

Alford Branch Community Engagement

We're closing our Alford branch on 9 February 2021.

In our Branch Review we've published details of this closure and how we can support you through the changes and the alternative services you can use. You can view this at tsb.co.uk/our-branches

We've also written to customers who use this branch, to let them know about the changes. We always let customers know about these changes at least 12 weeks before the branch closure takes place. This makes sure we have time to talk with them about banking options, especially for customers who require additional support with the closure.

As part of our Branch Review we've also talked with the local community about the impact of the closure and how we can help customers with this change. This Community Engagement summary explains who we contacted in the local community and any feedback we received about the closure.

Who we contacted

We shared information with key members of the local community shown below about how customers' use of the branch has changed, what other TSB branches are nearby and how we are working with the Post Office® to provide banking alternatives. Visit postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder for more information.

- The office of the local MP, Andrew Bowie
- The office of the local MSP, Alexander Burnett
- The Leader and Chief Executive of Aberdeenshire Council
- The councillors for the Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford Ward
- Local Chamber of Commerce
- Local Federation of Small Businesses
- Local Citizens Advice Bureau
- Post Office®
- Lending Standards Board

What feedback we received

TSB was contacted by the offices of the local MSP and MP who wanted to raise concerns about this closure. Both wanted to understand in more detail the rationale for the closure and how we would support vulnerable customers who would prefer a face to face service in the local community. They also asked about the impact on TSB colleagues.

**Alford is
closing on
9 February
2021**

**The closest
branch is
Inverurie**

**Your account
details will
stay the same**



What we've done

We confirmed our intention to place a mobile adviser in Alford and took views on suitable locations for the service. We explained how we would proactively engage vulnerable customers ahead of the closure to help identify other ways to bank with us, highlighting that the nearest branch in Inverurie would be able to support customers directly by telephone. We also highlighted our intention to achieve as many as possible of these role reductions through voluntary redundancy.

We're here to help

We're here to support customers through the changes, especially those who would benefit from extra help with their banking. We'd encourage you to make sure you're set up to bank with us using one of the options below, so you can access your banking from home or elsewhere 24/7:

- Mobile Banking App – download from your phone at tsb.co.uk/mobile
- Internet Banking – visit tsb.co.uk/online to create your account
- Telephone Banking – visit tsb.co.uk/telephone to bank over the phone using our automated service

We're now able to support you with many services without the need to visit a branch. If you would like help with any of these services, please get in touch. You can talk to us online at tsb.co.uk/contact-us or call us on **01975 934 999***. If you'd prefer, we can book a face to face appointment to talk through all the ways we can support you, including:

- how to register for mobile, online and telephone banking
- banking with a trusted friend or family member
- support with bereavement or caring for a relative
- fraud prevention
- business banking
- the local Post Office® services available

Once this branch has closed, the nearest will be Inverurie branch at 32 West High Street, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, AB51 3QR, and you can call us on **01467 448 999***.

There are a large number of other branches you can visit, to find the one most convenient for you, please go to tsb.co.uk/branch-locator

*Telephone number available during usual branch opening hours. Details correct at time of print. This branch may close at lunchtime, for more information on opening hours go to tsb.co.uk/branch-locator
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If you'd like this in another format such as large print, Braille or audio please ask in branch or call us on **03459 758 758** (lines are open from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week), or **0345 835 3858** for Business Banking customers (lines open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm Saturdays).

If you have a hearing or speech impairment you can contact us using Text Relay or Textphone on **0345 835 7982** (lines open from 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week), or **0345 835 3852** for Business Banking customers (lines open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm Saturdays.)

Not all Telephone Banking and Business Telephone Banking services are available 24 hours, 7 days a week. Calls may be monitored or recorded.
If you need to call us from abroad, or prefer not to use our **0345** number, you can also call us on **+44 20 3284 1581** or **+44 203 284 1576** for Business Banking customers.
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