

Dear Customer,

# <u>Changes to Flint Mobile Services</u> <u>affecting Bwlchgwyn and Shotton Mobile services</u>

We are writing to inform you that, regrettably, due to very low customer usage, the postmaster from Flint Office branch has decided to resign from operating Bwlchgwyn Mobile service. This service will, therefore, be closing on Monday 29 April 2024 at 10:00.

Additionally, Shotton Mobile service, which is also operated by this postmaster, will cease operating, from Thursday 02 May 2024 at 16:30. Please accept my apologies for the late notification on this occasion.

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 these Mobile services.

If you have any questions you would like to raise about this matter, please write to me via the National Consultation Team at the address shown at the end of the letter. Please note that your comments will not be kept confidential unless you expressly ask us to do so by clearly marking them "In Confidence".

Any future changes to service provision would be handled in line with our Principles of Community Engagement. An extract relating to Notification is available at the end of this letter.

We will display posters in the branch to inform customers.

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 and details of alternative Post Office branches in the area are shown at the end of this letter. The latest available branch information can be found on our website, <u>www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder</u>

If you are a local representative, we will write to you again once we have any news about our plans for future service provision.

Yours faithfully,

# Carol Williams

Carol Williams Network Provision Lead

How to contact us:

comments@postoffice.co.uk postofficeviews.co.uk FREEPOST Your Comments

## Alternative branches for Bwlchgwyn Mobile service

# There are times our branches 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

# Coedpoeth Post Office

The Pharmacy Manchester House Heol Maelor Coedpoeth Wrexham LL11 3LS

#### Services

Offers similar services, however excluding a comprehensive range of Travel Money and On Demand Travel Insurance.

#### Access

This branch has a wide door and level access with a threshold strip at the entrance.

#### **Opening times**

Monday – Friday	09:00 - 17:30
Saturday	09:00 - 13:00
Sunday	Closed

#### Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 2.2 miles away from Bwlchgwyn Mobile Service, along varied terrain. Parking is available nearby. There are local buses serving the surrounding area.

Brymbo Post Office	Services
Brymbo Enterprise Centre	Offers similar services, however excluding a
Blast Road	comprehensive range of Travel Money and On Demand
Brymbo	Travel Insurance.
Wrexham	
LL11 5BT	Access
	This branch has a wide door and level access at the
	entrance.

#### **Opening times**

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

#### Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 2.5 miles away from Bwlchgwyn Mobile Service, along varied terrain. There is a free customer car park with disabled bays outside the branch. There are local buses serving the surrounding area.

#### Alternative branches for Shotton Mobile service

# There are times our branches 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

Aston Post Office	Services
Aston's Co-Op	Offers the same services.
21-23 Central Drive	
Aston	Access
Deeside	This branch has a wide, automatic door and level access
CH5 1LR	at the entrance.

#### **Opening times**

Monday – Friday	09:00 - 13:00
	13:30 – 17:30
Saturday	09:00 - 12:30
Sunday	Closed

#### Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 0.7 miles away from Shotton Mobile service, along varied terrain. Parking is available outside the branch. There are local buses serving the surrounding area.

Queensferry Post Office	Services
Spar	Offers similar services, however excluding a
55 Station Road	comprehensive range of Travel Money, Vehicle Tax and
Queensferry	On Demand Travel Insurance.
Deeside	
CH5 1SU	Access
	This branch has a wide door and level access via a ramp
	with handrails at the entrance.
Opening times	
Monday – Sunday 08:00 – 20:	00

#### Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 0.5 miles away from Shotton Mobile service, along varied terrain. There is a free customer car park at the rear of the branch. There are local buses serving the surrounding area.

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 **<u>Notify</u>** - 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 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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<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.