



# **CASH RECOMMENDATIONS – MARCH 2021**

As interest rates continue to fall, it remains a difficult time for savers. In this report, we have updated our figures to set out what we believe to be the most competitive rates on the various types of personal deposit accounts available at the moment. These accounts are also protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) where if a provider fails, the FSCS will pay out an amount of £85,000 per person, or £170,000 for a joint account.

If the account is with NS&I, who is backed by HM Treasury, your full balance is protected. While the rates with NS&I are no longer market leading, this feature is still particularly useful when looking to place large sums, for example, following the sale of a property. The rates quoted may be subject to change and should be checked with the relevant provider before applying.

# Easy Access, Instant Access – no notice savings accounts

For many people, being able to instantly access their savings not only is the most convenient but is the most sensible option for them.

#### Recommendations:-

Market Harborough Building Society	0.55% gross AER
Ford Money Flexi Saver	0.50% gross AER
Virgin Money Instant Savings	0.50% gross AER
SAGA Easy Access Savings	0.40% gross AER
Post Office Instant Saver	0.35% gross AER
AA Member Saver	0.35% gross AER

### **Tax Free Savings Accounts**

Your ISA allowance for the 2020/21 tax year is £20,000 and the full amount can be invested in a stocks & shares ISA or a cash ISA (or any combination of the two).

#### Recommendations:-

For new ISAs and transfers:	
Close Brothers 2 Year Fixed ISA	0.62% gross AER
Ford Money 2 Year Fixed ISA	0.60% gross AER
Virgin Money Easy Access Cash ISA	0.50% gross AER
Post Office Easy Access ISA	0.25% gross AER

## **Bonds, Term & Notice Savings Accounts**

Bonds or term savings accounts could suit you if you have some spare money that you do not mind tying up for a set period.

Recommendations:-

Close Brothers 5 Year Fixed	1.15% gross AER
Ford Money 3 Year Fixed Saver	0.85% gross AER
Paragon 3 Year Fixed rate	0.85% gross AER
Close Brothers 35 day notice	0.50% gross AER
Aldermore 30 day notice	0.40% gross AER

## **Children's Savings Accounts**

While interest rates for adults are falling, your children or grandchildren can earn up to 4% on their savings

#### Recommendations:-

Halifax Kids' monthly saver 1 Year Fixed 3.50% gross AER
Barclays Regular Saver 1.51% gross AER
Santander 123 Mini Account 3.00% gross AER
HSBC My Savings 2.50% gross AER

Junior ISAs:

Coventry BS 2.95% gross AER