

# Hikashop Plugin for Shipping Delivery Dates

## 1. Overview

This plugin implements the Hikashop order delivery date custom field type required for the separately available Hikashop shipping plugin *plg\_hikashopshipping\_bfextrafeatures*.

On its own, without Joomla extensions which use it, this plugin will not serve any purpose.

This plugin requires [HikaShop Business](#).

## 2. Custom Field Configuration

This custom field type can only be installed on the Hikashop *order* table.

Only one field with this custom field type can be installed.

Any value can be used for the field column name (recommended *order\_bfdeliverydate*).

### 2.1 Core Custom Field Parameters

Field : order\_bfdeliverydate

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MAIN INFORMATION

Label

Delivery date

Table

order

Column name

order\_bfdeliverydate

Field type

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Published

Yes

No

RESTRICTIONS

Categories

Including sub categories

Yes

No

Products

Shipping methods

Payment methods

Display limited to

all

Access level

None

all

Custom

MAIN ATTRIBUTES

Required

Yes

No

Custom Error Message

Default value

-- Please select -- \*

DISPLAY

Front-end

Yes

No

Back-end Form

Yes

No

Back-end Listing

Yes

No

Front-end order details page

Yes

No

Invoice

Yes

No

Shipping Invoice

Yes

No

Order additional information

Yes

No

DISPLAY : MAIL

Order notification

Yes

No

Order status notification

Yes

No

Order creation notification

Yes

No

Order administrator notification

Yes

No

Payment notification

Yes

No

PREVIEW

Delivery date

-- Please select -- \*

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## 2.2 Delivery Date Configuration

### 2.2.1 Delivery Date Options - Basic

DELIVERY DATE OPTIONS

Basic

Display

Delivery date overrides

# No deliveries Christmas or New Year  
....122[5-9].: 0  
....123[0-1].: 0  
# No deliveries August Bank Holiday  
....082[4-9]1: 0  
....08301: 0  
# No deliveries Easter 2024, 2025  
202403295: 0  
202403310: 0  
202404011: 0  
202504185: 0  
202504200: 0  
202504211:0

Enter additional dates (which apply to ALL shipping methods), on separate lines, when deliveries are (un)available. For example :  
\* no deliveries Christmas Day  
\* up to 100 deliveries Christmas Eve.  
20241224:100  
20241225:0  
# Comments can be included like this

Within each Hikashop shipping method (using *plg\_hikashopshipping\_bfextrafeatures*) you can configure additional delivery date overrides, although this is rarely necessary e.g. Christmas deliveries would often be blocked (or extended!) for most or your shipping methods.

The above screenshot illustrates how to include the August Bank Holiday for England & Wales. Note that some bank holiday dates in Scotland differ, so using this example you will have to configure separate Hikashop shipping methods for Scottish postcodes with the following delivery date overrides configured in those shipping methods.

