

Dear Customer

## Branch Unplanned Closure Newton Regis Outreach Service Newton Regis Village Hall, Austrey Lane, Newton Regis, Tamworth, B79 0NL

We are writing to inform you that due to low customers usage, the outreach service provided from Newton Regis Village Hall, Austrey Lane, Newton Regis, Tamworth, B79 0NL is no longer sustainable to operate and will be closing on Monday 30 September 2024. This decision has been made in agreement with the postmaster who provides the outreach service at Newton Regis.

We will display posters to tell customers about these changes. 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 from any convenient branch. Details of possible alternatives are provided at the end of this letter and the latest available branch information can be found on our website, <u>www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder</u>

We continue to monitor service usage in the area and will ensure that any service provision is sustainable for both the person operating the service, and for Post Office Limited.

We're carrying out this communication in line with our Principles of Community Engagement. An extract of this 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

# Alternative branches

There are times our branches may need to make changes to its opening hours. The latest available branch information, including additional alternatives Post Office services in the area, can be found on our website <u>www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder</u>

Austrey Post Office			Services
102 Main Road			
Austrey Atherstone CV9 3EG			Offers similar services, with the addition to Euro/dollar Travel Money and On Demand Travel Insurance.
Opening times			Access
Mon - Tues	09:00 - 17:30		This branch has a wide door and one step at the entrance.
Wed	09:00 - 12:30		
Thurs - Sat	09:00 - 17:30		
Sun	Closed		
Getting there			

This service is approximately 1.5 miles from Newton Regis Outreach Service, along varied terrain. Roadside parking is available directly in front of the premises. There is a bus service available between Newton Regis Outreach Service and this Post Office service. The nearest bus stop is approximately 280 metres away.

Warton Post Office	Services
1A Maypole Road Warton Tamworth B79 0JH	Offers similar services, in addition to Euro Travel Money however excluding Vehicle Tax.
Opening times	Access
Mon - Sat07:30 - 19:00Sun08:30 - 13:00	This branch has a wide door and level access at the entrance.
Getting there	

This service is approximately 3.2 miles from Newton Regis Outreach Service, along varied terrain. Roadside parking is available in front of the premises. Buses serve 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
- 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 advocacy bodies.

### 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 advocacy body (Citizens Advice, Consumer Scotland, or the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland) if you're not satisfied with our response. The consumer advocacy body 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.