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National Counties Launches 'Best Buy' Savings Bond

National Counties has today launched the 49th Issue Savings Bond which offers a competitive rate of 2.40% gross[^] AER* fixed until 30 January 2016.

The bond has been designed to offer savers a medium term savings bond with a higher return than any other UK building society. Savers can open the account online, by post or by visiting the Epsom branch.

Keith Barber, Associate Director of Business Development, states: "Our new 49th Issue Savings Bond offers a competitive rate of interest for investors looking save £10,000 or more for a 2 year period – it is a strictly limited issue so don't miss out on the opportunity to benefit from this great rate."

49th Issue Savings Bond – key features

- Fixed rate to 30 January 2016
- Invest from £10,000 to £150,000
- Interest paid annually on 1 July and on maturity
- Monthly income option (at reduced interest rate)
- No additions allowed
- No withdrawals prior to maturity
- Open and operate by post, online or at our Epsom branch
- Strictly limited issue

National Counties will continue to offer its 47th & 48th Issue Savings Bonds which are available for investments of £1,000 or more and include short through to long term investment periods.

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[^] Interest will be paid or credited after deduction of income tax at the lower rate of 20% or, subject to the required certification, gross.

* AER stands for Annual Equivalent Rate and illustrates what the annual rate would be if interest was compounded.

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EDITORS' NOTES

- i. National Counties Building Society is the UK's twelfth largest building society, with over 50,000 members and £1.3bn of assets. Operating from its head office in Epsom, Surrey, the Society employs over 100 people and offers a range of competitive savings and mortgage products throughout the UK.