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Councillor John Holdich, the Leader of Peterborough City Council, visited Peterborough Royal Mail centre recently to see first-hand the operation of delivering Christmas post and to pass on early season's greetings to hard-working staff.

Cllr Holdich was shown around the Werrington office on 14 December 2018 and was introduced to the postmen and women, who will be pulling out all the stops to sort and deliver mail in Peterborough during the busy Christmas period.

The festive season is Royal Mail's busiest period, as millions of people shop online for gifts as well as sending Christmas cards and parcels. Royal Mail also plays a key role in e-commerce for many businesses sending goods to customers throughout Christmas shopping season.

Cllr Holdich said: "At no other time is the hard work and dedication of postmen and women clearer than during the festive period. There is a huge amount of effort and dedication that goes into delivering a first class Christmas all over the country.

"It was great to meet the team here and thank them for the extraordinary lengths they will go to ensure Christmas parcels and cards are delivered to loved ones on time, as well as thanking them for delivering our mail services all through the year, in all weathers."

A spokesperson for Royal Mail said: "Our postmen and women will be working extremely hard to deliver Christmas parcels, cards, letters and parcels to people in Peterborough. We are grateful that Councillor Holdich visited the office to see our operation and to support the team.

"We'd like to remind our customers to post early this Christmas and to ensure all their mail is posted by the recommended dates, so that friends and family can enjoy their Christmas greetings and parcels. If everyone uses the postcode on every item of mail, this also helps us greatly in the job that we do at this very busy time."

Customers do not need to travel to a Royal Mail Delivery office to pick up parcels if they can't or do not want to. They can arrange a redelivery free of charge on a day that is convenient for them (including Saturdays), or Royal Mail can deliver the item to a different address within the same postcode area.

This service can be arranged by calling the number on the "Something for You" card we leave or by visiting [Royal Mail](http://www.royalmail.com/redelivery) (<http://www.royalmail.com/redelivery>).