

Branch Temporary Closure

Ombersley Road Post Office 129 Ombersley Road, Worcester, WR3 7BT

We are writing to further update you about the building and refurbishment works at the above location and the branch closed temporary on Monday 6 February 2023.

The branch did not open on Wednesday 22 February 2023, as previously advised and due to further delays in the completion of the refurbishment works, the Post Office service did not open on Wednesday 1 March 2023.

We would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused by the continued delays and the temporary closure. We are working hard to restore the Post Office service as quickly as possible, and the branch is now scheduled to re-open on Wednesday 8 March 2023.

In the interim customers may continue to use any Post Office branch for everyday Post Office products and services. 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.

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.

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.

We would like to thank you for your patience at this time.

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 <u>www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder</u>

Brickfields Post Office	Services
One Stop Stores	Offers similar services, excluding a comprehensive
16 Brickfields Road	range of Travel Money, Vehicle Tax, Passport Check &
Worcester	Send, and On Demand Travel Insurance, however with
WR4 9TH	the addition of Euros On Demand Travel Money.

Access

Opening times

Monday - Friday	09:00 - 17:30
Saturday	09:00 - 13:00
Sunday	Closed

This branch has a wide door at the entrance and access is via steps or a ramp with a handrail from the footpath. Internally, there is a hearing loop and space for a

Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 1.4 miles away from Ormbersley Road branch, along varied terrain.

wheelchair.

Roadside parking is available outside the branch and nearby.

There are local buses serving in the surrounding area.

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Worcester Post Office		Services
WHSmith Stores		Offers the same services, however excluding National
65 High Street		Lottery.
Worcester		
WR1 2EH		Access
		This branch has wide automatic doors and level access
		at the entrance.
Opening times		Internally, there is a hearing loop and space for a
Monday - Saturday	09:00 - 17:30	wheelchair.
Sunday	10:30 - 14:30	The Post Office is located on the 1^{st} floor and a lift is
		available.

Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 1.5 miles away from Ormbersley Road branch, along varied terrain.

Parking is available at the Town Centre Pay & Display car parks.

There are local buses serving in the surrounding area.

Warndon Post Office	Services
Spar Stores	Offers the same services.
4 Cranham Drive	
Warndon	Access
Worcester	This branch has a wide automatic door and level access
WR4 9PA	at the entrance.
	Internally, there is a hearing loop and space for a
	wheelchair.
Opening times	

Monday - Sunday 08:00 – 20:00

Getting there

This Post Office service is located approximately 1.8 miles away from Ormbersley Road branch, along varied terrain.

Parking is available outside the branch and within the parade of shops.

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 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, 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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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.