

# Stone Staffordshire branch closure 10th October 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



Personal and Business



Post Office®



Cash machines



NatWest branches and Mobile Banks

## Your nearest NatWest branches

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

Branch	Address	Opening hours *Wednesday 10am	
Longton Staffordshire 7.0 miles	Market Street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST3 2HW	Mon to Fri* Sat	9am - 4.30pm 9am - 12.30pm
Stafford Greengate 7.5 miles	41 Greengate Street, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST16 2JA	Mon to Fri* Sat	9am - 5pm 9am - 2pm
Newcastle Staffordshire High Street 8.3 miles	75 High Street, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 1PN	Mon to Fri* Sat	9am - 5pm 9am - 2pm

Visit [natwest.com/mobilebranch](https://natwest.com/mobilebranch) for our Mobile Bank timetables

## Business customers

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

## Your nearest Post Office<sup>®</sup>

As a NatWest customer you can get a balance and withdraw cash using your debit card and PIN, pay in cash and make cheque deposits with a pre-printed paying-in slip. Business customers can also make deposits of up to £2,000, withdrawals with a debit card 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
Yarnfield	2.9 miles	Mon to Fri Sat 9am - 5.30pm 9am - 12.30pm
Barlaston	3.2 miles	Mon to Sat Sun 7am - 10pm 8am - 10pm
Tittensor	3.5 miles	Mon to Fri Sat 9am - 5.30pm (Wed closing 12.30pm) 9am - 12.30pm

## Your nearest free to use cash machines

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

Cash machine	Distance
Lloyds Bank Stone	0.0 miles
Co-op Stores Stone	0.1 miles
Barclays Stone	0.1 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.

## Stone Staffordshire branch

We wrote to personal and business customers who regularly use Stone Staffordshire 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:

- Age UK
- Citizens Advice
- Alheimers Society
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Local Politicians
- Religious and Church groups
- TechXpert appointed 08/06

**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 that they would like to be given an option as to which branch their account is transferred to following the closure.
- Our customers have been concerned about what will happen to the staff who work at the branch following the closure.

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

- The branch team has spoken to all customers who have been concerned and explained that, although their accounts are being transferred they can still use any of our alternative banking services in the local area, including any NatWest branch. We also met with the local MP Sir William Cash to discuss how the branch closure will impact the local community.
- We have worked closely with the staff at the branch since the announcement to understand their preferences when the branch closes, and we have not made any compulsory redundancies as a result of the branch closure. We have been able to transfer a number of our staff to other branches in the local area.

NatWest Stone Staffordshire branch will close as planned on 10th October 2017. Our branch staff are available to answer any further questions that you may have or you can contact your Local CEO: **Deb Hanson LCEO, 07879 662036; [deborah.hanson@rbs.co.uk](mailto:deborah.hanson@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.