



## ROOKLEY POST OFFICE

Good morning,

I am writing to you all regarding the closure of Rookley Post Office (13th June 2025), which was discussed at the meeting of Rookley Parish Council last night and I know has been the subject of discussion between members of both Godshill and Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Councils.

Ward Cllr Caroline Gladwin also attended our meeting.

I feel the main issue that has come out of discussions is that no one wishes Rookley Post Office to close, and we are all aware of the benefits of it, but there are numerous matters that would need resolving in order for it to continue. Namely finding a qualified member of staff to operate it, funding, updates to the building and security.

Rookley PC has written to the Post Office and Richard Quigley MP (who has asked to be kept updated). The MP's office sent a link for the Mobile Post Office, though the Post Office reply to our email, stated there is not a mobile van service on The Island.

When speaking to the Chief Executive of Community Action (who we know helps fund both Godshill and Totland Post Offices) he did not feel there was enough justification for a mobile unit on The Island.

Cllr Gladwin is working hard and standing up to the Post Office, on behalf of the community. She has started petitions and is writing to The Observer to make more people aware of the closure and asking them to object and comment. Cllr Gladwin is trying to get the Post Office to reverse the closure decision.

Your comments objecting to the closure can be sent via email to: [comments@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:comments@postoffice.co.uk)

I believe Cllr Gladwin is the best point of contact in this matter and she has kindly agreed to keep us all updated on her progress. Suggest any further information we all receive is sent to her. [Email: Caroline.Gladwin@iow.gov.uk](mailto:Caroline.Gladwin@iow.gov.uk)

Many thanks.

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