



Dear Customer

Service Re-opening

Westgate On Sea Post Office

Previously Located at: Paydens Ltd, 76 St Mildreds Road, Westgate On Sea, CT8 8RN

We are delighted to let you know that we will be restoring Post Office services to the community in Westgate On Sea.

The branch closed temporarily on Saturday 10 July 2021 following the resignation of the operator of the Partner service and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use.

We are pleased to be able to reinstate a temporary Post Office service whilst we continue to seek a permanent solution.

The new Post Office service will operate from within the Station Super Store, 49 Station Road, Westgate On Sea, CT8 8QY, and will open on Wednesday 28 July 2021.

Full details of the new temporary service are provided at the end of this letter and posters will now be displayed at the Station Super Store, so customers are aware of the change.

If there are any unforeseen changes to the opening date, posters will be displayed at the Station Super Store to let customers know.

I know that the local community will join me in welcoming this good news and hope that you and our customers will continue to use this service. If you are a local representative, please feel free to share this information with those in your organisation who you feel would have an active interest in this particular matter.

If you have any questions about the new service, please contact the National Consultation Team, as detailed below. 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'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.

Thank you for your support in restoring a Post Office service.

Yours faithfully

*Emily Dobson*

**Emily Dobson**  
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How to contact us:

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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.

### New Temporary Post Office Service Details: Westgate On Sea

**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**

[www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder](http://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder)

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#### Westgate On Sea Post Office

Station Super Store

49 Station Road

Westgate On Sea

CT8 8QY

#### Services

A range of Post Office products and services will continue to be available.

Customers can still collect benefits in cash using our everyday banking services or Post Office card account.

#### Opening times

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

#### Access

Access at the Station Super Store is level with a wide door.

Internally there will be a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.

#### Getting there

This new temporary Post Office service is located approximately 130 metres away from the previous branch, along level terrain.

Time restricted roadside parking is available outside the Station Super Store and nearby.

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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](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, 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 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, 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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<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.