

# Rochester branch closure 13th June 2017



Help and support for your everyday  
personal and business banking

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**NatWest**

# The way we bank

Closing a branch is a decision we take very seriously. We know it can affect people in the local area and we'll always work hard to guide you through the changes and find the best way to serve you from now on.

The world of banking has changed a lot lately and the changes show no sign of slowing down. These are some of the things we're seeing that mean we can't offer the same number of branches as we have in the past:

- More people are doing their day-to-day banking online, by mobile app, or over the phone
- More people are even doing bigger things that way, like opening a business account or getting a loan
- Fewer people visit branches and do fewer transactions when they're there
- People often use a branch that is more convenient to them, and not one branch consistently
- People contact us in a variety of ways and today very few people only do their banking in a branch.

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Mobile & Online  
transactions:  
Up 400%  
since 2010



Counter  
transactions:  
Down 43%  
since 2010

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People who do their banking online enjoy the speed, security and convenience that it offers. If you aren't already signed up, we can show you how to get started and talk about any concerns that you might have.

But even in this modern, changing world, we will always make branch services available to our customers. We will show you the nearest places you can do your banking or, where we can, find ways to bring the service to you.

This brochure will go through the alternative ways you can do your banking locally. And if you have any questions, we'll always be available to speak to you.

# How you can continue to bank locally



## Your nearest NatWest branches

You can use our full range of services in any NatWest branch and here are your 3 nearest as well as how to find your nearest Mobile Bank timetable if available:

Branch	Address	Opening hours *Wednesday 10am	
Strood Kent 0.6 miles	56 High Street, Strood, Rochester, Kent, ME2 4AG	Mon to Fri* Sat	9am - 4pm 9.30am - 1pm
Chatham 1.6 miles	148 High Street, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4DB	Mon to Fri* Sat	9am - 5pm 9am - 1pm
Gillingham Kent 3.6 miles	117 High Street, Gillingham, Kent, NE7 1AG	Mon to Fri Sat	10am - 4pm 9:30am - 1pm

## Business customers

We have a range of business services available. Speak to your primary contact to find out more.

## Your nearest Post Office®

As a NatWest customer you can get a balance and withdraw cash using your debit card and PIN, pay in cash and make cheques deposits with a pre-printed paying-in slip. Business customers can also make deposits of up to £2,000, withdrawals with a debit card of up to £500 and can also register for their change giving service. Please contact your nearest Post Office to check service availability. Your nearest Post Offices are:

Branch	Distance	Opening hours	
Rochester	0.2 miles	Mon to Sat	9am - 5.30pm
Strood	0.6 miles	Mon to Fri Sat	8.30am - 5.30pm 8.30am - 2.30pm
Maidstone Road	1.0 miles	Mon to Fri Sat and Sun	6.30am - 10pm 8.30am - 10pm

## Your nearest free to use cash machines

There are several cash machines in your area for account balances and cash withdrawals:

Cash machine	Distance
Rochester Railway Station	0.2 miles
NatWest Strood	0.4 miles
Halifax Strood	0.4 miles

## NatWest Community Bankers & NatWest TechXperts

Our Community Bankers are able to provide you with personal support, accessing the right banking options for your needs. They can educate you on scam and fraud awareness, as well as helping you achieve your financial plans and goals.

Our NatWest TechXperts are on hand to help you with Online banking options in the lead up to the branch closure and help you transition to the alternative ways to bank.

## Rochester branch

We wrote to personal and business customers who regularly use Rochester branch to give them at least 12 weeks notice of the closure. We also contacted these organisations and people in the wider community to discuss the decision:

- Medway Messenger
- Kent on Sunday
- Kelly Tolhurst MP, Local Councillors and other Politicians
- Rochester Grammar & King's School
- Red Cross
- A Petition
- NatWest TechXpert branch visit Feb 2017

This is the amount of feedback we've had since the notice of closure



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Complaints

### The main themes were:

- Customers have expressed their sadness about the closure of Rochester branch.
- Most people have said that the reason they're unhappy about the decision to close the branch is that they will have to travel further to do their banking.

### We have undertaken the following activities in response to the key areas of concern:

- We met with local MP Kelly Tollhurst on 14th March to discuss our customers concerns. We've seen significant changes in the way our customers are choosing to bank with us. We've also launched our mobile app and introduced free withdrawals and deposits through the Post Office.
- Customers can access their banking at the local Post Office, through our telephone, online or mobile banking services. Our local team have spoken to people about their different needs and offered help with the most suitable ways to bank in the area.

NatWest Rochester branch will close as planned on 13th June 2017. Our branch staff are available to answer any further questions that you may have or you can contact your Local CEO: **Lesley Dillon** LCEO, 07825 780888; [lesley.dillon@rbs.co.uk](mailto:lesley.dillon@rbs.co.uk)

# Other ways to do your everyday banking



## **NatWest Mobile Banking**

You can use our mobile app across multiple devices to:

- Check balances, transfer money between accounts
  - Get Cash out using just your mobile phone
  - Pay bills, your contacts and someone new up to £250
- ...and much more.

You can pay someone up to £250 provided you have the available funds in your account (including overdraft). There is a maximum of 5 payments totalling £250 per day, separate from Get Cash and daily withdrawals limits. The payee details will not be saved. You will need to be aged 16 and over with a UK mobile number. App available to customers with Online Banking and a UK mobile number.

**Find out more at [natwest.com/waystobank](http://natwest.com/waystobank)**



## **NatWest Personal and Business Online Banking**

All the features of Mobile Banking with the ability to do more:

- Download free security software for your PC or Mac
- View up to 7 years of statements
- Set up email or text alerts.

**To register for Personal or Business Online Banking  
visit [natwest.com](http://natwest.com)**



## **NatWest Personal and Business Telephone Banking**

All the features of Mobile and Online Banking,  
but over the phone.

**For personal telephone banking queries call 03457 888 444  
Mincom 0800 404 6161**

**For business telephone banking queries call 03457 11 44 77  
Mincom 0800 404 6161**

Online Banking available to customers aged 11 or over with a NatWest account. Business Online Banking is available to those aged 18 or over and have a NatWest account. There is no monthly charge for using online banking, however there are charges for certain transactions (such as international transfers). Calls may be recorded for Telephone Banking.