



Halifax's new branch in Barnsley set for premiere opening

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Halifax is opening a new branch in Barnsley on Monday 2nd June and will be holding a "Premiere" opening event at the new branch from 9am on Thursday 5th June.

Situated in its new premises at 2-8a Queen Street, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 1SJ, the new Halifax branch has 6 cashier points, 13 interview rooms, 6 ATMs and an express pay in machine.

As part of the "Premiere" opening event on Thursday 5th June, Ophelia Leung, a Halifax Current Account advert star, will be at the branch all day to meet and greet new and existing customers. Local MP Eric Illsley will also be visiting the branch at 2.30pm.

A prize draw is also being held which offers a fantastic first prize of a 40" LCD television with home cinema system. Other prizes include, a digital camcorder and a portable DVD player. Visitors can enter the prize draw by filling out a prize draw coupon and handing it to a member of branch staff. Entry closes at 4.15pm and the draw will take place at 4.30pm.

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.

Wendy Grinsill, branch manager at Halifax's new Barnsley branch comments:

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

Barnsley Branch Opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Wednesday 9:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Ends.

Editor's Notes:

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