

Bolton, Horwich Branch Community Engagement

We're closing our Bolton, Horwich branch on 9 March 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, Chris Green
- The councillors for the Horwich and Blackrod Ward and Horwich North East Ward
- Local Federation of Small Businesses
- Local Citizens Advice Bureau
- Post Office®
- Lending Standards Board

What feedback we received

We were contacted by a local councillor who stressed that many constituents had expressed their disappointment and concern. He stated that they had asked him to request that we reconsider our decision. He further stated that alternative banking facilities are not as accessible to wheelchair users and that bus fares to the Bolton branch are prohibitively expensive and some older customers find the thought of coping with mobile or internet banking intimidating. He stressed that many people like to bank in person.

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Horwich is
closing on
9 March 2021**

**The closest
branch is
Chorley**

**Your account
details will
stay the same**



What we've done

We wrote to the councillor and stressed that while we will be closing this branch we will be opening a new TSB branch in Bolton. We highlighted that we have taken the decision to close a number of branches as TSB has a much larger branch network than its competitors. We stressed that ahead of the closure we are proactively contacting all vulnerable customers who use the branch as well as those who use the branch exclusively to inform them of the changes we are making. We also highlighted that our customers will be able to carry out a number of everyday banking tasks at the local Post Office®.

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 **01204 249 997***. 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 Chorley branch at Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2SE, and you can call us on **01257 677 997***.

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.)

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