

## Outreach - a Word of Warning

- 1 PO Ltd may try to tell you that your Post Office is not closing, it is just being replaced with an Outreach Service. Cow manure – Your Post Office Branch **is** closing, and the service offered by an Outreach Service will in no way compensate you for the loss of the Post Office.
- 2 PO Ltd may try to tell you that Outreach has been trialled and well accepted in many areas – more cow manure! There is a very big difference in giving a community that has already lost their Post Office an Outreach service (better than nothing), and closing a well used Post Office in order to replace it with a watered down service – Outreach!
- 3 If you have been listed for an Outreach service PO Ltd will try to con you into thinking that the so called 'Consultation Period' is only to decide what type of Outreach Service you would like – the farm yard is filling up! Do not accept this, and encourage people to answer the consultation stating 'none of these – keep the Post Office open'. Get your campaign to keep your Post Office open under way.
- 4 Take a look at the cost of Outreach – it could well prove as cheap, if not cheaper, to keep the existing Post Office open – this is particularly so with a Mobile Outreach.
- 5 Get community support in not giving a place for Outreach. This will help you in your fight to keep your Post Office Open.

One last word of warning – if you have already lost your Post Office (dead and gone with no chance of resurrection) and you want an Outreach Service, ignore everything above. Mind you PO Ltd probably wont want to give you one, and that is another fight altogether, one that CAPOC will support.