



Dear Customer

Engaging with our customers - Share your views

Bellshill Post Office

Previously located at: 224 - 226 Main Street, Bellshill, ML4 1AA

We are delighted to let you know that following the temporary closure of Bellshill Post Office we will be re-opening the branch on Friday 29 September 2023 at 13:00. This will be in a new location at Spar Stores, 250 - 256 Main Street, Bellshill, ML4 1AB, where it will operate as one of our main style branches.

The Post Office branch closed temporarily in August 2022, and in the interim, to serve the local community with continued access to Post Office services we set up a temporary Post Office service, in September 2022. This Post Office service is operating from Bellshill Shopping Centre, 16 Motherwell Road, Unit 16, Bellshill, ML4 1RE and will cease from Thursday 28 September 2023 at 17:00.

We would like to hear from you

We are keen to restore services to this community as soon as possible, so we have decided to go ahead with our plans. The re-opening of the branch in a new location is a commercial decision for Post Office Ltd and we are not seeking feedback on this aspect of the change. However, we would welcome suggestions about specific aspects of the change that might benefit customers, particularly on the following areas:

- Do you have any comments about access into the new premises?
- Do you have any comments about access inside the new premises?

Details about your new branch are provided at the end of this letter and our Consultation Hub. We will be accepting comments until 15 September 2023. We won't be responding to you individually, but any comments received will be taken into consideration as we finalise our plans.

You can share your views on this branch re-opening through our easy and convenient online questionnaire via postofficeviews.co.uk. When entering the website, you can use the search function to find the engagement for this branch either by branch name, postcode or the unique branch code **137855**

How to share your views:

Consultation Hub (postofficeviews.co.uk)

comments@postoffice.co.uk

Call: 03452 66 01 15

Textphone: 03457 22 33 55

FREPOST 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.

If you don't have a QR code scanner on your phone, you can find one in your app store.



We will display posters in the Bellshill Shopping Centre and the new location to tell customers the good news. 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 these posters, please let us know.

Once the plans have been finalised, we'll display a poster in branch and information will be provided on our Consultation Hub outlining the main comments received and our response. If there are any unforeseen changes to the opening date, posters will be displayed in branch to let customers know.

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

We do hope that you will support this new service.

Yours faithfully

Steven Simpson

Steven Simpson
Network Provision Lead

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.

Bellshill Post Office Information sheet

**Spar Stores
250 - 256 Main Street
Bellshill
ML4 1AB**

Post Office opening hours

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Monday - Friday | 09:00 – 17:30 |
| Saturday | 09:00 – 14:00 |
| Sunday | Closed |

Opening times of Post Office service at retail counter offering selected services

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Monday - Friday | 17:30 - 19:00 |
| Saturday | 14:00 – 17:00 |
| Sunday | Closed |

**Some branches may need to make changes to their opening hours.
The latest available branch information can be found on our website
www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder**

Products & Services

A range of Post Office products and services will continue to be available, with the addition of a comprehensive range of Travel Money, Passport Check & Send, Vehicle Tax, and On Demand Travel Insurance.

Serving positions

There will be three serving positions, two screened and a Post Office serving point at the retail counter.

Access

The new premises will have level access with wide automatic doors at the entrance. Internally, there will be a hearing loop, or low-level serving counter and space for a wheelchair.

Getting there

The new branch will be located on the same road, approximately 80 metres away from the previous closed branch, and approximately 210 metres away from the temporary Post Office service at Bellshill Shopping Centre, along mostly level terrain,

There is time restricted parking is available for up to two cars directly outside the new premises. Further time restricted roadside parking is also available along the Main Street.

Retail

Convenience store

Date of Change

Friday 29 September 2023 at 13:00

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 **Engage** - where we are seeking feedback on a decision that has been made on:

- Re-opening of a temporarily closed branch in a new location (where the branch has been closed for more than three months)
- Franchising of a Directly Managed branch in its existing site

While the decision to proceed will have already been made, we will welcome suggestions about specific aspects of the change such as access arrangements and the internal layout. We will provide four weeks' notice or, where extenuating circumstances prevent this, we will provide as much notice as possible.

During this period we will display a poster in branch and provide information online. We will contact locally elected representatives², the Consumer Advocacy Bodies and selected charities³, providing clear information on any changes to services or access arrangements at the branch. We will ask locally elected representatives to share information with other key community outlets (such as notice boards, local charities, magazines, GP surgeries etc.). We will publish the outcome of the engagement online and in branch, providing a summary of key issues raised with a clear response to each and any changes made to our original plans.

These Principles have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Consumer 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, Consumer 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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² 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.

³ 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 ² and ³ 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.