17%*	19%*
Aged 16-64	63%	62%	55%*	62%*
Aged 65+	21%	20%	28%*	19%*
Aged 75+	-	9%	12%	8%
Households with one or more cars ***	97%	-	83%	73%
Households with person with limiting long term illness ***	13%	-	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	29	7%	12%	17