

# South Brent Parish Council

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## PRESS RELEASE

### South Brent Post Office Services

The Post Office services in South Brent ceased on Sunday 24 December 2017.

The Post Office has confirmed its commitment to the continuation of Post Office services in South Brent and to finding a solution to the current situation. This followed correspondence between the Parish Council, our MP, Dr Sarah Wollaston and Post Office managers, about our concern for Post Office services in South Brent. A meeting was held in the village on Thursday 4 January between Dr Wollaston, Parish Councillors (Cllr. Cathie Pannell (Chairman); Cllr. Sue Gaskin; Cllr. Glyn Richards; Cllr. John Rawlinson; Cllr. Heidi Rodriguez; Cllr. Greg Wall; District Cllr. Peter Smerdon) and Mr Stuart Taylor (Post Office External Relations Manager). All the participants are now working towards the best solution to this very serious problem for our community.

The best option remains for an existing South Brent retailer to offer to host a service and several local retailers have been approached with responses awaited. In the mean time, although the finer details need to be confirmed, a temporary solution is being put in place involving an Outreach Post Office Service being offered in South Brent by the postmistress from Strete.

This would operate initially on **Wednesdays from 9am-1pm** and **Fridays from 9am-12noon** in the **Old School Community Centre**. The equipment has already been successfully tested there and arrangements should be in place before the end of January. This could continue while longer term arrangements are explored involving a Post Office service hosted by an existing village retailer or an outreach service being set up from another more local Post Office branch.

Any retailer who might be interested in discussing hosting Post Office services in the village can be put in touch with the relevant Post Office manager via the Parish Clerk ([clerk@southbrent.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@southbrent.gov.uk)).