

# 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		RESTRICTIONS		MAIN ATTRIBUTES	
Label	Delivery date	Categories		Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Table	order	Including sub categories	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Custom Error Message	
Column name	order_bfdeliverydate	Products		Default value	-- Please select -- *
Field type	Brainforge - Delivery dates f	Shipping methods			
Published	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Payment methods			
		Display limited to	all		
		Access level	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all <input type="checkbox"/> Custom		

DISPLAY		DISPLAY : MAIL		PREVIEW	
Front-end	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Order notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Delivery date	-- Please select -- *
Back-end Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Order status notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Back-end Listing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Order creation notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Front-end order details page	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Order administrator notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Invoice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Payment notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Shipping Invoice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Order additional information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

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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: <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>Sunday</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: Portsmouth Sameday (Central) Free shipping

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

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

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### Hikashop plugin for shipping delivery dates by BrainforgeUK

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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



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## 3.1 Daily Limits

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**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	Unlimited
Monday	Unlimited
Tuesday	Unlimited
Wednesday	Unlimited
Thursday	Unlimited
Friday	Unlimited
Saturday	Unlimited

Date limits

Date *	Limit *	
YYYYMMDD	Unlimited	+ - +

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.

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## 4. Checkout Workflow Configuration

The screenshot shows the 'Step 3: Shipping & Payment' configuration screen. It is divided into three main sections: 'Cart', 'Fields', and a sidebar menu on the left.

**Cart Section:**

- Read only:** Yes ☐ No ☒
- Price with tax:** Inherit ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐
- Show image:** Yes ☒ No ☐
- Show delete icons in the cart:** Yes ☒ No ☐
- Link to the product page:** Inherit ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐
- Show shipping price:** Yes ☒ No ☐
- Display product code:** Inherit ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐
- Show payment price:** Yes ☒ No ☐
- Display price:** Yes ☒ No ☐
- Show coupon price:** Yes ☒ No ☐

**Fields Section:**

- Read only:** Yes ☐ No ☒
- Show title:** Yes ☒ No ☐
- Show submit button:** Yes ☐ No ☒
- Custom fields:**
  - Further information y... x
  - Delivery Date - order... x

**Sidebar Menu:**

- Checkout workflow >
- Checkout >
- Address & Shipping >
- Login & Registration >

Do not forget to include the *Delivery Date* custom field into the *Fields* section of the checkout workflow. Otherwise it will not appear.

In this instance there is also a *Further Information* field displayed at checkout.

The screenshot shows the 'Custom fields' configuration table with the following data:

#	Table	Column name	Label	Field type	Required	Order
1	order	<a href="#">order_additional_info</a>	Further information you would like us to know	Text area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
2	order	<a href="#">order_bfdeliverydate</a>	Delivery Date	Brainforge - Delivery dates for shipping plugin 'bfextrafeatures'	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2

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## 5. Delivery Slots Configuration

If you have two or more delivery slots per day you will need to create a shipping method for each slot. If different days of the week have different slots then you need to a shipping method for each unique weekday / slot combination.

For instance:

- Delivery Monday to Friday 8am to 11am
- Delivery Monday to Friday 11am to 2pm
- Delivery Monday to Friday 2pm to 5pm
- Delivery Saturday 8am to 2pm

Once the customer has selected a delivery slot (i.e. shipping method) they can then select one of the available delivery days. If no suitable delivery days available for their chosen slot then they will have to select a different delivery slot.

Using the default Hikashop shipping method display a complicated delivery slot / shipping method configuration could confuse your customers. If necessary you can customise this by implementing a checkout view override in your site template.

The view layout overrides you will need to look at are:

- templates/yourtemplate/hikashop/checkout/shipping.php
- templates/yourtemplate/hikashop/checkout/show\_block\_shipping.php

### 5.1 Delivery Slot Example

This is an example where you might want to use view layout overrides to remove the *Shipping Method* header and divide the block into 3 sections with separate headings for each the following:

- **Collection**  
Will display 2 shipping methods.  
Configure as many as you need.
- **Locker Collection**  
Will display 1 shipping method.  
You may have more for overnight locker collections.
- **Delivery**  
Will display 1 shipping method.  
You may have more, different prices on different days / dates.  
Delivery date can be optional.

The screenshot shows the 'Shipping method' section of a checkout page. It contains four radio button options: 'Collect Monday to Wednesday 10am-11am' (selected), 'Collect Monday to Wednesday 11am-12pm', 'Locker Collection Friday 5pm to Monday 8am', and 'S-Z1-P2 £ 108.00 excl VAT (£ 129.60 incl VAT) Shipping to AL,B,CB,CV,DE,LE,LU,MK,NG,NN,PE,SG,WS'. Below this is the 'Additional information' section with a 'Delivery Date\*' field and a calendar icon. The 'Payment method' section shows 'Test Purchase' as the selected method, with a note 'Test VISA card not required.' and a checkbox for 'Please accept the Terms and Conditions'. A 'Continue shopping' button is at the bottom. A calendar for December 2024 is overlaid on the right, showing dates from 1 to 31.

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## 5.1.1 Admin Shipping Methods Listing

The shipping methods listing display shows a summary of the method restrictions.

Shipping methods

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#	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Price	Restrictions	Type	Order	
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Collect Monday to Wednesday 10am-11am</a>		Mon Tue Wed Latest order time : 08:59	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK		1
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Collect Monday to Wednesday 11am-12pm</a>		Mon Tue Wed Latest order time : 09:59	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK		2
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Locker Collection Friday 5pm to Monday 8am</a>		Fri Latest order time : 14:59	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK		3