



Dear Customer

**Outreach Service Unplanned Closure**  
**Achnasheen Hosted Outreach Service**  
**Achnasheen Village Hall, Achnasheen, IV22 2EE**

We are writing to inform you that, regrettably, due to circumstances beyond our control the outreach service provided from Achnasheen Village Hall, Achnasheen, IV22 2EE will be closing on Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 16.30.

The Post Office has undertaken a comprehensive review of the network to ensure that it continues to meet evolving customer needs in a very challenging economic climate. This review examined the network at a very detailed, local level, analysing customer demand and accessibility of Post Office products and services. Consequently, it has informed our plans for the Network as we work to ensure that, our funding and resources are allocated to deliver maximum benefit for all customers. At this time, therefore, we are not looking to replace Achnasheen Hosted Outreach Service.

We will display posters to tell customers about these changes. If you are a local representative it would be helpful if you could share this information through your social media channels and with any local groups or organisations that you know within the community, for example on noticeboards, local charities and in GP surgeries, to help our customers and your constituents understand what is happening to the Post Office in the local community. If you would like a supply of posters, please let us know.

We apologise for the inconvenience the closure may cause. We hope that our customers will continue to use Post Office services from any convenient branch. Details of possible alternatives are provided at the end of this letter and the latest available branch information can be found on our website, [www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder](http://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder)

We're carrying out this communication in line with our Principles of Community Engagement. An extract of this is available at the end of this letter.

Yours faithfully

*David Duff*

**David Duff**  
**Area Change Manager**

How to contact us:  
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## Alternative branches

There are times our branches may need to make changes to its opening hours. The latest available branch information, including additional alternatives Post Office services in the area, can be found on our website [www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder](http://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder)

Kinlochewe Post Office		Services
Kinlochewe Achnasheen Ross-Shire IV22 2PA		Offers similar services, however excluding Vehicle Tax.
Opening times		Access
Mon - Sat	09:00 – 11:00	This branch has a wide door and two steps at the entrance.
Sun	Closed	

### Getting there

This service is approximately 9.5 miles from Achnasheen Hosted Outreach Service, along varied terrain. Parking is available in front of the premises. There is no direct bus route available between Achnasheen Hosted Outreach Service and this Post Office service.

Garve Post Office		Services
Garve Ross-Shire IV23 2PR		Offers similar services, however excluding Vehicle Tax.
Opening times		Access
Wed - Thurs	15:30 – 17:30	This branch has a wide door and one step at the entrance.

### Getting there

This service is approximately 15.9 miles from Achnasheen Hosted Outreach Service, along varied terrain. Parking is available on the premises. There is no direct bus route available between Achnasheen Hosted Outreach Service and this Post Office service.

To get this information in a different format, for example, in larger print, audio or braille call

03452 66 01 15 or Textphone 03457 22 33 55.

## **Principles of Community Engagement on changes to the Post Office network (extract)**

A full version of this document is available on our Consultation Hub - [postofficeviews.co.uk](https://postofficeviews.co.uk)

**We are committed to engaging and supporting our customers and their representatives as we make changes to the Post Office network. The following Principles will be adopted when communicating about changes to your local Post Office branch.**

We will **Notify** - where we are informing customers of changes around:

- Opening hours
- Unplanned closure<sup>1</sup>/ planned service interruption
- Re-opening of a closed branch in the same site
- Opening a new branch unrelated to a previous closure
- Location used by a Mobile Post Office within a community
- Franchising of a Directly Managed branch in its existing site where there are no changes to access to the Post Office serving point

We will display a poster in branch (or nearby if appropriate) to notify customers of the above changes, aiming to provide four weeks' notice. Four weeks' notice may not be possible for an unplanned change, and in these instances, we will provide notice as soon as we are able to. For closures we will include details of the nearest alternative Post Offices and our customer helpline/textphone.

We notify locally elected representatives including but are not restricted to the Member of Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Welsh Parliament, or Northern Ireland Assembly, Local Authority Chief Executive, Ward Councillors, Parish or Community Council, selected charities, local Citizens Advice, Age UK, Northern Ireland's Disability Action and Northern Ireland's Rural Community Network. They are also encouraged to share all information additionally with local groups and organisations who they believe have an active interest in changes to their local Post Office.

**These Principles have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Consumer Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland, the independent statutory consumer advocacy bodies.**

What to do if you feel these Principles haven't been followed:

Please get in touch so we can investigate your complaint. We'll explain in our reply whether we believe we have followed our Principles of Community Engagement and will provide you with the contact details for the relevant consumer advocacy body (Citizens Advice, Consumer Scotland, or the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland) if you're not satisfied with our response. The consumer advocacy body will independently assess whether we have followed the Principles of Community Engagement process (rather than the decision itself) and recommend any actions with respect to the complaint.

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<sup>1</sup>Where the closure is unplanned, the service provision in the area will be reviewed based on current usage, modelling and availability of any suitable replacement or alternative service model. A commercial decision will be made if to actively seek to replace the closed service and will not be subject to public consultation.