



**Claire Perry**  
*MP for the Devizes Constituency*

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## **Claire Perry MP delivers Christmas encouragement to Royal Mail posties at Devizes Delivery Office**



Claire Perry MP has visited Royal Mail's Devizes Delivery Office to pass on best Christmas wishes and encouragement to the postmen and women at their busiest time of year.

Ms Perry was shown round the Delivery Office by local Delivery Office manager Mark Wyncoll and was introduced to all the postmen and women who are working hard doing their bit to sort and deliver the estimated total Christmas postbag in the Thames Valley area of over 162 million items.

Claire Perry MP said: "It was great to meet the hard-working Royal Mail postmen and women at Devizes Delivery Office and to see at first hand just how much effort they put into delivering for people at this time of year. It was particularly fascinating to see my own post being sorted for delivery, as well as meeting my postman, who was very entertaining!"

“Posties do such an important job at this time of year and I like to thank them for their efforts and wish them all the best over the busy festive period.”

Mark Wyncoll, Royal Mail Delivery Office Manager at Devizes said: “Christmas is the busiest time of year, and our people really do pull out all the stops throughout the year to ensure mail is delivered quickly but even more so over the busy festive period. So we are pleased that Claire Perry MP came along to witness the hard work that goes on behind the scenes.”

Mr Wyncoll added: “The postal staff do a fantastic job at this time of year to ensure that friends and families stay in touch through their Christmas greetings and gifts. And as usual, we urge our customers to post early so that friends and family have longer to enjoy their Christmas greetings!”

It is also vital that people remember the last posting dates for mail. These are:

- Tuesday 20 December for 1<sup>st</sup> Class items
- Saturday 17 December for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class items
- Thursday 22 December for Special Delivery items
- Monday 12 December for airmail items to Western Europe
- Friday 9 December for Eastern Europe, the USA, Canada and Japan
- Monday 5 December for mail to the rest of the world

Customers can help Royal Mail ensure that all their letters, cards and parcels are delivered as quickly and efficiently as possible by taking a few easy steps:

- **Use a 1<sup>st</sup> Class stamp!** – Post 1<sup>st</sup> Class for just 46p and have your Christmas card delivered the next day – anywhere in the UK.
- **Post early!** – Avoid disappointment by posting your cards and parcels early. The last posting dates this Christmas are: December 17 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class mail; December 20 for 1<sup>st</sup> Class mail; December 22 for Special Delivery.
- **Use a postcode!** – A clearly addressed card or parcel, with a postcode, and return address on the back of the envelope, will ensure quick and efficient delivery.
- **Use Special Delivery** – For valuable packages and parcels guarantee delivery with Royal Mail’s Special Delivery, which means your gift is tracked, traced and insured against loss.

- For more information about Christmas with Royal Mail visit:  
[www.royalmail.com](http://www.royalmail.com) or call 08457 740 740.

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