

Press Release

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33rd Issue Savings Bond, fixed rate for 1 or 3 years, available from Monday 23 February 2009.

Fixed rate for 1 year

Annual interest 2.85% Gross (2.85% AER)

Monthly interest 2.81% Gross (2.85% AER)

Fixed rate for 3 years

Annual interest 3.25% Gross (3.25% AER)

Monthly interest 3.20% Gross (3.25% AER)

The 33rd Issue Savings Bond's key features are as follows:

- Fixed rate for 1 or 3 years
- Strictly limited Issue
- Monthly income option (at reduced interest rate)
- Invest from £1,000 (£5,000 for monthly interest) to £100,000 (sole & joint accounts)
- Early withdrawal facility, subject to 120 days' interest loss

Customers can obtain full details and an application form by visiting our website at www.ncbs.co.uk or by calling 0845 603 4876.

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Notes to editors:

- National Counties Building Society is based in Epsom and offers a range of competitive savings and mortgage products to over 57,000 customers throughout the UK via post, telephone and the internet, along with insurance and investment services provided by its business partners.
- National Counties capital ratio (reserves: total assets) is amongst the highest of building societies in the UK, proving security for its customers and much envied financial strength.