# Branch Review.

Our Bedlington branch at 42/44 Front Street West, Bedlington, NE22 5UB is closing on 28 May 2025.



## Why is the branch closing?

The way customers bank with us is changing. Over 95% of transactions are now being made using mobile, online and other ways to bank, instead of in our branches. And more customers than ever are using our Video and Telephone Banking service. We remain committed to face-to-face services across the country, and over 90% of our customers are within a 20 minute drive to a branch, or location of a Money Confidence Expert. But we want our services to reflect the current and future needs of our customers and keep open branches that are used the most, so sometimes this means that we have to close some branches. Across all our branches we've seen:



Over 2.5 million of our customers use mobile, online and telephone banking.



81% of our customers use another TSB branch or channel



Over 760,000 of our customers use TSB cash and self-serve deposit machines.



Over 300,000 of our customers use a Post Office.

We're here to support customers through these changes. So while we are closing this branch, you'll always be able to chat with us face-to-face at other branches, Pods, Pop-ups or through Video or Telephone Banking.

#### How we made our closure decision.

We always look carefully at the impact a closure may have on the community. Before we make a decision we consider:

- · How customers use the branch now.
- The current in-branch services available.

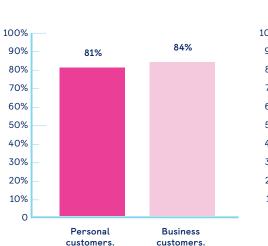
Percentage of our customers who also use

another TSB branch or channel.

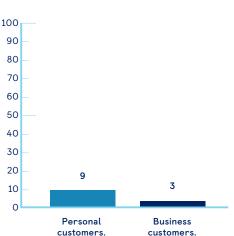
- · Other ways our customers choose to bank with us.
- Local banking alternatives such as Post Office branches.
- How customer's use of the branch has changed over time.
- · The impact on customers who may need extra support.
- · Whether we own or lease the branch building.
- The public transport services available in the area.

## In our Bedlington branch, here's what we found.

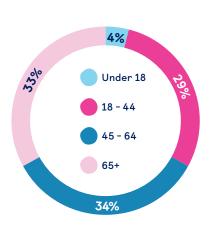
#### How customers affected by the closure are banking with us.







#### Age of our branch customers.



#### For personal banking customers:

**73%**also use mobile, online or telephone banking

**82%** also use services at our cash and self-serve deposit machines

29% also use the Post Office

91% also hold an ATM or debit card

## For business banking customers:

77%
also use mobile, online or telephone banking

46% also use services at our cash and self-serve deposit machines

21% also use the Post Office 62% also hold an ATM or debit card

## Feedback from the local community is important to us.

It's important to us that we engage with the community about the impact any branch closure may have. So, as well as getting in touch with customers, we'll be talking through the changes with members of the local community. We'll publish details of any feedback we've received in our Community Engagement summary six weeks before the branch closure.

If you are a member of the local community and would like to contact us about these changes, you can use this <u>form</u> to log your details and someone will be in touch with you. If you are a personal banking customer you can also call us on **03459 758 758**, or if you're a business banking customer call us on **0345 835 3858**.

#### Who we will contact about the closure:

- The office of the local MP/MSP.
- · The councillors for the ward:
  - The Chief Executive of the local council.
  - · The leader of the local council.
- · Local Chamber of Commerce.

- Local Citizens Advice Bureau.
- · Post Office.
- Age UK.
- · Carers UK.
- Local Federation of Small Businesses.

## Closest branch to our Bedlington branch.

There are a number of other branches you can visit, including our Morpeth branch below, which is 5.6 miles away from the closing branch. You can find other branches at **tsb.co.uk/branch-locator** 

#### Our Morpeth branch address:

3-5 Newgate Street, Morpeth, NE61 1AN

## Telephone number: 01670 634 9991

#### Opening times<sup>1</sup>

 Monday
 9:00am
 - 4:00pm

 Tuesday
 9:00am
 - 4:00pm

 Wednesday
 10:00am
 - 4:00pm

 Thursday
 9:00am
 - 4:00pm

 Friday
 9:00am
 - 4:00pm

 Saturday
 9:00am
 - 1:00pm

 Sunday
 Closed



You can also use our Newcastle upon Tyne, St Mary's branch at 162 Northumberland Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7PR.

