

# Plumpton Green Post Office

## Bringing world class services to our village

In the last round of Post Office closures Plumpton Green Post Office was saved, or more accurately, relieved. Don't be complacent because in less than 3 years time, its status will be reviewed once again. This brief guide is designed both as a reminder of the wide range of products and services available from our local Post Office, and of how such a valuable amenity could disappear for ever.

### SO PLEASE: LET'S USE IT – NOT LOSE IT!

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#### MAIL SERVICES

• <b>Buy your stamps</b>	No queues and save money with personalised advice on the stamps you will need.
• <b>Post your parcels</b>	Convenient – easy to reach, no parking charges, no queues. Many parcel delivery options available and help to decide what's best for you. For businesses Parcelforce offers competitive express services across the UK and to 240 destinations world wide.
• <b>Mail storage</b>	Protect your mail and your home. Have your post stored when you are away.
• <b>Redirect your mail</b>	Arrange mail redirection services for both private and business customers.

#### MONEY SERVICES. Did you know that from the village Post Office you can:

• <b>Pay and pre-pay many bills</b>	Water, electricity, council tax, telephone – just some of the bills you can pay at the Post Office.
• <b>Pay in and withdraw money from your High Street bank<sup>1</sup> and cash personal cheques</b>	How easy is that? With no parking hassles it's quick and convenient.
• <b>Access Business Banking</b>	Free unlimited day to day banking. <sup>2</sup>
• <b>Buy postal orders</b>	An inexpensive way of giving peace of mind when shopping by mail order, on line, paying bills or sending a cash gift.
• <b>Transfer money to anywhere in the world</b>	It's very fast – only 10 minutes to any of 125,000 locations in 170 countries. You don't need a bank account or a credit card to use this service.
• <b>Get a Post Office Credit Card</b>	Going abroad? Lots of benefits including no commission on purchases made overseas.
• <b>Get your euros instantly</b>	Euros are always in stock <i>and</i> there's 0% commission.
• <b>Get fast access to other currencies or Traveller's Cheques</b>	Put your order in before 2pm and it will be ready for you the next day <i>and</i> with 0% commission on all currencies and Traveller's Cheques, with exception of Sterling Traveller's Cheques.
• <b>Choose a Travel Money Card</b>	When travelling never run out of local currency, easy top up, reusable no commission fees on euros or US Dollars.
• <b>Open an Instant Saver account</b>	An excellent instant access savings account with competitive interest rates, available right here in the village.
• <b>Buy a Post Office ISA</b>	A simple tax efficient way to build up your savings on your doorstep.
• <b>Get a Growth Bond</b>	Offers a secure investment and guaranteed growth when you have at least £500 to invest.
• <b>Take out a personal loan</b>	Just a stroll away you can take out loans between £2,000 & £25,000 from the Post Office.
• <b>Gift vouchers</b>	Buy from the fantastic range of gift vouchers – there's something for everyone.

<sup>1</sup> Lloyds TSB, Barclays, Alliance and Leicester, Co-operative Bank, and Nationwide Building Society amongst participating banks

<sup>2</sup> With Alliance and Leicester

## MORE MONEY SERVICES

▪ <b>Christmas Club</b>	An easy way to save and the cards are accepted in thousands of stores.
• <b>Savings stamps</b>	Another way to save and you can use the stamps to pay bills e.g. water, electricity phone, car tax etc.
• <b>Start a Child Trust Fund</b>	Use the £250 government voucher to start investing for your child's future.

### Invest in NS&I (National Savings and Insurance):

- Income Bonds	Gives a monthly income- the greater the investment the higher the income.
- Guaranteed Income Bonds	Provide a monthly income at guaranteed rates without touching capital.
- Guaranteed Growth Bonds	Growth Bonds will Grow!
- Children's Bonus Bonds	For a long term tax free investment for your children.
- Fixed Interest Savings Certificates	Unlike ISAs not tied to the tax year and you can take out a new one each time there is a new issue
- Premium Bonds	Cash prizes every month up to £1million.
- Investment account	An easy way to save with easy access to your money.
- Cash ISA	Invest up to £3,600 annually and get tax exemption on the interest earned.

## INSURANCE SERVICES

• <b>Get your EHIC card</b>	Apply for your European Health Insurance Card. Remember to take it with you when visiting any country in the European Economic Area.
• <b>Travel insurance includes:</b>	Whatever your travel insurance needs just pop along to the Post Office to find out about these award winning products. One of them is sure to be just right for you.
- Winter sports cover	
- Single trip (1-90 Days)	
- 3 day UK travel cover (children free)	
• <b>Home Insurance</b>	Flexible, easy and very competitive; the fastest growing high street brand.
• <b>Car and Van Insurance</b>	One in 50 cars are insured with the Post Office – check it out and see why.
• <b>Life Insurance</b>	Best Direct Life Insurance provider 2008 (Money Magazine).
• <b>Over 50 Life Cover</b>	All UK residents aged between 50 and 80 are eligible.
• <b>Level Term Life Insurance</b>	Provides financial help for your partner or family if you die.
• <b>Pet Insurance</b>	Go 'walkies' to the Post Office and learn more about protecting your pet.

## OTHER SERVICES

- <b>Broadband and Phone Services include:</b>	Check out the really good deals at the Post Office, for example the easy-to-install broadband service and the 'per second' phone billing so you just pay for the time you talk.
- Post Office Home Phone, Broadband Standard or a combined service	
- International Phonocard	
- Mobile phone top ups	
• <b>Car Tax</b>	Renew your car tax, find out about keeping your vehicle off the road – friendly reliable help always available.
• <b>International Driving Permits</b>	Buy in the village. What could be easier!
• <b>Identity Checking Service</b>	A very useful service for customers that need to have photocopies of identity documents certified as being a true likeness of the original.
• <b>Fishing licences</b>	Get your Environment Agency Rod Fishing Licence before you fish.