



Dear Customer

Local public consultation - Have your say

Barnstone Outreach Service

Langar Cum Barnstone Village Hall, Main Road, Barnstone, Nottingham, NG13 9JP

We are moving the above Post Office Outreach service to a new location - Langar Hall, Church Lane, Langar, Nottingham, NG13 9HG on Tuesday 9 August 2022.

Why are we moving?

The current premises will no longer be available for Post Office use after Tuesday 2 August 2022. We have therefore had to identify an alternative location to continue to offer Post Office services to the local community. We are pleased to confirm that arrangements have been made for this Post Office Outreach to relocate to Langar Hall, allowing to continue the provision of this service in Barnstone.

Our priority is to safeguard Post Office services to the local community in the longer term and the relocation of this Post Office service to the new premises will enable us to maintain a Post Office service to our customers in the local community.

We'd like your help

We're now starting a period of local public consultation and your feedback is important to us as it will help to inform our decision. For more details of the services and accessibility, please see the service information summary later in this consultation document.

What exactly are we consulting on?

Whilst the decision has already been made to relocate this service, we would still like your views on access at the new location. Therefore, we're now commencing a local public consultation and before we finalise our plans we would like to hear your views, particularly around the following questions:

- **Are the new premises easy for you to get into and are they easily accessible once inside?**
- **Are there any other local community issues which you believe could be affected by or affect the Post Office move?**
- **Is there anything we could do to make it easier for customers?**

Local Public Consultation starts	29 July 2022
Local Public Consultation ends	16 September 2022

In this instance we have extended public consultation by one calendar week to allow for the summer holiday period. Therefore, if you do wish to share your views on the service location change, please note that 16 September 2022 is the closing date for all responses.

This Post Office Outreach service will cease at the current location on Tuesday 2 August 2022 at 13:00 and commence at the new location on Tuesday 9 August 2022 at 11:00, however this does not affect the period of public consultation which is ongoing until 16 September 2022.

You can share your views on the proposed change through our easy and convenient online questionnaire via postofficeviews.co.uk. When entering the website, you can use the search function to find the consultation for this Outreach service either by service name, postcode or the unique code **521471**

How to share your views:

Consultation Hub (postofficeviews.co.uk)

comments@postoffice.co.uk

Call: 03452 66 01 15

Textphone: 03457 22 33 55

FREEPOST Your Comments – N.B. This is the full postal address. Items sent by Freepost take 2 working days, please allow enough time for responses to be received.

Want to tell us what you think right here and now? Scan here.

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Good to know

- The postmaster from East Bridgford Post Office will set up serving point within Langar Hall to provide a range of Post Office products and services.
- All staff employed at the new service location will be trained to the highest standards with on-going training on products and services, as well as operational and service related matters.
- Posters and leaflets will now be displayed locally to let customers know about the relocation and to ask their views.
- Any information we receive will be carefully considered as we finalise our plans.
- If you are a local representative, we will write to you again at the end of the consultation to respond to the main issues raised and to explain our final plans for the service.
- This consultation is being carried out in line with our Principles of Community Engagement which have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland - the independent statutory consumer watchdogs. An extract relating to Consultation is available at the end of this letter.

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 Barnstone Outreach Service. If you would like a supply of posters, please let us know. Our contact details can be found at the bottom of the first page.

Thank you for considering our plans.

Yours faithfully

Allison Wallace

**Allison Wallace
Network Provision Manager
Post Office Limited**

Barnstone Outreach Service Information Summary

Current Location	New Location
Langar Cum Barnstone Village Hall Main Road Barnstone Nottingham NG13 9JP	Langar Hall Church Lane Langar Nottingham NG13 9HG

Current opening hours

Tue	11:00 – 13:00
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New opening hours

Tue	11:00 - 13:00
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During the Coronavirus pandemic the branch may need to make changes to its opening hours. The latest available branch information can be found on our website www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

Products & Services

The same range of products and services will still be available.

Serving positions

There will be one serving position located within Langar Hall.

Access

Access at the entrance will be via steps or a ramp with handrails.

Getting there

The Langar Hall is situated approximately 1.5 miles away from the current Outreach service location, along varied terrain. Parking is available outside the Langer Hall. Public transport available to and from the surrounding areas.

Retail

Hotel & Restaurant

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

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 **Consult** where we are seeking feedback on proposals prior to a decision being made on the:

- Permanent closure of a Post Office branch¹
- Permanent relocation of a Post Office branch (including the franchising of a Directly Managed branch to a new site)

We will carry out a six-week² local public consultation, informing customers, locally elected representatives³, Consumer Advocacy Bodies and selected charities⁴ of the proposal. This information will also be made available online and for a Directly Managed branch a press release will be issued to local media. We will ask locally elected representatives to share information with other key community outlets (such as notice boards, local charities, magazines, GP surgeries etc.).

The consultation will ask specific questions on areas where we would like feedback on access to Post Office services and will confirm when the change will happen if the decision is made to proceed. We will provide clear information on any changes to services as well as access to and into the new branch.

We welcome all feedback with the following factors being taken into account in making our decision, which we expect to make within four weeks of the close of consultation:

- Customer access to, into and inside the new or alternative branch/branches with particular regard to vulnerable consumers
- Any local community issues which could be affected by or affect the proposal

At the end of the consultation process we will write to locally elected representatives, Consumer Advocacy Bodies and respondents to the consultation (where practical) to confirm our decision and provide a summary of key issues raised with a clear response to each. This information will be made available online and in branch (where possible).

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

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 watchdog (Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland or the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland) if you're not satisfied with our response. The watchdog 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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¹ There may be a small number of cases where due to circumstances outside our control we have no option other than to permanently close a branch in a particular location. In these cases, the consultation will seek feedback on alternative Post Office service provision in the area.

² If the consultation includes more than four weeks in July in Scotland and Northern Ireland or more than four weeks in August in England and Wales, we will extend the period by one calendar week. We will not start any local public consultation during the two-week period which includes the Christmas and New Year bank holidays.

³ Locally elected representatives include 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.

⁴ Selected charities are local Citizens Advice, Age UK, Northern Ireland's Disability Action and Northern Ireland's Rural Community Network. All parties referred to in ³ and ⁴ above are encouraged to share all information with local groups and organisations who they believe have an active interest in changes to their local Post Office.