



The Post Office Community Fund

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Community Branches

- £20 m fund
- Launched in June 2014
- Only community branches can apply (these are branches which have no other suitable retailer within half a mile)
- 2000 community branches and 1200 outreach branches eligible to apply
- Designed to allow those running these vital community assets to invest in the growth of their business.



Progress so far

- 265 applications
- 180 applications approved
- 51 completed projects
- All community branches have been contacted
- Very keen to work with sub postmasters on their plans for their business



How to apply

- Designed to make applying as easy as possible
- Help, advice and information and all documents can be found at:

www.postofficecommunityfund.co.uk

- Postmasters can also get hard copies sent to them on request by calling 0845 266 8790
- Decision within in three weeks of application
- Once confirmation letter received sub postmasters can complete works and submit invoices
- Commitment to pay all invoices within 10 days.



Community Branches – examples of approved projects

- Signage
- Steps
- New flooring
- Safes
- Install Wi-Fi
- Carpets
- New Shelves
- Ice cream freezer
- Uniforms
- Change to open plan
- Shop fitting
- Scales

- Coffee shop
- Internet hub
- New shop front
- Redecoration
- New counters
- New shop front
- New lighting
- New Tills
- FX rate board
- New ramps
- New alarms
- Building work



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**Gary Mound,
postmaster at
Moulton Post
Office in
Spalding talks
about the
benefits of the
fund to his
branch.**

"The Community Fund has been great in helping us to make some much-needed changes to the branch.

"So far we've used it to purchase new awnings on the shop front, some display units for fresh bread and a new ice cream freezer. We've also been authorised to get new shelving for our store room.

"The application process for the Community Fund couldn't have been simpler. I first heard about it through subspace and I thought why not go for it?"

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**Sarah Draisey,
postmaster at
Shireoaks Post
Office in Worksop
tells how
straightforward it
was to apply for
funding.**

"I expected a lot of red tape and a lot of to-ing and fro-ing about what we could have but we put together a business plan and were immediately told to go for it. We went ahead with the work and the Community Fund money appeared in our bank account straight away."

"We spent our funding on new furniture for the front of the shop, including our main Post Office sign and the board which advertises the services we offer. Inside the branch we have a new counter for the lottery, sweets and cakes and have moved things around to create more space."

"Our branch looks so much better and more professional."

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Any questions?

