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OFFICE**



***...by order of
Brussels***

***The truth about Post Office closures
the politicians don't want you to read***





“When the local Post Office closed, it made life very difficult...”

The real cost of the European Union...

Most people think that the European Union is an expensive waste of space. But it's much worse than that. EU meddling in all aspects of our national life is now having a direct, and devastating effect on people's daily lives.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in the closure of the small Post Offices that are often a vital part of local communities. According to Government report published in April 2008, nearly half of all neighbourhoods have lost key amenities, such as GP surgeries, local buses and post offices in the past four years alone – leading to what the report freely describes as “the slow death of community life”.

What isn't admitted to is why this is happening. It is because our politicians have handed over control to the bunglers and bureaucrats in Brussels...

The way we were

For decades, until the late 1990s, the Royal Mail was an efficient, profitable monopoly providing the finest postal service in the world as well as being an important element in the structure of British life. Everyone, regardless of whether they lived in an inner city, a rural area, or a Scottish island, was charged the same postal rates because it was accepted that there would be some areas that were serviced at a loss whilst others are served at a profit. If postal rates were set wisely to balance out the differences then Royal Mail would make a profit.

Then Brussels got in on the act...

One of the European Union's key objectives is to impose competition throughout the whole of its territory regardless of





whether or not a national monopoly is beneficial to the local community.

EU Directive 97/67/EC 'Privatization of Postal Services', issued on 15 December 1997, began the introduction of an EU-wide postal service and immediately reduced the Royal Mail's monopoly to mail weighing less than 350 grammes. The delivery of mail over that weight was privatized, which meant that foreign companies, mainly the Dutch TNT and the German 'Deutsche Post' (trading as DHL), were able to cherry pick the profitable areas of mail services in this country, leaving the loss making areas to the Royal Mail. Royal Mail profits plummeted. A second Postal Services Directive in 2002 further reduced the Royal Mail monopoly to 50 grammes. From 2009 the Royal Mail monopoly will be phased out completely.

Brussels in control

Instructions from Brussels to Foreign Secretary David Miliband (dated 28 November 2007) leave no doubt that the EU is in control of our postal services. It unequivocally states: 'The transformation programme will involve POL [Post Office Limited] reducing the size of its post office network by around 2,500 branches'.

Don't believe their lies

The demolition of our Post Office network is being managed under the title 'Network Change Programme' which, on its website, explains that the closures are necessary because 'The Government has recognised that fewer people are using Post Office branches [and] ... that the shape and size of the overall network of Post Office branches needs to change'. It fails to state that fewer people are using the post offices because the Government has been slowly and deliberately withdrawing services that the Post Office traditionally provided. There is no mention at all of the involvement of the EU and the real reason why our Post Offices are to close...



+++ LOCAL POST OFFICE TO CLOSE +++

+++ FOOD PRICES ROCKET +++ NEW FAMINE IN AFRICA +++

+++ HEALTH SERVICE IN CRISIS +++

+++ E.U. IN FRESH CORRUPTION SCANDAL +++

+++ IMMIGRATION OF OUT CONTROL +++ STOP +++

Most people know that the European Union is an expensive rip-off, but not everyone realizes the negative effect Brussels has on many day-to-day issues. The reality is that over 80% of the laws that govern us are made in Brussels, not in our own Parliament – a fact kept from us by the politicians.

The truth is that there is no point complaining about many of the issues facing Britain today unless we address the *real* problem – Britain's disastrous membership of the European Union. We'd all be better off out, and able to spend *our* money on things *we*, rather than unelected bureaucrats in Brussels, decide are important.

Outside the European Union, Britain will...

- ✓ Trade freely in world markets, benefiting producers in developing countries as well as British families...
- ✓ Spend the £11 billion of taxpayers' money handed over annually to Brussels on health, schools, transport and pensions...
- ✓ Once again make our own laws in our own Parliament...
- ✓ Get shot of the 320,000 pages of bureaucratic nonsense foisted on us by the EU...
- ✓ Prevent the further decimation of North Sea fishing stocks...
- ✓ Regain control over our borders and immigration policy...

Help us work for a brighter future – outside the EU

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