



Dear Customer

Changes to East Bridgford Outreach Service

We are writing to let you know that we will be restoring Post Office Outreach services at Old Dalby, Kinoulton and Wymeswold starting from week commencing 21 September 2020. The above services ceased in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. As the Postmaster from Syston who was providing these services has resigned, they will be transferred to the postmaster from East Bridgford Post Office, who will continue to provide these Post Office services to the local communities.

To accommodate these outreach services there will be some changes to the current opening times at Car Colston and Barnstone starting from week commencing 21 September 2020.

Additionally, the home services at Bleasby, Shelton and Barkestone, which has been also proved by Postmaster from East Bridgford Post Office, will change their operating days from week commencing 21 September 2020.

Full details of all the changes to the above services are provided at the end of this letter.

I hope that you and our customers will continue to use these services. 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 any of these services please write to me via the Communication and Consultation Team at the address shown overleaf. 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. A copy is available at the end of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Mathew Wilkes

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Change Manager

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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 changes to opening times and of the services transferring to the new postmaster:

Old Dalby Outreach service, Old Dalby Village Hall, Main Road, Old Dalby, Melton Mowbray, LE14 3LR

Previous opening times

Monday	09:15 - 12:45
Friday	09:15 - 12:25

New opening times

Friday	08:30 - 11:30
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Kinoulton Outreach service, St Lukes Church, Main Street, Kinoulton, Nottingham, NG12 3EN

Previous opening times

Wednesday	09:00 - 13:00
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New opening times

Wednesday	09:30 - 12:30
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Wymeswold Outreach service, Memorial Hall, 5A Clay Street, Wymeswold, Loughborough, LE12 6TY

Previous opening times

Monday	13:15 - 16:30
Wednesday	12:30 - 16:00
Friday	13:15 - 16:30

New opening times

Tuesday	13:30 - 15:30
Friday	12:00 - 15:00

Details of changes to opening times of the East Bridgford Outreach services:

Car Colston Outreach service, Car Colston Village Hall, Screveton Road, Car Colston, Nottingham, NG13 8JF

Current opening times

Tuesday	09:00 - 11:00
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New opening times

Tuesday	08:30 - 10:30
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Barnstone Outreach Service, Langar-Cum-Barnstone Village Hall, Main Road, Barnstone, Nottingham, NG13 9JP

Current opening times

Tuesday	11:30 - 13:30
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New opening times

Tuesday	11:00 - 13:00
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Details of changes to opening times of the East Bridgford Home services:

Bleasby Home service

Current opening times

Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00
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New opening times

Thursday	10:00 - 12:00
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Shelton Home service

Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00
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New opening times

Thursday	10:00 - 12:00
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Barkestone Home Service

Current opening times

Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00
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New opening times

Thursday	10:00 - 12:00
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Principles of Community Engagement on changes to the Post Office network

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
- 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.

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.

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

- Permanent closure of a Post Office branch⁴
- 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-week⁵ local public consultation, informing customers, locally elected representatives, Consumer Advocacy Bodies and selected charities 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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¹We will provide an update to locally elected representatives if the status of the temporarily closed branch has not changed after 12 months.

² Locally elected representatives include but are not restricted to the Member of Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly, 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.