



Halifax's new branch in Newport set for premiere opening

Halifax is opening a new branch in Newport on Monday 18th February and will be holding a "Premiere" opening event at the new branch from 9am.

Situated in its new premises at 27-29 Commercial Street, Newport, NP9 1HJ, the new Halifax branch has 25 full-time staff, 5 cashier points, 14 interview rooms, 4 ATMs, Premier Business Banking facilities and an express pay in machine.

As part of the "Premiere" opening event on Monday 18th February, Thomas Yau, the star of the latest Halifax High Interest Current Account TV ad, will be at the branch all day to meet and greet new and existing customers.

On the way into the branch, customers and visitors will pass down a red carpet. They will also be served non-alcoholic cocktails and can help themselves to popcorn and Halifax goody bags.

Halifax will be opening 100 new branches across the south of England over the next five years.

Natalie Samuel, branch manager at Halifax's new Newport branch comments:

"There will be lots going on during the official opening event. We are delighted that the Halifax stars will be at the branch on the day to welcome all of our new and existing customers and colleagues."

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Editor's Notes:

1. About HBOS

HBOS was created by the merger of Halifax and Bank of Scotland on 10th September 2001. The Group has over 22 million customers and a relationship with 2 out of every 5 households in the UK.

2. The branch network

HBOS currently has around 1,320 branches throughout the UK. Of these, Halifax has just over 1,000 branches and estate agencies across the country. Around 13,500 front-line colleagues currently work in Halifax and Bank of Scotland branches. Over 3.5 million customers use the branch network each week, making over 9 million transactions.

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