You can make cash or cheque deposits at many of our external cash machines and these will be processed the next working day. The availability of this service will be displayed on the screen. Broadband coverage is available in the surrounding area of the closing branch.

## What other ways can you bank with TSB?

If you would like the convenience of not travelling to a branch, there are lots of other ways you can bank with us. And you can still have the reassurance of someone to talk to face-to-face when you want to.

Manage your everyday money.  Check your balance, make payments, pay in cheques, or chat to us 24/7 quickly and easily with our mobile banking app or online banking.	Talk to us about the bigger things.  Our Money Confidence Experts are ready to chat to you about achieving your goals or helping with money challenges using our Video Banking service.	Get cash out or pay money in.  To get cash you can use any cash machine, Post Office, Banking Hub, TSB branch, Pod or PayPoint free of charge. You can pay in cash or cheques at any TSB branch, TSB cash machine, or Post Office, or pay in cheques using our mobile banking app. And you can withdraw or pay in cash (notes) at deposit machines across the UK.
Find out more about Mobile Banking at <u>tsb.co.uk/mobile</u> or <u>tsb.co.uk/business/mobile</u>	You can book a Video* or Telephone Banking appointment 7 days a week, Monday – Friday 8am to 8pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 2pm.	Find a TSB branch, Pod or Banking Hub at tsb.co.uk/branch-locator Find a Post Office at tsb.co.uk/postoffice or tsb.co.uk/business/postoffice
Find out more about Online Banking at tsb.co.uk/online or tsb.co.uk/business/online	Find out more in our Handy Guide at tsb.co.uk/our-branches and book an appointment at tsb.co.uk/appointments	Find a PayPoint at <u>link.co.uk/cash-locator</u> Find a deposit machine at <u>cashaccess.co.uk/deposit-services</u> Find out more about accessing cash services at <u>link.co.uk/helping-you-access-cash</u>

#### Worried about something? Get in touch now.

When it can't wait, maybe because you're worried about fraud, have a problem with a card or payment or a money challenge, our teams are on hand to help. You can chat to us online using our mobile banking app at <a href="tsb.co.uk/help">tsb.co.uk/business/help</a> or call us on **03459 758 758**, or if you're a business customer **0345 835 3858**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Telephone number available during branch opening hours. Counter service hours may be different from the branch opening hours and some branches may close at lunchtime. If you need to visit a branch, please check the opening hours at <a href="tsb.co.uk/branch-locator">tsb.co.uk/branch-locator</a>



You can use most Post Office branches for the following services:

As a personal banking customer, you can use most Post Office branches to:

- · Withdraw up to £200 (notes and coins) if you have an ATM card.2
- · Withdraw up to £500 (notes and coins) with a debit card.2
- · Check your balance.
- Pay<sup>3</sup> in cash (notes and coins) and cheques to your account.

As a business banking customer<sup>4</sup>, you can use most Post Office branches to:

- Withdraw cash (notes and coins) using your business debit card.<sup>2</sup>
- · Check your balance.
- Pay<sup>3</sup> in cash (notes and coins) and cheques to your account.
- Exchange cash using the Post Office Change Giving service.

## Closest Post Office branches.

20 Front Street West, Bedlington, NE22 5UB

Under 0.1 miles from Bedlington branch





37 Station Road, Bedlington Station, Bedlington, NE22 5PP

1.2 miles from Bedlington branch





These are the closest Post Office branches to our closing branch with wheelchair access. To find other Post Office branches and check opening times and services, visit <u>tsb.co.uk/postoffice</u>

Post Office information correct at time of print, please check for your convenience.

