



Dear Customer

Sea Road Post Office®
Previously located at: Westcliffe Buildings, Sea Road,
Barton-On-Sea, New Milton, BH25 7ND

Local public consultation

We are writing to let you know that the above Post Office service will be re-opening at a new location - Barton News, 2 Cliff Terrace, Marine Drive, Barton-On-Sea, New Milton, BH25 7EA. As you may be aware the branch closed temporarily in July 2016 due to the resignation of the postmaster. I'm pleased to tell you that, when the branch re-opens, it will change to one of our new local style branches.

Why are we re-opening?

This re-opening is a part of the ongoing modernisation of our branch network. Over the last five years we have transformed over 7,500 branches so more customers can access Post Office products and services in a modern and friendly environment, often over longer hours including Sundays. We are confident that introducing a local style branch alongside a successful retail store is the most effective way to safeguard sustainable Post Office services in the local community into the future.

Your new Post Office branch

Customers would access Post Office services at a low-screened, open-plan, modern serving point that's part of the retail counter. Working with the postmaster, we'd adapt the current store layout, fixtures and fittings to accommodate the Post Office till if needed. The branch will offer a wide range of Post Office products and services over longer opening hours, so customers can access their Post Office when it's convenient. Customer satisfaction with local style branches stands at 96 per cent, and nearly 20 per cent of local branch customers visit outside traditional opening hours.

Consulting on the new location

Whilst the decision has already been made to re-open, we would still like your views on access and service provision at the new location and we are now starting a 6 week local public consultation and would like you to tell us what you think about the suitability of the new location particularly on the following areas:

- Are the new premises easy for you to get into and is the inside easily accessible?
- Are there any other local community issues affected by the move?
- Is there anything we could do to make it easier for customers?

I've enclosed an information sheet that provides more details about the new location and the range of products that will be available. If you have any comments or questions, please email or write to me via our National Consultation team, whose contact details are below. Any information we receive will be considered as we finalise our plans for the new branch.

You can share your views on the proposed change through our easy and convenient online questionnaire via the link below. When entering the site you can use the search function to find the consultation for this branch either by branch name, postcode or the unique branch code 273508.

postofficeviews.co.uk

Dates for local public consultation:

Local Public Consultation starts	18 July 2018
Local Public Consultation ends	5 September 2018

In this instance we have extended public consultation by one calendar week to allow for the summer holiday period. Therefore, if you do wish to contact me, please note that 5 September 2018 is the closing date for all enquiries.

The new branch is scheduled to open on 07 September 2018 at 13:00. However, this does not affect the consultation period which ends on 5 September 2018.

I've included information about the Code of Practice over the page and a copy of the Code will also be available to view in the branch.

At the end of the consultation we'll let you know our final plans by displaying a poster in the branch.

Thank you for considering our proposal.

Yours faithfully

Marie Tighe

Marie Tighe
Area Network Change Manager

How to contact us:

postofficeviews.co.uk

comments@postoffice.co.uk

Call: 03452 66 01 15

Textphone: 03457 22 33 55

FREEPOST Your Comments

This is all you need to add to your envelope for your letter to reach us

Want to tell us what you think right here and now – scan here.

If you don't have a QR code scanner on your phone, you can find one in your app store.



Items sent by Freepost take 2 working days to arrive. Therefore, responses by Freepost should be sent in sufficient time to arrive before the end of the consultation period. Working days do not include Saturdays or Sundays. Responses received after the deadline will not be considered.

Sea Road Post Office information sheet															
	New Post Office branch location														
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Distance	800 metres away from the closed branch, along varied terrain.														
Accessibility	<p>Access and facilities The new premises has a wide door and a level access at the entrance. Internally, there will be a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.</p> <p>Parking There is roadside parking outside the new premises.</p> <p>Buses There are limited buses running from the previous branch to the new premises. The nearest bus stop is approximately 50 metres away.</p>														
Retail	Convenience store														
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To get this information in a different format, for example, in larger print, audio or braille please call 03452 66 01 15 or Textphone 03457 22 33 55.

Sea Road Post Office® services available

For information about product availability call 03457 223344 or to provide you with details of maximum value of transactions please speak to the operator. Customers can also shop online at www.postoffice.co.uk

	New branch
Mail	
First & Second Class mail	✓
Stamps, stamp books (1 st class 6 & 12 only, 2 nd class 12 only)	✓
Special stamps (Christmas issue only) & postage labels	✓
Signed For	✓
Special Delivery	✓
Home shopping returns	✓
Inland small, medium & large parcels	✓
Express & contract parcels	Express 24 & 48
British Forces Mail (BFPO)	✓
International letters & postcards (inc. signed for & Airtsure)	✓
International parcels up to 2kg & printed papers up to 5kg	✓
Parcelforce Worldwide International parcels	x
Articles for the blind (inland & international)	✓
Royal Mail redirection service	✓
Local Collect	✓
Drop & Go	✓
Withdrawals, deposits and payments	
Post Office Card Account	✓
All personal and business banking cash withdrawals, deposits, balance enquiries & enveloped cheque deposits (card, barcoded or manual).	✓
Postal orders	✓
Moneygram	✓
Change giving	✓
Bill payments	
Bill payments (card, barcoded or manual)	✓
Key recharging	✓
Travel	
Pre-order travel money	✓
Travel insurance referral	✓
Mobile Top-ups & E vouchers	
Mobile Top-ups & E vouchers	✓
Payment by cheque	
Payment by cheque	x
Products marked x are available at Highcliffe Post Office, 348 Lymington Road, Highcliffe, Christchurch, BH23 5EY	Opening times: Mon – Sat 09:00 – 17:30

Code of Practice for changes to the Post Office® network

What's a Code of Practice?

The Code of Practice contains guidelines we follow. They tell us how, and when to tell you about changes to your local Post Office services. We've worked with the independent statutory consumer watchdog on these guidelines, which in Great Britain is Citizens Advice and Citizens Advice Scotland, and in Northern Ireland, the Consumer Council.

What kind of changes does it include?

Information about when we're planning to move or close one of our branches or outreach services. This also covers information about when a branch has suddenly closed unexpectedly because of something like a flood or fire.

Who do we tell about changes?

You and your representatives (who are often local MPs or local authorities and councils).

How will we tell you what's happening?

If there's a minor change – like changing opening times, then we'll let you know by putting up posters in the Post Office. If the plan is to move a Post Office then we'll put up posters and hand out letters in the branch as well as writing to your representatives. We'll have a press release and, the relevant information will be easy to find on our website.

How long will it take?

We'll let you know about any changes as soon as we possibly can. Sometimes, change is out of our control but we'll try to keep you as up-to-date about what's happening as much as we can. We try to make sure you have 4 weeks' notice before anything happens. If we're going to make big changes, there'll be a 'consultation period' which lasts about 6 weeks. This means that you've got time to let us know how you feel.

It's easy to let us know what you think...

We want to hear what you and your representatives think about change and to make sure it's easy for you to let us know, all of our contact details can be found on all our posters and letters. You can contact us by email, letter or phone.

How will you find out about the final plans?

We'll be letting you know in as many ways as possible. There'll be posters put up in or around your local area, letting you know what's going on. We'll also write to local representatives and, the information will be on our website.

If you let us know what you think, we'll make sure you know about our final plans either by writing to you, or having the information easily available in the Post Office or on our website.

What can you do if you think we haven't followed the Code of Practice?

If you don't think we've followed the Code, then please write to us or email us via the contact details included in this letter and let us know why.

To have a look at the full Code of Practice, it's on our website at postofficeviews.co.uk