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# Allow deliveries August Bank Holiday
....082[4-9]1:-1
....08301:-1
```

The date format is *YYYYMMDDW*.

YYYY=year, MM=month, DD=day, W=weekday(0 = Sunday)

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## 2.2.2 Delivery Date Options - Display

DELIVERY DATE OPTIONS

Basic

Display

Date display format

D, j F Y

Used at checkout and on order detail display (including emails, invoices).

Today date display

D, j F Y

Today

Tomorrow date display

D, j F Y

Tomorrow

Display type

Select list

Calendar

User selectable delivery date display shown at checkout.


Joomla language overrides can be used in the normal manner to change the date display format.


|  |          |
|--|----------|
| PLG_HIKASHOP_BFDELIVERYDATES_DATEFORMAT  | D, j F Y |
| For the date format parameter string definition refer to:<br><a href="https://www.php.net/manual/en/datetime.format.php">https://www.php.net/manual/en/datetime.format.php</a> . |          |
| PLG_HIKASHOP_BFDELIVERYDATES_TODAY   | Today    |
| PLG_HIKASHOP_BFDELIVERYDATES_TOMORROW  | Tomorrow |

When the delivery date feature is not enabled in the shipping method a generic message is displayed to the customer.

Joomla language overrides can be used to override this message in the normal manner. A Hikashop custom view can be used to hide it altogether.

Shipping method

☐ Portsmouth Sameday (Central) Free shipping 

☒ Portsmouth Anyday Free shipping 

Additional information

Delivery date\*

See carrier delivery schedule

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## 2.2.2.1 Delivery Date Display Type – Select List

This provides the customer with a select list from which they can choose their delivery date.

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Display type         | <div><div>Select list</div><div>Calendar</div></div> <p>User selectable delivery date display shown at checkout.</p>   |
| Group weeks by       | <div><div>Sunday</div><div>▼</div></div> <p>In delivery date select list display group dates together by week, using specified first day of week.</p>                          |
| Please select prompt | <div><div>Hide</div><div>Show</div></div> <p>When hidden the customer will be shown the first available delivery date instead of being prompted to select a delivery date.</p> |
| Unavailable dates    | <div><div>Hide</div><div>Show</div></div> <p>Sometimes hiding unavailable dates can be less confusing for the customer.</p>  |

The delivery date *Select List* appears on the checkout page as shown in the screenshot below.

Depending on the options selected the date maybe replaced by the words *Today* or *Tomorrow*. Note that emails, invoices etc. always show the actual date – even if it is today or tomorrow.

## Hikashop Plugin for Shipping Delivery Dates

PO1 1AA Testing Hampshire

United Kingdom

Telephone: 0123456789

+ New


PO1 1AA Testing Hampshire


United Kingdom

Telephone: 0123456789

+ New

Shipping method

☒ Portsmouth Sameday (Central) Free shipping 

☐ Portsmouth Anyday Free shipping 

Additional information

Delivery date\*

-- Please select --

-- Please select --

Mon, 21 August 2023

Tue, 22 August 2023

Wed, 23 August 2023

Thu, 24 August 2023

Fri, 25 August 2023

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Tue, 29 August 2023

Wed, 30 August 2023

Thu, 31 August 2023

Fri, 1 September 2023

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Mon, 4 September 2023

Tue, 5 September 2023

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Wed, 6 September 2023

Thu, 7 September 2023

Fri, 8 September 2023

Image

Name



[Test 1](#)

You chose the shipping method: Port

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## 2.2.2.2 Delivery Date Display Type – Calendar

This provides the customer with a calendar from which they can choose their delivery date.

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Display type                      | <div>Select list Calendar</div> <p>User selectable delivery date display shown at checkout.</p> |
| Display inline                    | <div>No Yes</div>   |
| Calendar button                   | <div>No Yes</div>   |
| Default to earliest delivery date | <div>No Yes</div>   |
| First day of week                 | <div>Sunday</div>   |
| Month selector                    | <div>No Yes</div>   |
| Year selector                     | <div>No Yes</div>   |
| Show buttons panel                | <div>No Yes</div>   |
| Show months                       | <div>1</div>  |
| Show days in other months         | <div>No Yes</div>   |

| Inline Display  | Pop-up On Field / Button Click   |
|---|--|