### Closest cash machines.

#### Here are the closest free cash machines to our closing branch:

0.38 miles, Morrisons, Choppington Road, Bedlington, NE22 6LA	1.21 miles, The Co-op, 10 Station Road, Bedlington, NE22 5HB
0.43 miles, The Co-op, Netherton Lane, Bedlington, NE22 6DZ	1.68 miles, Asda, Cowpen Road, Blyth, NE24 4LZ
1.07 miles, James Hall, 37 Station Road, Bedlington, NE22 5PP	1.93 miles, The Co-op, 38 The Square, Guidepostear, Choppington, NE62 5DA

For further information go to <code>link.co.uk</code> Cash machine information taken from the LINK website and correct at time of print.



Cash Access UK are opening Banking Hubs across the UK so that vital cash and banking services can be provided where they are needed most. The Banking Hubs are shared by UK banks and are open to customers for everyday personal and business banking services. Banking Hubs have a Post Office counter and will be able to help you with services such as:

- · Withdraw cash.
- · Making bill payments.

- · Deposit cash and cheques.
- · Check your balance.

Where there's a TSB Money Confidence Expert available at a Banking Hub you will be able to get help with other banking services.

For more information on services, including which Banking Hubs have a TSB Money Confidence Expert available, go to tsb.co.uk/bankinghubs

To find out more about Cash Access UK go to cashaccess.co.uk



TSB personal and business customers can use their debit or ATM card to deposit cash<sup>5</sup> into their TSB account, using Cash Access UK's (CAUK) self-serve machines. You may also be able to withdraw cash at some CAUK machines. These services are free of charge for TSB customers.<sup>6</sup>

For more information on the deposit services available through Cash Access UK and their locations go to <u>cashaccess.co.uk/deposit-services</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Daily individual debit / ATM card cash machine withdrawal limits will apply. You may need to make multiple withdrawals to reach your card limit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cash deposit limits will apply. Personal customers can deposit cash using an ATM/debit card and PIN, or a pre-printed pay-in slip and TSB branded envelope. Business customers can deposit cash using a debit card and PIN or a pre-printed pay-in slip and TSB branded envelope. To deposit cheques, a pre-printed slip and TSB branded envelope is required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Charges may apply for deposits and withdrawals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Note deposits only (no coins).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Business Banking charges may apply, please check your Terms and Conditions.



There are PayPoints in convenience stores across the UK. You can get cashback at the till without making a purchase, and make bill payments.

For more information go to link.co.uk/cashatthetill

To find the closest PayPoint visit <u>link.co.uk/cash-locator</u>

## Supporting access to cash.

As part of the requirements for the Access to Cash legislation, all banks are responsible for maintaining access to cash across the UK. LINK will be working with banks and local communities to assess whether there are any access to cash gaps across the UK, to make sure customers have convenient access to vital cash services when they need it. This branch closure has been assessed by LINK to consider whether better access to cash is required in this community. You can read the assessment at <a href="link.co.uk/our-assessments">link.co.uk/our-assessments</a>

When a bank announces a branch closure, or when a community requests a cash access assessment, it's important that local communities are kept engaged to make sure they have appropriate access to cash. We work with LINK to carry out assessments of locations to check if they need better access to cash services. These reviews will be published and available on the LINK website.

For information on where you can access cash services visit link.co.uk/cash-locator

If you're concerned there may be an access to cash gap in your area or you'd like to find out how your community can have better access to cash, you can request an access to cash assessment at <a href="link.co.uk/helping-you-access-cash/request-access-to-cash">link.co.uk/helping-you-access-cash/request-access-to-cash</a>
To check if LINK have already made an assessment for access to cash in a particular area, and made a recommendation for improvement visit <a href="link.co.uk/our-assessments">link.co.uk/our-assessments</a>

## Support before the branch closes.

We'll write to you before the branch closes to remind you of what's happening. Our colleagues are here to support you until the branch closes and can also help you register for digital banking.

For more information on how we can support you, speak to us in branch, and our Handy Guide covers all the ways you can bank with us. You can read our Handy Guide and more details about the closure at <a href="test-style="test-style-type: 150%;">test-style="test-style-type: 150%;">test-style: 150%;">test-style="test-style-type: 150%;">test-style="test-s

If we can't find you an alternative that meets your needs, we will help you switch to an alternative banking provider.

