

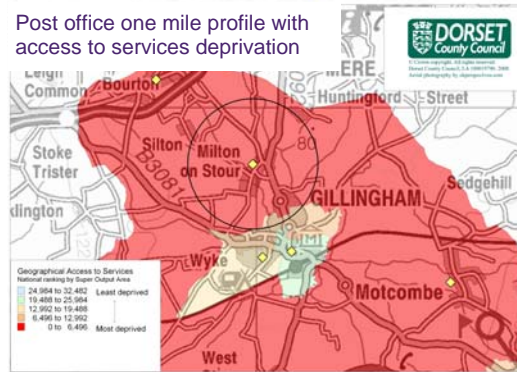
# Post Office Closures: Milton on Stour, North Dorset

The post office is situated near the junction of B3092 and B3095 and is combined with a small grocery store and newsagents set within a village garage service area and petrol filling station. It's a family run business serving the rural settlement of Milton on Stour and the neighbouring settlement of Silton. The shop also provides a small range of groceries, frozen food and other household goods. Some deliveries of groceries are offered to older and housebound people.

## Concerns that this closure raises

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports the only shop/garage in the village employing 10 people</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within top 20% most deprived areas nationally for access to services</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nearly 25% of catchment population are 65+</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nearest alternative post office has limited space, parking and serving positions.</li> </ul>

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 catchment population	5%
Road distance to nearest alternative branch	2.3 miles	Full-time/part-time service	f/t 38hrs week

## Focus on the population in a one mile radius from Milton on Stour Post Office

* ONS 2006 ** Patient Register FHSA *** 2001 Census	PO data (2001 Census)	2007 data from Patient Register**	Dorset	England & Wales
Total Population	2,453	2,975	403,046*	-
Aged 0-15	19%	19%	17%*	19%*
Aged 16-64	54%	59%	55%*	62%*
Aged 65+	25%	22%	28%*	19%*
Aged 75+	-	12%	12%	8%
Households with one or more cars ***	86%	-	83%	73%
Households with person with limiting long term illness ***	18%	-	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	274	9%	12%	43