

Post Office Closures: Chettle, North Dorset

The post office combined with grocery store lies on the Chettle Estate in the village of Chettle, off the A354 in north east Dorset. This is the only shop in the village.

This post office is proposed to be replaced by an outreach mobile service, of two hours per week.

Concerns that this closure raises

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located within top 2% most deprived areas in the Country for Access Deprivation. (Indices of Deprivation 2007)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the only shop within the settlement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 miles to the next nearest post office (Pimperne)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bus service to nearest post office.



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	0-49	Customer sessions as a % of the catchment population	18%
Road distance to nearest alternative branch	5.0 miles	Full-time/part-time service	p/t 16 hrs week

Focus on the population in a one mile radius from Chettle Post Office

	PO data (2001 Census)	2007 data from Patient Register**	Dorset	England & Wales
Total Population	275	138	403,046*	-
Aged 0-15	18%	14%	17%*	19%*
Aged 16-64	65%	68%	55%*	62%*
Aged 65+	16%	18%	28%*	19%*
Aged 75+	-	3%	12%	8%
Households with one or more cars ***	96%	-	83%	73%
Households with person with limiting long term illness ***	16%	-	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	<10	4%	12%	7

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