



Dear Customer,

Service Re-Opening

Yalding Post Office

Previously located at: High Street, Yalding, Maidstone, ME18 6HS

As you may be aware, Yalding Post Office closed on Wednesday 10 June 2026, following the retirement of the postmaster and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use. We are pleased to advise that we will be restoring Post Office services on Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 14:00, with the introduction of an interim Hosted Outreach service, whilst we continue to seek a permanent solution.

The service will be operating from: The Parish Council Office/ Old Post Office, High Street ME18 6HS, by the Postmaster at Watlington Post Office, offering a similar range of Post Office services. Full details of the interim service are provided at the end of this letter.

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 there are any unforeseen changes to the opening date, posters will be displayed in branch to let customers know.

We're carrying out this notification in line with our Principles of Community Engagement. A copy is available at the end of this letter.

We do hope that you will support this new service.

Yours faithfully,

Emily Clive

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Retail Change Lead

How to contact us:
comments@postoffice.co.uk
postofficeviews.co.uk
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New Service Details

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 www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

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.

Yalding Outreach Service	Services available		
The Parish Council Office/Old Post Office High Street ME18 6HS	A similar range of services will be available.		
Opening times	Access		
<table border="1"><tr><td data-bbox="148 887 341 920">Tue & Thu</td><td data-bbox="341 887 587 920">14:00 – 16:00</td></tr></table>	Tue & Thu	14:00 – 16:00	Access is a step at the entrance to the premises.
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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.

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 closure¹/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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¹Where 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.