This branch is closing – but we’re still here to help

Our Knighton branch is closing on Friday 21 September 2018.

Branch closure feedback, and alternative ways to bank
Sharing branch closure feedback

We’re now nearing the closure of the Knighton branch of Barclays. Our first booklet explained why the branch is closing, and gave information on other banking services that we hope will be convenient for you.

We do understand that the decision to close a branch affects different communities in different ways, so we’ve spoken to people in your community to listen to their concerns. We wanted to find out how your community, and particular groups within it, could be affected when the branch closes, and what we could do to help people through the transition from using the branch with alternative ways to carry out their banking requirements.

There are still many ways to do your banking, including in person at another nearby branch, at your local Post Office or over the phone on 0345 7 345 345. You can also go online to barclays.co.uk/waystobank to learn about your other options. Read more about this on page 6.

If you still have any questions or concerns about these changes, now or in the future, then please feel free to get in touch with us by:

Speaking to us in any of our nearby branches

Contacting Adrian Davies, your Community Banking Director for Gloucester Worcester & the Valleys.

Email: adrian.davies@barclayscorp.com
We contacted the following groups:

MP:
Chris Davies

AM:
Kirsty Williams

Local Council:
Town Clerk, Knighton Town Council

Customers:
A number of customers who regularly use the branch

We asked each of the groups 3 questions – here’s what they said:

In your opinion, what’s the biggest effect that this branch closing will have on your local community?

You said to us:
There are some concerns that the branch closure may have an impact on the way customers are able to bank and the loss of the cash machine.

There were also concerns about the potential impact the closure may have on the town, and in particular on local trade and businesses. It was felt that the branch closure does not support the progress being made to develop and grow the town.

We’d like to say:
We understand the concerns from the community, however we’d like to reassure everyone that, before making our decision to close, we looked very carefully at how the branch is used. Many of our customers already use nearby branches and online or telephone banking, and we’ve seen a general fall in customers coming to the branch.

To retain the community focus, and to ensure trade stays in the local area, we are explaining to customers how to do their everyday banking at the nearby Post Office in Knighton, which is open Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm, and on Saturdays from 8am to 2pm. We’re helping customers understand the transactions they can do there, and offering them support through this transition.

There are many cash machines within the town, with free to use ATMs at Ebor Foodmarkets, Spar, and Whitehall Supermarket, all within 200 metres of the branch.
What’s the biggest effect that this branch closing will have on customers of the branch?

You said to us:
There are concerns about customers who may depend particularly on the branch – for example, elderly customers and people who may find it hard to travel. There were also concerns about local business customers who rely on there being a branch in town, particularly for cash transactions.

We’d like to say:
We’re speaking individually with customers most likely to be affected by the closure and we’re helping them with alternative ways to do their banking. This includes telephone banking to speak to someone in person.

For many customers, particularly those who prefer to bank face to face, the Post Office is there for them.

We have also spoken to business customers who regularly use the branch and let them know about other ways to draw and pay in cash, including Barclays Collect, our cash collection service. We’ve also made sure they’re familiar with the services available at the Post Office.

For anyone who’s able to travel, the nearest Barclays branches are in Ludlow and Leominster. However, we understand it’s not always convenient to travel, so we’ve been offering support from our Digital Eagles in our branch, to help customers adapt to new ways of banking – so they don’t have to come into a branch as often. We’re talking to customers about how they can do their banking from home too.

What alternative ways to bank do you believe would help people adapt to the change?

You said to us:
Customers will need help if they are to adopt new banking methods, particularly the elderly who don’t feel comfortable with online banking.

We’d like to say:
We’re encouraging customers to use other ways to do their everyday banking, including Mobile and Online Banking – and Telephone Banking if they would prefer to speak to someone. We have run ‘Tea and Teach’ events at the branch to show customers other ways to bank, including how to set up regular payments, use Pingit or Barclays Mobile Banking on their mobile phones. We have shown them how to order cards and PINs, as well as helping people remain vigilant against fraud. Support is also available through our telephony and website services.

The local Post Office is also there for everyday banking transactions and we will continue working with the Post Office to ensure they are ready to support our customers when our branch closes.

Other things that could help

Banking at the Post Office is available to both personal and business customers – where they can withdraw and pay in cash, and check their balances using a debit card and PIN. Customers can also pay in cash using a pre-printed paying-in slip.

Cheques can be deposited at the Post Office – customers will need a pre-printed paying-in slip, along with a cheque deposit envelope.

- Cheque deposit envelopes – we have supplies of envelopes in the Knighton branch, so please visit us before it closes to pick some up. Otherwise, call us on 0800 169 3091* and we’ll pop some in the post
- Pre-printed paying-in slips – are at the back of a Barclays cheque book. They can also be ordered at any branch or by calling 0800 169 3091*

Please allow an extra 2 days for cheques or cash deposited using a pre-printed paying-in slip to reach your Barclays accounts.

*Lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Ways to bank

We want to make staying in control of your everyday banking as easy and convenient as possible. Over the years, we’ve introduced many ways you can bank without having to come into a branch.

Barclays Mobile Banking
Transfer money between accounts and keep a check on your balances. If you need to, you can call us directly from the app too. The Barclays Mobile Banking app is free to download from your app store.

Online Banking
Do all your everyday banking tasks from your home computer. We use the most advanced security systems to keep your details safe and our Online and Mobile Banking Guarantee protects you from fraud. To register, just call 0345 734 5345.

Telephone Banking
Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can hear your balance, check transactions, pay bills and transfer money. You can speak to an adviser about your banking needs too. To register, just call 0345 734 5345.

Barclays Pingit
Sending money is secure and instant with no need to share bank account details. You’re automatically protected in the event of fraud as long as you’ve used the services correctly. The Barclays Pingit app is free to download from your app store.

The Post Office
All customers can pay cash in, withdraw cash and check balances using their Barclays debit card and PIN at thousands of Post Office branches across the country.

All customers can also pay cash and cheques into a Barclays account using a personalised paying-in slip. For cheques, you’ll also need a cheque deposit envelope. You will need to allow two extra working days for cheques to reach your Barclays accounts.

Transaction charges for Business transactions will apply.

Link cash machines
Withdraw cash free of charge, check your balance and request a receipt at any cash machine displaying the Link sign. You can also print off a mini statement at Barclays cash machines.
Discover more at
barclays.co.uk/ways-to-bank

If you’re a business customer visit
barclays.co.uk/business-banking/ways-to-bank

To get this in Braille, large print or audio, call 0800 400 100 (via Text Relay)
or visit barclays.co.uk/accessibleservices

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1 You must be aged 11-15 years and have a Barclayplus account or be aged 16 or over and have an eligible Barclays product or account. Terms and conditions apply
2 Calls to 03 numbers are charged at the same rate as calls to 01 & 02 landlines, and will count towards any inclusive minutes you may have covering calls to landline numbers.
   Call charges may differ, please check with your local provider.
3 Terms and conditions apply. You must be aged 16 years or above and have a current account in the UK, Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey (which can receive payments through
   the Faster Payments network).

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