

SAVE	OUR	ROYAL	MAIL	<p><i>If Royal Mail is sold off</i></p> <p>Prices will go up Business will be squeezed The countryside will be isolated Post offices will be closed Free post for HM Armed Forces will stop Heritage will be lost</p>
<p>The campaign to protect postal services</p> 				

Fight Tory/LibDem privatisation of Royal Mail

Polls of Royal Mail workers and the public show clearly they don't support privatisation. A modernisation plan was agreed with workers 3 years ago. Royal Mail profits have recently doubled - so why privatise now?

The Tories/LibDems say private capital is needed for investment in Royal Mail - **BUT** they could borrow the money and pay back from the profits being made. And several privatised services (like British Rail) continue to get big subsidies from public money despite privatisation.



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What can you do?

- ▶ Sign the petition at www.change.org/
 - ▶ Write to your MP!
- Contact Stroud Labour Party to get a ready printed postcard to send to Stroud's Tory MP

(stroudclp@tiscali.co.uk, 840080 or call in at 5a Lansdown 10-12 Mon-Sat)

- ▶ Contact the Communications Workers Union to support their campaign to save postal services - www.cwu.org/save-our-royal-mail



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Join Labour, campaign with us locally - on privatisation, the NHS, unfair welfare cuts and more. Attend local social events and work with David Drew. As a local supporter you can join for a special local rate of £15. (£1 if 14-19 years, a student). Call

0845 0922299, call in at 5a Lansdown (10-12 Mon-Sat) or see www.labour.org.uk/join/Stroud



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It's not difficult to predict what will happen if Royal Mail is privatised. The owners and shareholders will only be interested in the profit margin. So prices will go up as much as they're allowed by the regulator (unless the Tories also abolish the regulator....). The universal service will be eroded - so rural areas will get a worse service and the countryside will be isolated. Post offices will close. Delivery will be contracted out to the company offering the cheapest price and paying its workers the least money. And we'll have lost part of our heritage.

BUT, while the workers will get lower wages and worse terms and conditions, and while the customers will get a worse service, the directors and shareholders will get their bonuses and high salaries.... Eventually the owners will decide to capitalise on their assets and there'll be nothing to stop the company being sold on. And experience tells us that other former national industries (eg electricity, gas and water) have ended up being run by other similar companies in Europe or the US. That's in whose hands our Royal Mail will end up too.



“The Tories believe it doesn't matter who owns services like the NHS or Royal Mail”, says David Drew.

“Labour believes these public services are not businesses to be bought and sold for profits. They're public services which people need and rely on.”

