

Dear Customer

Branch Temporary Closure

Hambleden Post Office 58 The Village, Hambleden, Henley On Thames, RG9 6RT

We are writing to advise you that, due to operational reasons, the above branch closed temporarily on Monday 13 February 2023. Please accept my apologies for the late notification on this occasion.

We are working to restore Post Office services at Hambleden, and I would like to apologise for any inconvenience this temporary closure may cause locally. In the interim, 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 www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

We will display posters in the branch premises and in the local area to inform customers.

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.

If you are a local representative, we will ensure that you are kept advised of developments in due course.

We would like to thank you for your patience at this time.

Yours faithfully

Graham Brander

Graham Brander Network Provision Lead

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.

Alternative branches

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

Henley On Thames Post Office

22 Reading Road Henley On Thames RG9 1AG

Opening times

Monday – Friday	08:30 – 17:30
Saturday	09:00 – 12:30
Sunday	Closed

Services

Offers the similar services, with the addition of a comprehensive range of Travel Money, Vehicle Tax, Passport Check & Send, National Lottery, and On Demand Travel Insurance.

Access

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

Internally, there is a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.

Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 3.4 miles away from Hambleden branch, along varied terrain. Pay and display parking is available on the road opposite the branch. Parking is also available at Greys Road pay and display car park. There are local buses serving in the surrounding area.

Lane End Post Office

5 Edmonds Road Lane End High Wycombe HP14 3EJ

Services

Offers the similar services, with the addition of Dollars On Demand Travel Money and Vehicle Tax.

Access

This branch has a wide automatic door and level access at the entrance.

Internally, there is a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.

Opening times

Monday – Saturday	08:00 – 20:00
Sunday	09:00 – 14:30

Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 4.6 miles away from Hambleden branch, along varied terrain. There is a car park located outside the branch. There are local buses serving in the surrounding area.

Marlow Post Office

55A High Street Marlow SL7 1BA

Services

Offers the similar services, with the addition of a comprehensive range of Travel Money, Vehicle Tax, Passport Check & Send, and On Demand Travel Insurance.

Opening times

Monday to Friday	09:00 – 13:15
	13:45 – 17:30
Saturday	09:00 – 13:00
Sunday	Closed

Access

This branch has a wide door and a grabrail and access is via a ramp.

Internally, there is a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.

Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 5.1 miles away from Hambleden branch, along varied terrain. Parking bays are located outside the branch and nearby. There are local buses serving in the surrounding area.

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 **Notify** - where we are informing customers of changes around:

- Opening hours
- Temporary closure ¹/ 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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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.

¹ We will provide an update to locally elected representatives if the status of the temporarily closed branch has not changed after 12 months.