

Service Re-opening

Chipperfield Post Office Previously Located at: Village Store, Simmons Garden Centre, Chapel Croft, Chipperfield, Kings Langley, WD4 9EG

We are writing to update about Chipperfield Post Office service, at the Garden Centre, where the branch was located.

The Garden Centre is undergoing a redevelopment and the current site has been demolished to build new housing. The temporary Chipperfield Post Office service at the Village Store, Simmons Garden Centre, Chapel Croft, Chipperfield, Kings Langley, WD4 9EG, closed on Tuesday 24 May 2022.

Due to issues with internet connection the new Post Office did open on Saturday 28 May 2022, as previously advised. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this delay, and during the temporary closure period.

We are pleased to confirm that the redevelopment has completed, and the new Chipperfield Post Office branch opened, on Monday 27 June 2022, back into the newly built convenience store at Chapel Croft, Chipperfield, Kings Langley, WD4 9EG.

Customers will benefit from the following:

- A modern open plan branch in newly refurbished premises
- Improved access at the premises
- Same range of Post Office products and services
- Same Post Office opening hours

Full details of the new service are provided at the end of this letter and posters will now be displayed at the new Chipperfield Post Office, so customers are aware of the change.

I know that the local community will join me in welcoming this good news and hope that you and our customers will continue to use this service. If you are a local representative, please feel free to share this information with those in your organisation who you feel would have an active interest in this particular matter.

If you have any questions about the new service, please contact the National Consultation Team, as detailed below. Please note that your comments will not be kept confidential unless you expressly ask us to do so by clearly marking them "In Confidence".

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

Thank you for your support in restoring a Post Office service.

Yours faithfully

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How to contact us: comments@postoffice.co.uk postofficeviews.co.uk FREEPOST Your Comments

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.

Details of the new Post Office Service at: Chipperfield

During the Coronavirus pandemic 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

Chipperfield Post Office		Services
Chapel Croft		The same range of Post Office products and services will
Chipperfield		continue to be available.
Kings Langley		
WD4 9EG		Access
		The new branch will have a wide door and level access the
Opening times		entrance.
Monday - Friday	09:30 - 16:30	Internally there will be a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.
Saturday	09:30 - 12:30	
Sunday	Closed	
Getting there		

This new Post Office service is located 50 metres away from the previous temporary Post Office service, within the newly built convenience store.

Parking is available in the layby outside the branch. Further Roadside parking is available nearby.

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 **<u>Notify</u>** - where we are informing customers of changes around:

- Opening hours
- Temporary closure¹/ temporary service interruption
- Re-opening of a temporarily 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

We will display a poster in branch (or nearby if appropriate) to notify customers of the above changes, providing four weeks' notice. Where four weeks' notice is not possible, we will provide notice as soon as we are able to. For temporary closures we will include details of the nearest alternative Post Offices and our customer helpline/textphone.

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 webelieve 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 We will provide an update to locally elected representatives if the status of the temporarily closed branch has not changed after 12 months.

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.

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.