



Dear Customer

**Branch Temporary Closure**

**Lydney Post Office  
33-39 Newerne Street, Lydney, GL15 5RB**

We are writing to inform you that, regrettably, following our retail partner, Midcounties Co-operative Ltd, store closure and the subsequent withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use, Lydney Post Office branch will be closing temporarily on Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 17.30.

The provision of a Post Office service to our customers in the local community is important to us, and we would like to reassure you that we will continue to work hard to restore services in the immediate area. In exploring this, it is important that any future service is sustainable for the person operating the service, and for Post Office Limited. The vacancy is currently being advertised on our website [www.runapostoffice.co.uk](http://www.runapostoffice.co.uk) as we are seeking to investigate all options available which will enable us to reinstate a Post Office service to Lydney. If you are aware of any interested parties, please do share the link with them.

In the interim we are pleased to inform you that following this closure Midcounties Co-operative Ltd will be opening, on a separate basis, a new Post Office local style branch that will run alongside their retail shop in newly refurbished premises, creating a modern and convenient experience for customers. The new Post Office branch will be situated at Co-op, Highfield Road, Lydney, GL15 4LH and the opening date will be confirmed as soon as possible. The establishment of this new service does not affect our intention to restore services nearer to the closing branch.

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 temporary 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, [www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder](http://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder)

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

***Damien Haydock***

**Damien Haydock**  
**Partner Account Manager**

How to contact us:

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## 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

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### Bream Post Office

High Street  
Bream  
Lydney  
GL15 6JN

#### Opening times

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

#### Services

Offers similar services, however excluding Passport Check & Send and On Demand Travel Insurance.

#### Access

This branch has a wide door and one step at the entrance.

### Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 2.8 miles away from Lydney branch, along varied terrain. Roadside parking is available outside the premises. There is a bus service between Lydney branch and this Post Office service. The nearest bus stop is approximately 170 metres away.

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### Yorkley Post Office

Stag Hill  
Yorkley  
Lydney  
GL15 4TA

#### Opening times

Monday – Saturday	08:00 – 18:00
Sunday	Closed

#### Services

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

#### Access

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

### Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 2.9 miles away from Lydney branch, along varied terrain. Limited roadside parking is available outside the premises. Buses serve the surrounding area.

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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.

## **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](https://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<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 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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<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.