



Dear Customer

Service Re-opening

Helmsley Post Office

Helmsley Post Office, 25 Bridge Street, Helmsley, York, YO62 5DX.

We are delighted to let you know that we will be restoring Post Office services to Helmsley on Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 10:00. The branch closed temporarily in November 2022 due to operational reasons. We are pleased to be able to reinstate the service as a Temporary Hosted Outreach whilst we continue to seek a permanent solution.

The new service will be operated from: **Black Swan Hotel, 11 Market Place, Helmsley, YO62 5BJ**, by the postmaster from Newrose Personnel Ltd. and will offer a wide range of Post Office products and services. Full details of the new temporary service are provided at the end of this letter.

Engagement. An extract relating to Notification is available at the end of this letter. 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 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.

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

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

Yours faithfully

Ian Murphy

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How to contact us:

comments@postoffice.co.uk

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New Service Details:

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

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Black Swan Hotel
11 Market Place
Helmsley
YO62 5BJ

Services

Similar services will continue to be available.

Access

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

Opening times

Tuesday	10:00 – 13:00
Wednesday	10:00 – 13:00
Thursday	09:30 – 12:30

Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 200 metres away from the previous branch, along level terrain. There is a car park directly outside the premises. 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 **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.

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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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.