

## Keeping your Newton & Noss Post Office Appeal from the Directors/Trustees

"We held a meeting for the villages on Friday November 10th 2017 to report on our first year's trading, attended by 70 villagers.

The cost of running the Post Office Counter is at least £20,000 per annum and all we receive from Post Office Limited is £6,000, giving an annual shortfall of £14,000.

The success of this enterprise has always depended on the support of the villagers by making use of the shop and café. Unfortunately, the level of trade has not been sufficient to cover any part of this shortfall. The survival of the post office is in your hands.

Consequently, we are asking for your support as a householder by helping to finance this shortfall of £14,000 p.a. The electoral roll indicates a figure of 1100 adults. From past experience, no doubt a much smaller number will help. We hope you will assist.

The arrangement with Post Office Ltd is a rolling contract of 12 months, terminable on six months' notice. Unless we can cover the shortfall of £14,000 p.a. we shall have no option but to give six months' notice to close the post office. Please consider the implication of this step because once the post office has gone it will be lost for ever.



With the diminishing number of bank branches the importance of the post office for banking and obtaining money is obvious, quite apart from everyday requirements. The presence of a post office in the village is a relevant factor, reflected in the value of your freehold property. Prospective purchasers are more likely to be attracted to the villages if they know there is a post office.

The general view of the meeting on the 10th was that we should retain the post office and keep it going for at least the next two years. We hope you support this view wholeheartedly.

We are asking you to contribute towards this year's shortfall and indicate whether you would be willing to contribute a similar subscription next year.

If you have not already sent us a paper response, please take just a minute to complete the form below. We will treat your answers with total confidence. Thank you."

David Stembridge and Jenny Powlett

## Post Office Support I/we wish to support the appeal for keeping a post office facility in the villages and promise to pay: \*Please select one £25 £50 £100 £250 Other \*I am/we are willing to make a similar subscription next year towards any shortfall. Yes No \*Name: \*Address & Phone No: \*Email address:



## Did you know that all these services are currently available in your Post Office?

- Postal Services UK
   letters 1st class
   letters 2nd class
- 2 Parcels UK

Timed delivery & next day delivery
Next day with end to end tracking
Cheaper 2 day delivery. All with tracking services
to see where your parcel is.

International Postal Service
 Delivery next day with end to end tracking
 From 3 days with end to end racking
 From 4 days no tracking

4. Banking Services

Cash withdrawals with chip and pin from all banks except Coutts Paying cheques and cash Paying in Cheques and Cash Electronic bill payments

- 5. Post Office Card Accounts
- 6. Bill paying facility
- 7. Road Fund Licence Service
- 8. Gas and Electricity top up
- 9. E-to-up for most mobile phones
- 10. Pre-ordered travel money
- 11. Moneygrams
- 12. Mail order returns for most companies

