

Dear Customer,

#### Service Re-opening

# Strete Hosted Outreach Service Affecting Slapton and Dittisham Outreach Services

We are delighted to let you know that Post Office services will be restored to Dittisham Post Office service on Thursday 21 August 2025 at 08:30, where it will be opening as a Hosted Outreach service. The branch closed in June 2025, due to resignation of postmaster.

The service will be operating from the same premises, offered by the postmaster at Strete Post Office, offering a range of Post Office services. Full details of the new service are provided at the end of this letter.

There will need to be some changes to the current services offered by Strete Outreach service, to accommodate these changes affecting the opening time at Slapton Outreach Service, Slapton Village Hall, Wood Lane, Slapton, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 2QX. This change will also take effect on Thursday 21 August 2025 at 11:00. Further details of the changes to these services are provided at the end of this letter.

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.

If you have any questions you would like to raise about this matter, please write to me via the National Consultation Team at the address shown at the end of the letter. Please note that your comments will not be kept confidential unless you expressly ask us to do so by clearly marking them "In Confidence".

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,

Matt Walls

Matt Walls Area Change Manager

How to contact us: comments@postoffice.co.uk postofficeviews.co.uk FREEPOST Your Comments

## **Details of Dittisham Hosted Outreach Service**

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 <a href="https://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder">www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder</a>

For additional information about product availability call 03457 223344. For details of maximum value of transactions, please speak to the branch postmaster.

We sell Royal Mail and Parcelforce Worldwide services.

Postage services from other companies are also available in selected branches.

Dittisham Hosted Outreach Service	Services available
The Level Dittisham Dartmouth TQ6 0ES	Offers the same services.
Opening times	Access
Thu 08:30 – 10:00	Access is level at the entrance to the premises.

Details of the existing Outreach service opening hours:		
Slapton Outreach Service	Slapton Village Hall, Wood Lane, Slapton, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 2QX	
Current opening times	New opening times	
Thursday 10:00 – 12:00	New opening times Thursday 11:00 – 12:30	

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.

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### 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.