## Support for vulnerable customers.

There are many reasons you may need us to work with you differently, either now or in the future. You may need extra support with your wellbeing, a life event, or because you find yourself in a vulnerable situation. If you're not able to travel to a TSB branch, and you'd like more support with your banking, or you'd like to chat to us about these changes, you can:

- Call our Bedlington branch on 01670 634 998<sup>1</sup>
- Chat to us online using our mobile banking app. For more information visit <u>tsb.co.uk/help</u> or if you're a business customer visit <u>tsb.co.uk/business/help</u>
- Call us on **03459 758 758** if you're a personal banking customer
- · Call us on 0345 835 3858 if you're a business banking customer
- If you're a personal banking customer you can book a video or telephone banking appointment at tsb.co.uk/appointments

There's also more information on how we can support you at tsb.co.uk/support

## We're still here to support you after the branch closes.

We'll write to you again after the branch closes to make sure we continue to support you.

For more information, chat with us in branch, or call us on **03459 758 758** if you're a personal banking customer, and **0345 835 3858** if you're a business banking customer. You can also read more about all the ways you can bank with us in our Handy Guide, which is available in branch or visit **tsb.co.uk/our-branches** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Telephone number available during branch opening hours.

## Easy ways to bank with us.

Service	Mobile Banking App	Internet Banking	Telephone Banking	TSB Cash Machines <sup>7</sup>	Pop-ups	Pods	Post Office	Banking Hubs (with an MCE) <sup>8</sup>
Personal customers								
Check your balance	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Recent transactions	~	~	~	V	~	V		V
Make payments and transfers to your own and other accounts	~	~	V	~	~	~		~
Make payments and transfers to other UK bank accounts <sup>o</sup>	~	~	~	<b>v</b>	~	~		~
Manage Direct Debits and set up and manage Standing Orders	~	~	~		~	~		~
Manage text alerts		~	~		~	~		~
Pay your bills	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Order a debit card or replacement PIN	V	~	V		~	~		V
Freeze your card	~		~		~	~		<b>~</b>
Unlock or change your PIN				~		~		
Withdraw cash (notes)				V		~	~	V
Withdraw cash (coins)							~	<b>V</b>
Cash deposits (notes)				~		~	~	<b>V</b>
Cash deposits (coins)							V	V
Cheque deposits	~			~			~	V
Business customers								
Check your balance	<b>✓</b>	~	~	<b>✓</b>	~	~	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>
Recent transactions	<b>✓</b>	~	~	<b>✓</b>	~	~		<b>✓</b>
Make payments and transfers to your own and other accounts <sup>9</sup>	~	~	~		~	~		<b>~</b>
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Manage Direct Debits and set up and manage Standing Orders <sup>10</sup>	~	~	~		~	~		~
Manage text alerts		~	~		~	~		~
Pay your bills	~	~	~		~	~	~	~
Order a debit card or replacement PIN	~		~					~
Unlock or change your PIN				V		~		
Withdraw cash (notes)				~		~	~	~
Withdraw cash (coins)							~	~
Cash deposits (notes)				~		~	~	V
Cash deposits (coins)							~	~
Cheque deposits	~			V			~	~
Post Office Change Giving							~	~

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{7}}$  This includes cash machines and multi-functional machines.

<sup>9</sup> Payments and transfers at Pop-ups are online transactions only.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 10}}$  You will need to access internet banking and our mobile banking app to set up new Standing Orders.

