



## Free cash withdrawals for Halifax customers now available at Post Offices

Halifax has launched a partnership agreement with the Post Office which will enable all of its personal current account customers to make cash withdrawals or balance enquiries at any Post Office branch across the country.

All cash withdrawals are free of charge and available now at all Post Office branches. Withdrawals up to daily individual limits are available and customers only need their debit card and PIN to access their cash.

Liza Vizard, Head of Financial Inclusion at Halifax, commented: "The extension to our existing cash withdrawal facility underlines our strong track record in financial inclusion. We are delighted to be able to join forces with the Post Office to help provide a better service for our customers."

Alan Cook, Managing Director, Post Office Ltd, added: "The Post Office is committed to free access to cash. This new partnership with Halifax and Bank of Scotland means more than 60 per cent of total UK debit cardholders can now benefit from the convenience of withdrawing their money - completely free - at the same time as they pay a bill or post a parcel at any Post Office outlet nationwide."

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### Notes to editors

- In 2007 HBOS installed 100 new, free ATMS in disadvantaged areas, across Scotland and North of England, fulfilling its commitment to the ATM working group, chaired by Rt Hon John McFall MP. The new ATMs provide customers with free access to cash in communities that have previously had access only to ATMs from fee-charging providers or no access to ATMs at all. The Group's new ATMs in deprived areas have dispensed over £84m, saving customers an estimated £1m in fees compared with fee-charging machines.
- HBOS is the only bank to publish a target for new social banking accounts. The Group's social banking target for 2007 was to achieve a 15% market share in new business. HBOS exceeded this target, opening over 19% of new social banking accounts, more than any other UK bank. In addition HBOS opened 67,376 Cardcash

accounts for 16 and 17 year olds across the UK. Cardcash is a first step on the financial services ladder for these customers.

- Free current account cash withdrawals from the Post Office are also offered by the following banks: Alliance & Leicester, Bank of Ireland, Barclays (England & Wales only), Clydesdale Bank, The Co-operative Bank, Nationwide Building Society, Lloyds TSB (England, Wales & Scotland only), Northern Bank, smile, cahoot.