# Bedlington Branch Community Engagement summary.

# We're closing our Bedlington branch on 28 May 2025.

## What you need to know.

In our Branch Review we've published details of this closure, how we can support you through the changes and other ways you can bank with us. You can read 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 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 summary explains who we contacted in the local community and any feedback we received about the closure.

## Who we contacted.

We've shared key information on this closure with the members of the local community shown below. This included how customers' use of the branch has changed, what other TSB branches are nearby, and how we're working with the Post Office to provide other ways to bank with us. Visit **tsb.co.uk/postoffice** for more information.

- The office of the local MP, Ian Lavery
- The leader of Northumberland County Council
- The local councillors for Bedlington Central Ward
- The local Post Office
- The local Citizens Advice Service
- The local Federation of Small Businesses
- The local Chamber of commerce

## What feedback we received.

The MP responded to TSB to raise his concern that adequate consideration had not been given to the needs of vulnerable customers, given this is the last bank on Bedlington High Street. He requested a meeting with TSB attended by local council representatives.

## What we've done.

We agreed to meet with the MP as requested, but because of the General Election, the meeting has yet to take place.



## Need extra support? We can help.

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:

- Chat to us online using our mobile banking app. For more information visit **tsb.co.uk/help** or if you're a business customer visit **tsb.co.uk/business/help**
- 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**

#### 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.

<b>Manage your everyday money.</b> 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.	<b>Get cash out or pay money in.</b> 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 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 <b>tsb.co.uk/mobile</b>	You can book a Video <sup>+</sup> 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
Find out more about Online Banking at <b>tsb.co.uk/online</b>	Find out more in our Handy Guide at <b>tsb.co.uk/our-branches</b> and book an appointment at <b>tsb.co.uk/appointments</b>	Find a PayPoint at link.co.uk/cash-locator Find a deposit machine at cashaccess.co.uk/deposit-services Find out more about accessing cash services at link.co.uk/helping-you-access-cash

#### 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, for more information visit **tsb.co.uk/help** or **tsb.co.uk/business/help** or call us on **03459 758 758**, or if you're a business customer **0345 835 3858**.

<sup>+</sup>Our Video banking appointments are only available for personal banking customers.

## Supporting access to cash.

As part of the new Financial Conduct Authority's Access to Cash requirements, 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.

Visit link.co.uk/cash-locator for information on all the ways you can access cash services.

You can also find out how your community can have better access to cash services at **link.co.uk/helping-you**access-cash/request-access-to-cash

## We're still here to support you.

If you'd like more support, or would like to talk to us about these changes, visit **tsb.co.uk/help** or call our Bedlington branch on **01670 634 998**.\* There are lots of different ways we can help you with your banking including:

- How to register for mobile, online and telephone banking.
- Fraud prevention.Business banking.
- Banking with a trusted friend or family member.
- The local Post Office services available.

• Support with bereavement.

If we can't find you an alternative that meets your needs, we will help you switch to an alternative banking provider. Once this branch has closed, the nearest<sup>^</sup> will be Morpeth branch at 3-5 Newgate Street, Morpeth, NE61 1AN, and you can call us on **01670 634 999**\*.

\*Telephone number available during branch opening hours.

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

Need some extra help to do your banking? This might be due to physical or mental wellbeing or a life event. We're here to support you. Let us know what you need by calling **03459 758 758**, chat to us in the Mobile Banking App, or visit us in branch. This information is available in large print, braille and audio. Ask in branch or call us on **03459 758 758** (lines are open from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week), or if you're a business customer **0345 835 3858** (lines are open Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 2pm).

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.

Information correct at time of print.

<sup>^</sup>This is the branch with the shortest drive distance from the closing branch, taken from Google Maps recently. Google Maps are a trademark of Google LLC. To find other branches that may be more convenient and opening times visit tsb.co.uk/branch-locator 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