

## Rural Rate Relief Application Form

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| Name(s) of Ratepayers (for joint ratepayers or partnerships, please provide all names and titles): |
| Correspondence Address:  |
| Telephone Number:  |
| Email Address:   |

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| Trading Name of Organisation:                     |
| Property Address:                                 |
| Account Reference Number (as shown on your bill): |

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| Rural settlement area where business premises are located: |
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|  |  | Percentage               |
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| Nature of the business: please tick all applicable boxes. For each box that is ticked, please indicate the percentage of the business that fulfils this description. | General Store  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Post Office  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Village shop (selling mainly food for human consumption) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Public House   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Petrol Station   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If your business is not one of the above, please indicate here the nature of your business:  |  |                          |

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| Is the business the only one of its type in the settlement area? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
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If the business sells food for human consumption or general household goods, please indicate below the categories of goods for sale and the proportion of sales or floor space of these goods:

Food for human consumption: General household goods:

Other goods including confectionary or fast food, please list these goods separately:

### Declaration

I confirm that the information given above is true and accurate and I agree to inform the authority should I have any change in my circumstances.

Signature:

Print Name:

Capacity of person signing (owner, tenant, agent, director, partner etc):

Date:

### Important Notice

The application must be signed by the ratepayer. Where, for example, the ratepayer is a company or partnership, it should be signed by a director of that company or one of the partners and the person signing should state his capacity.

It is a criminal offence for a ratepayer to give false information when making an application for Relief.

Changes of circumstances should be declared promptly. Failure to report a change within 4 weeks will result in the loss of relief.

### Additional Information

The occupier of a property in a settlement, appearing in a billing authority's rural settlement list is entitled to rate relief if it is the only such property of that type in that settlement and its rateable value is £7,000 or less changing to £8,500 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 (£10,500 in the case of a Public House and Petrol Filling Station, changing to £12,500 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010). The relief given is now 100% as of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

Authorities also have discretion to remit all or part of the rate bill on other properties in a settlement on the rural settlement list if the rateable value is £14,000 or less, changing to £16,500 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, and the local authority is satisfied that the property is used for a purpose which benefits the local community.

## Rural Settlement Areas within the Staffordshire Moorlands

In accordance with the Local Government and Rating Act 1997. (LGRA 1997), a total of 46 Rural Settlement Areas (RSAs) have been designated within the Staffordshire Moorlands as follows:

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| Alstonefield | Alton         | Bagnall   | Blore       |
| Bradnop      | Brown Edge    | Butterton | Caverswall  |
| Consall      | Cotton        | Dilhorne  | Draycott    |
| Farley       | Fawfieldhead  | Grindon   | Heathylea   |
| Heaton       | Hollinsclough | Horton    | Ilam        |
| Ipstones     | Leekfrith     | Longnor   | Longsdon    |
| Oakamoor     | Onecote       | Quarnford | Rushton     |
| Sheen        | Tittesworth   | Warslow   | Waterhouses |
| Wetton       |               |           |             |

Biddulph Moor, within the parish of Biddulph  
Freehay, within the parish of Cheadle  
Checkley, within the parish of Checkley  
Hollington, within the parish of Checkley  
Wetley Rocks, within the parish of Cheddleton  
Cellarhead, within the parish of Cheddleton  
Whiston, within the parish of Kingsley  
Kingsley, within the parish of Kingsley  
Stanley, within the parish of Endon  
Stockton Brook, within the parish of Endon  
Endon, within the parish of Endon  
Foxt, within the parish of Ipstones  
Leekbrook, within the parish of Leek

**Please complete and sign the form and return to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, P.O Box 136, Buxton, SK17 1AQ**