

**Application for Mandatory Rate Relief - Rural Shops.
Local Government and Rating Act 1997 and The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural
Settlements) (England) (Amendment) Order 2001**

Applicants Name: _____
(Please print name in full)

**Property for which relief
is being claimed** _____

**To apply for relief please answer the following questions and complete the
declaration.**

Nature of Business _____

Name of Owner _____

Telephone number in case of query _____

Declaration

I/we confirm that the above business is the only Post Office/General Store/Public
House/Petrol Filling Station* in the Rural Settlement of (see subsequent
page) _____

I/we will inform the Council should the property cease to be used as a Post
Office/General Store/Public House/Petrol Filling Station* or if another Post Office or
General Store or Public House or Petrol Filling Station starts trading in the area.

Signed _____

Date _____

Full name _____

Capacity (Owner, manager, proprietor etc) _____
* Delete as appropriate.

Please complete and return this form to:

**Revenue Section
Mole Valley District Council
PO Box 286
Dorking
Surrey
RH4 1YZ (Telephone No. 01306 885001) (Fax. No. 01306 876821)**

Mandatory rate relief for Post Offices, General Stores, Public Houses and Petrol Filling Stations in rural settlements.

The Local Government and Rating Act 1997 introduced two new forms of rate relief for rural businesses. Under this Act the local authority had to identify rural settlements within its area. For the district of Mole Valley these settlements are:-

Abinger Common	Dawes Green	Oakwoodhill
Abinger Hammer	Forest Green	Parkgate
Beare Green	Headley	South Holmwood
Betchworth	Holmbury St Mary	Strood Green
Boxhill	Hookwood	Walliswood
Brockham	Leigh	Westcott
Buckland	Mickleham	Westhumble
Capel	Mid Holmwood	Wotton
Charlwood	Newdigate	
Coldharbour	Norwood Hill	
Cudworth	Ockley	

Mandatory rate relief is granted to businesses that are the only Post Office and/or the only general store within a rural settlement. The rateable value of the property must be £8,500 or less.

As from the 5th April 2001 eligibility for mandatory rate relief was extended to include properties used in whole or in part as a public house or petrol filling station with a rateable value of £12,500 or less. To qualify for relief these properties must also be within one of the designated rural settlements and be the only such business within that rural settlement.