



Dear Customer

## Local public consultation – Decision

**Wath-Upon-Dearne Post Office  
35 High Street, Wath-upon-Dearne, Rotherham, S63 7PU**

I'm writing to confirm that following a period of local public consultation and review, we have made the decision to proceed with the move of the above Post Office into Allied Pharmacy at 2 Church Street, Wath-Upon-Dearne, Rotherham, S63 7QY.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to let us have their comments and provide information. All the feedback we received helped us to better understand the views of customers and their representatives and this was taken into account, along with all other relevant factors, in making our decision. A summary of the feedback is enclosed along with an information sheet providing further details about the new branch.

After careful consideration of the feedback received, we remain confident that the layout and location of the new branch will continue to meet customer needs and deliver an excellent service, whilst securing the long-term viability of Post Office services in the local community.

The current branch will close at 18:00 on Tuesday 20 January 2026, with the new branch opening at Allied Pharmacy, 2 Church Street, Wath-Upon-Dearne, S63 7QY at 08:30 on Tuesday 27 January 2026. If there are any unforeseen circumstances which mean these dates change, posters will be displayed in branch to let customers know.

During transfer of the branch customers requiring Post Office facilities may use any convenient Post Office service. Details of two alternative Post Office branches are provided below for your convenience:

- Winterwell Post Office, 59 Melton High Street, Wath-upon-Dearne, Rotherham, S63 6RQ
- Bolton-On-Dearne Post Office, St Andrews Square, Bolton-upon-Dearne, Rotherham, S63 8BA

This information is also available on the Post Office Consultation Hub at: [postofficeviews.co.uk](http://postofficeviews.co.uk)

We're carrying out this notification in line with our Principles of Community Engagement. An extract relating to Consultation is available at the end of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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### **Response to Local Public Consultation**

**Consultation started:** Thursday 3 July 2025

**Consultation ended:** Thursday 14 August 2025

#### **Consultation responses**

- 43 responses from customers and local representatives

#### **Key issues raised:**

- Parking
- Access and Internal Space

#### **Response to issues raised:**

##### **Parking**

Parking and the availability of parking spaces are problems faced generally in many locations nationwide. Whilst the availability of parking spaces is outside the direct control of Post Office Limited. A further review of parking has been carried out and has confirmed that there are two car parks within walking distance of the branch. One car park is free, and one is fee paying. There is also roadside parking on Fitzwilliam Street.

##### **Access and Internal Space**

The new location of the post office is in the premises next door to the existing pharmacy.

The new premises will have two entrances, the current entrance at Allied Pharmacy has a wide door with level access. The other entrance will be at the former Libbie's store, with works being carried out to incorporate a wide automatic door and level the access at the entrance. Additionally, customers will be able to access the adjoining Post Office area from the pharmacy via steps where the two screened positions will be.

Internally the new branch will be in line with Post Office specifications, making sure there is sufficient space for the Post Office service to operate alongside the retail offer. We will be working closely with the operator on the internal layout and some fixtures and fittings will be re-aligned or removed to make sure there is clear access into the premises, ensuring the entrance, aisles and the waiting area are kept free from obstructions and adequate room is provided for customers and a wheelchair to move around without difficulty.

## Wath-Upon-Dearne Post Office Information Summary

**There are times our branches may need to make changes to its opening hours. The latest available branch information can be found on our website [www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder](http://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder)**

<b>New Location</b>															
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<b>Services available</b>															
The same products and services will continue to still be available.															
<b>Serving positions</b>															
The setup will include three serving positions: two screened positions will be accessed from the former Libbie's entrance and one open-plan serving position will be accessible via the current Allied Pharmacy entrance.															
<b>Access</b>															
The premises will have two entrances, the current entrance at Allied Pharmacy has a wide door with level access. The other entrance will be at the former Libbie's store and will have a wide automatic door and level access at this entrance. Internally, there will be Low-level serving counters, a low-level writing desk and a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.															
<b>Getting there</b>															
The new branch will be located approximately 210 metres away from the current branch, along mostly level terrain. There is a free car park approximately 50 metres away. There is also a Pay by Phone car park and roadside parking available on Fitzwilliam Street.															
<b>Store retail available</b>	Pharmacy.														

## **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](http://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 **Consult** - where we are seeking feedback on proposals prior to a decision being made on the:

- Permanent closure of a Post Office branch<sup>5</sup>
- Permanent relocation of a Post Office branch (including the franchising of a Directly Managed branch to a new site)

We will carry out a six-week<sup>6</sup> local public consultation, informing customers, locally elected representatives, Consumer Advocacy Bodies, and selected charities of the proposal. This information will also be made available online and for a Directly Managed branch a press release will be issued to local media. We will ask locally elected representatives to share information with other key community outlets (such as notice boards, local charities, magazines, GP surgeries etc.).

The consultation will ask specific questions on areas where we would like feedback on access to Post Office services and will confirm when the change will happen if the decision is made to proceed. We will provide clear information on any changes to services as well as access to and into the new branch.

We welcome all feedback with the following factors being taken into account in making our decision, which we expect to make within four weeks of the close of consultation:

- Customer access to, into and inside the new or alternative branch/branches with particular regard to vulnerable consumers
- Any local community issues which could be affected by or affect the proposal

At the end of the consultation process we will write to locally elected representatives, Consumer Advocacy Bodies, and respondents to the consultation (where practical) to confirm our decision and provide a summary of key issues raised with a clear response to each. This information will be made available online and in branch (where possible).

**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>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> If the consultation includes more than four weeks in July in Scotland and Northern Ireland or more than four weeks in August in England and Wales, we will extend the period by one calendar week. We will not start any local public consultation during the two-week period which includes the Christmas and New Year bank holidays.