# Glossary.

Percentage of transactions that were made through mobile, online and other ways to bank.	Percentage of total transactions that were made through mobile, online and other ways to bank, between October 2023 and September 2024.
Number of customers that use mobile, online or telephone banking.	Total number of TSB customers that have used mobile, internet banking and telephone banking between October 2023 and September 2024.
Number of customers that use TSB cash and self-serve deposit machines.	Total number of TSB customers that have used a TSB cash machine, or self-serve deposit machine between October 2023 and September 2024.
Number of TSB customers that use a Post Office.	Total number of TSB customers that have used a Post Office between October 2023 and September 2024.
Percentage of customers who live within a 20 minute drive of a TSB location.	Total percentage of TSB customers who live within a 20 minute drive of a TSB branch, Pod, Pop-up or Banking Hub.
Percentage of customers at the closing branch that use another TSB branch or channel.	Total percentage of personal and/or business customers that used the closing branch between October 2023 and September 2024 that also used another TSB branch or channel.
Customers visiting the closing branch regularly.	Total number of personal or business customers that used the closing branch at least 48 weeks out of 52 weeks between October 2023 and September 2024.
Percentage use of mobile, online or telephone banking at the closing branch.	Total percentage of personal or business customers that used the closing branch between October 2023 and September 2024 that also used internet, mobile or telephone banking.
Percentage of customers using services at our cash and self-serve deposit machines across TSB.	Total percentage of personal or business customers that used the closing branch between October 2023 and September 2024 that also used a TSB cash machine, immediate deposit machine or multi-functional device.
Percentage of customers using the Post Office across TSB.	Total percentage of personal or business customers that used the closing branch between October 2023 and September 2024 that also used a Post Office.
Percentage of customers that hold a debit or ATM card.	Total percentage of personal or business customers that used the closing branch between October 2023 and September 2024 that also hold a debit or ATM card.
Mileage to closest branch.	Shortest drive distance from the closing branch postcode to the closest branch postcode. Information taken from Google Maps and correct at time of print. Google Maps are a trademark of Google LLC.
Counter Service.	We will show if the closing branch or the closest branch to the closing branch, has in-branch counter service.
Wheelchair access.	We will show if the closest branch has wheelchair access, and this may be assisted access or non-assisted access.
Closest branch drive time.	Shortest drive time from the closing branch postcode to the closest branch postcode. Information taken from Google Maps and correct at time of print. Google Maps are a trademark of Google LLC.
Closest branch accessible by public transport.	Bus or train journey available up to 1 hour with less than 15 minutes walking time. Information taken from Google Maps and correct at time of print. Google Maps are a trademark of Google LLC.
Closest branch free parking.	If shown, a minimum of 1 hour free parking is available (street or car park) within a 15 minute walk from the closest branch postcode. Correct at time of print.
Closest branch walk time.	If shown, up to 45 minutes walk time from the closing branch postcode to closest branch postcode. Information taken from Google Maps and correct at time of print. Google Maps are a trademark of Google LLC.
Broadband availability.	We will show if there is broadband coverage available in the location of the closing branch postcode, taken from Uswitch website and correct at time of print. Uswitch name and logo are registered trademarks of RVU.
Mileage to closest Post Office branch.	Shortest distance by road from the TSB closing branch postcode to the closest Post Office branch postcode calculated using Google Maps. Post Office information taken from <a href="mailto:postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder">postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder</a> and correct at time of print. Google Maps are a trademark of Google LLC.
Post Office counter service.	We will show if the nearest Post Office to the closing TSB branch has an in-branch counter service. Information where available has been taken from <b>postoffice.co.uk</b> where available and correct at time of print.
Post Office wheelchair access.	We will show if the nearest Post Office to the closing TSB branch has wheelchair access, and this may be assisted access or non-assisted access. Information where available has been taken from <a href="mailto:postoffice.co.uk">postoffice.co.uk</a> and correct at time of print.
Closest free cash machines to the TSB closing branch.	Distance from the TSB closing branch postcode to the six closest free cash machines, calculated using <a href="mailto:link.co.uk/cash-locator">link.co.uk/cash-locator</a> and correct at time of print.
Vulnerable Customers.	The FCA's definition of a vulnerable customer can be found at <u>fca.org.uk</u>
Post Office Change Giving.	A service that allows business customers to exchange notes into coins and £5 notes.
Our products.	Information on all our products can be found at tsb.co.uk

Information correct at time of print.

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If you have a hearing or speech impairment you can call us using the Relay UK service. Type '18001' before entering our telephone number. A member of the Royal National Institute for Deaf People will join the call to speak with us as you send and receive text messages. Please visit www.relayuk.bt.com to read how they manage your data.