

Church Stretton Branch Community Engagement

We're closing our Church Stretton branch on 12 May 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, Philip Dunne
- The Leader and Chief Executive of Shropshire Council
- The Church Stretton Town Mayor
- The councillors for the Church Stretton and Craven Arms Ward
- Local Chamber of Commerce
- Local Federation of Small Businesses
- Local Citizens Advice Bureau
- Post Office®
- Lending Standards Board

What feedback we received

The local MP wrote to TSB requesting a meeting. He stressed his objection to the closure and felt it would have a significant impact on the town, given its elderly population. He stressed that many prefer or rely on access to face to face banking. The local Mayor contacted TSB to raise his objections. He highlighted local need and the reliance of many on branch banking. He also asked that TSB donate any branch equipment to charity and close the building responsibly (e.g. not leaving waste outside).

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The closest
branch is
Shrewsbury

Your account
details will
stay the same



What we've done

We explained that TSB donates IT equipment to charity but that this is done nationally, and we assured the Mayor we would close the branch responsibly. TSB had a call with the local MP and we discussed the reasons for the closure and the wider trends the banking sector is seeing. We stressed that it would not be possible to reverse our decision. We outlined the steps we take when closing a branch to support customers and shared the alternative ways customers can bank with TSB. We pointed out that we will be proactively calling all of our vulnerable customers and those who exclusively use the branch to outline the changes that we are making and advise them on the ways they can continue to bank with us. We also highlighted that we would be making our customers aware of the everyday banking tasks they can carry out at the local Post Office® – which is 0.2 miles from the Church Stretton branch.

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 **01694 653 999***. 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 Shrewsbury branch at 45 High Street, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 1ST, and you can call us on **01743 344 006***.

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 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.)

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