

# Thurso Branch Community Engagement

We're closing our Thurso branch on 21 April 2022.

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](https://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 [tsb.co.uk/postoffice](https://tsb.co.uk/postoffice) for more information.

- The office of the local MP, Jamie Stone
- The office of the local MSP, Maree Todd
- The Leader of Highland Council
- The councillors for the Thurso and Northwest Caithness Ward
- Local Chamber of Commerce
- Local Federation of Small Businesses
- Local Citizens Advice Bureau
- Post Office®
- Lending Standards Board

## What feedback we received

TSB received separate letters from the MP, MSP and a councillor expressing a number of concerns about the closure. These included the travel distance to the nearest branch in Inverness and the impact on vulnerable customers who may not want to use online banking, expressing a desire that the bank reverse its decision. The councillor asked for a meeting with himself, TSB and the Chair and Vice Chair of Thurso Community Council to discuss these concerns in more detail.

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The closest  
branch is  
Inverness

Your account  
details will  
stay the same



## What we've done

TSB has offered to meet with the MP to discuss these concerns, but this meeting has yet to take place. We wrote to the MSP and met with the councillor and members of the Community Council to explain that we have seen a 28% reduction in average branch transactions across the TSB network since January 2019 and that Thurso branch customer transactions have fallen by 48% over the same period. We also recognised the issue around travel time to Inverness, which is why we have made the commitment to launching a new TSB Pop-up Banking Service in Thurso, which will deliver a face to face service for TSB customers in the town one day per week.

## 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 – visit [tsb.co.uk/mobile](https://tsb.co.uk/mobile) to download to your phone.
- Internet Banking – visit [tsb.co.uk/online](https://tsb.co.uk/online) to create your account.
- Telephone Banking – call **03459 758 758** to set up and bank over the phone.

We're now able to support you with many services without the need to visit a branch. If you would like help, please get in touch. You can talk to us online at [tsb.co.uk/help](https://tsb.co.uk/help) or call us on **01847 507 998\***. Or if you'd prefer, we can book telephone, video or face-to-face appointments 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 2/4 Inglis Street, Inverness, IV1 1HN, and you can call us on **01463 399 998\***.

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](https://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](https://tsb.co.uk/branch-locator)  
For more information about this closure, please visit [tsb.co.uk/our-branches](https://tsb.co.uk/our-branches)  
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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** (lines are open from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week), chat to us in the Mobile Banking App, or visit us in branch. Or if you're a business banking customer call us on **0345 835 3858** (lines are open 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm Saturday).

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 banking customer call us on **0345 835 3858** (lines are open 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm Saturday).

If you have a hearing or speech impairment you can call us using the National 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](https://www.relayuk.bt.com) to read how they manage your data.

The opening hours of our Telephone Banking advisor services are 8am to 8pm Monday to Sunday. Our lost and stolen card and fraud reporting lines are open 24/7. For business banking customers our normal call centre times are 7am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm Saturdays. Due to Covid-19 they have reduced temporarily. 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. Calls may be monitored or recorded.  
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