



Dear Customer

**Branch Temporary Closure**

**Newtownhamilton Post Office  
50 Dundalk Street, Newtownhamilton, Newry, BT35 0PB**

We are writing to advise you that, following a fire at the above premises, the branch closed temporarily, on Monday 31 July 2023. Please accept my apologies for the late notification on this occasion.

We are working to restore Post Office services at Newtownhamilton 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](http://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

*Janese Sung*

**Janese Sung  
Network Provision Lead**

How to contact us:

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[postofficeviews.co.uk](http://postofficeviews.co.uk)  
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**Alternative branches**

**Some branches may need to make changes to their opening hours.  
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**Cullyhanna Post Office**

4 Skerriff Road  
Cullyhanna  
Newry  
BT35 0JG

**Opening times**

Monday & Tuesday	09:00 – 15:00
Wednesday	09:00 – 12:30
Thursday & Friday	09:00 – 17:00
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

**Getting there**

This Post Office service is located approximately 4.6 miles away from Newtownhamilton branch, along varied terrain. Parking is available on the forecourt outside the branch. There is a limited bus service available between Newtownhamilton branch and this Post Office service. The nearest bus stop is approximately 350 metres away.

**Services**

Offers similar services, with the addition of National Lottery.

**Access**

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

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

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**Belleeks Outreach Post Office Service**

15 Main Street  
Belleeks  
Newry  
BT35 7PH

**Opening times**

Monday	10:00 – 15:30
Tuesday & Wednesday	10:00 – 13:00
Thursday	10:00 – 15:30
Friday	10:00 – 13:00
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

**Getting there**

This Post Office service is located approximately 4.5 miles away from Newtownhamilton branch, along varied terrain. Parking is available outside the branch and nearby. There is a limited bus service available between Newtownhamilton branch and this Post Office service. The nearest bus stop is approximately 60 metres away.

**Services**

Offers similar services.

**Access**

This branch has a wide door and access is via a step at the entrance.

Internally, there is a hearing loop.

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**Whitecross Post Office**

15 Kingsmill Road  
Whitecross  
Armagh  
BT60 2SS

**Opening times**

Monday & Tuesday	09:00 – 17:00
Wednesday	09:00 – 13:00
Thursday & Friday	09:00 – 17:00
Saturday	09:00 – 13:00
Sunday	Closed

**Getting there**

This Post Office service is located approximately 4.7 miles away from Newtownhamilton branch, along varied terrain. Parking is available on the forecourt outside the branch. There are local buses serving in the surrounding area.

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**Services**

Offers similar services, with the addition of National Lottery.

**Access**

This branch has a wide door and access is via a ramp at the entrance.

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

## **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, 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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<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.