

Dear Customer

## Branch Temporary Closure

# Leasowe Post Office One Stop Stores, 115 Reeds Lane, Wirral, CH46 1QT

We are writing to update you on our recent communication regarding the refurbishments at the Leasowe Post Office.

Please be advised the Post Office branch will now close for refurbishments on Friday 31 December 2021 at 17:30.

It is envisaged that the refurbishment works will take approximately 4 weeks to complete, following which the service will re-open on Thursday 27 January 2022 at 09:00. Posters will be displayed at Leasowe Post Office branch to inform customers.

The branches listed overleaf will be happy to provide customers with Post Office services during this period and this information will be made available locally. Should the dates change, posters will be displayed in branch to let customers know.

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 would like to apologise for the inconvenience the temporary closure may cause. We hope that our customers will continue to use the Post Office and full details of alternative Post Office services in the area are shown at the end of this letter.

This notification is being carried out in line with our Principles of Community Engagement which have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland - the independent statutory consumer watchdogs. An extract relating to Notification is available at the end of this letter.

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.

## 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

Moreton Post Office		Services
6 Chadwick Street Wirral		A wide range of services will continue to be available.
CH46 7TE		Access
		This branch has a wide door at the entrance and access is via a ramp with a handrail.
Opening times		Internally, there is a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.
Monday - Saturday	08:30 – 17:15	,, <u> </u>
Sunday	Closed	

#### Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 1.2 miles away from Leasowe branch, along varied terrain. Roadside parking is available nearby.

There is a frequent bus service available between Leasowe branch and this Post Office service. The nearest bus stop is approximately 210 metres away.

Chapel Hill Road Post Office	Services	
69 - 71 Chapelhill Road	A range of services will continue to be available.	
Wirral		
CH46 9QQ	Access	
	This branch has a wide door and level access at the entrance.	
	Internally, there is a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.	

#### **Opening times**

Monday - Friday	09:00 - 15:00
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

### Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 1.1 miles away from Leasowe branch, along varied terrain. There is limited parking in the layby outside the branch. Further roadside parking is available 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 **<u>Notify</u>** - where we are informing customers of changes around:

- Opening hours
- Temporary closure<sup>1</sup>/ 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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<sup>1</sup> 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.