| <div>Delivery date*<div><div>September 2023</div><div><div>Su</div><div>Mo</div><div>Tu</div><div>We</div><div>Th</div><div>Fr</div><div>Sa</div><div><div>1</div><div>2</div><div>3</div><div>4</div><div>5</div><div>6</div><div>7</div><div>8</div><div>9</div><div>10</div><div>11</div><div>12</div><div>13</div><div>14</div><div>15</div><div>16</div><div>17</div><div>18</div><div>19</div><div>20</div><div>21</div><div>22</div><div>23</div><div>24</div><div>25</div><div>26</div><div>27</div><div>28</div><div>29</div><div>30</div></div></div></div></div> | <div>Delivery date*<div>Tomorrow</div><div><div>September 2023</div><div><div>Su</div><div>Mo</div><div>Tu</div><div>We</div><div>Th</div><div>Fr</div><div>Sa</div><div><div>1</div><div>2</div><div>3</div><div>4</div><div>5</div><div>6</div><div>7</div><div>8</div><div>9</div><div>10</div><div>11</div><div>12</div><div>13</div><div>14</div><div>15</div><div>16</div><div>17</div><div>18</div><div>19</div><div>20</div><div>21</div><div>22</div><div>23</div><div>24</div><div>25</div><div>26</div><div>27</div><div>28</div><div>29</div><div>30</div></div></div></div></div> |

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## 2.2.3 Main Attributes / Preview


| MAIN ATTRIBUTES      |  | PREVIEW       |  |
|----------------------|--|---------------|--|
| Required             | <div><div>Yes</div><div>No</div></div>   | Delivery date | <div>-- Please select --</div> <div>PLG_HIKASHOP_BFDELIVERYDATES_ORDERPOSTTEXT</div> |
| Custom Error Message | <div></div>  |               |  |
| Default value        | <div>-- Please select --</div> <div>PLG_HIKASHOP_BFDELIVERYDATES_ORDERPOSTTEXT</div> |               |  |

Below the delivery date field on checkout you can use a Joomla language override to add further information for the customer. By default nothing is displayed here,

|  |   |
|--|---|
| PLG_HIKASHOP_BFDELIVERYDATES_ORDERPOSTTEXT | We will do our best to meet your requested delivery date. If unable to achieve this we will attempt to contact you via email and deliver as soon as practical afterwards. |
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# Hikashop Plugin for Shipping Delivery Dates

## 3 Plugin Parameters

 Plugins: Hikashop plugin for shipping delivery dates by BrainforgeUK ⋮

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Save & Close

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Plugin

Daily Limits

Help

### Hikashop plugin for shipping delivery dates by BrainforgeUK

hikashop

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bfdeliverydates

This plugin handles delivery dates for shipping plugin 'bfextrafeatures'.

Daily delivery limit reached email

Off

On

Sends an email to shop administrator when a shipping method daily delivery limit reached.

Status

Enabled

▼

Access

Public

▼

Ordering



# Hikashop Plugin for Shipping Delivery Dates

## 3.1 Daily Limits

**Daily Limits**

These settings allow you to set the maximum total number of daily deliveries permitted over ALL Hikashop delivery methods. Depending on your products, delivery methods and customer base most sites will not need to configure anything here.

An example of where this feature might be useful is a delivery scenario like this:

- Nine delivery vans.
- Five delivery areas (shipping methods) served by all those vans.
- Each van can, on average, make up to 8 deliveries a day to one or more delivery areas.

Theoretically such a shop could achieve up to 72 deliveries a day, and so the daily limits should be set to 72.

In reality things can be more complicated with vans carrying more than one delivery and subject to delivery distances. Make this value too high and you have a reputation for unreliability, make it too low and you risk losing customers.

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Sunday    | <input type="text" value="Unlimited"/> |
| Monday    | <input type="text" value="Unlimited"/> |
| Tuesday   | <input type="text" value="Unlimited"/> |
| Wednesday | <input type="text" value="Unlimited"/> |
| Thursday  | <input type="text" value="Unlimited"/> |
| Friday    | <input type="text" value="Unlimited"/> |
| Saturday  | <input type="text" value="Unlimited"/> |

Date limits

| Date *                                | Limit *                                |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="text" value="YYYYMMDD"/> | <input type="text" value="Unlimited"/> | <input type="button" value="+"/> <input type="button" value="-"/> <input type="button" value="↔"/> |

You can use this to adjust the delivery limit for specific dates or even to globally prevent deliveries on specific dates (e.g. Christmas Day).

If you have more than one shipping method you can configure global delivery date restrictions here. For instance if you have two delivery areas:

- **Area 1** Up to 10 deliveries on a Tuesday.
- **Area 2** Up to 20 deliveries on a Tuesday.

Here you can restrict the total number of Tuesday deliveries to, say, 15.

15 deliveries to Area 2, no deliveries to Area 1.

7 deliveries to Area 2 and 8 deliveries to Area 2.