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

Our Yate branch is closing on Thursday 22 July 2021.

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

We’re now nearing the closure of the Yate 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 345². 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, or over the phone on 0345 7 345 345².

Contacting Adrian Davies, your Market Director for Local West.

Email: Adrian.Davies@barclayscorp.com
We contacted the following groups:

MP:
Luke Hall

Local council:
South Gloucestershire Council – Councillors Ruth Davis and John Gawn
Yate Town Council – Town Clerk Hayley Townsend

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 were some concerns that the branch closure may have an impact on the way both businesses and personal customers can bank. The closure of the branch also means that there will be fewer banks in the town, which lessens the convenience for residents.

We’d like to say:
We understand the concerns about the closure – and we’d like to reassure everyone that, before deciding to close, we looked very carefully at how the branch is used. We’ve seen a general fall in customers coming to this branch, and many customers already use nearby branches and Online or Telephone Banking.

To keep a community focus and to ensure trade stays in the local area, everyday banking can be done at the Post Office in Yate Sodbury – it’s open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 9am and 4.30pm, on Tuesday between 9.30am and 4.30pm, and on Saturday between 9am and 12.30pm. We’re helping our customers understand which transactions they can do there, how to bank from home or their business premises and offering them support through this transition.

There are cash machines nearby at Nationwide, Lloyds and HSBC – all are free to use.
What's the biggest effect that this branch closing will have on customers of the branch?

You said to us:
There were concerns about customers who depend on the branch – for example, those who find it difficult to travel. The alternative branches are some distance away, and there were concerns that customers may find it difficult to park.

There were also concerns that the Post Office may find it difficult to cope with the extra demand, and not everyone can use, or wants to use, Online Banking.

We'd like to say:
We're speaking individually to those customers most likely to be affected by the closure, and we're helping them feel confident with alternative ways to bank. This includes speaking to someone in person through Telephone Banking. We're also making sure customers are familiar with using their local Post Office, and we're working with the Post Office staff to ensure they're ready for the extra demand when our branch closes.

For anyone who's able to travel, the nearest branches are in Kingswood and Westbury-on-Trym. Although there are no parking facilities at either of these branches, there are public car parks nearby. We understand it's not always convenient to travel, so we've been offering support from our branch's Digital Eagles, to help customers adapt to new ways of banking – so they don't need to use a branch as often.

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

You said to us:
The closure means customers will need help getting used to new banking methods, particularly those who are concerned about banking online and may prefer dealing with someone face to face.

We'd like to say:
We're encouraging customers to do their everyday banking in other ways, including Mobile and Online Banking – there's the Post Office and Telephone Banking for those who prefer to speak to someone.

We've run individual and small group 'Tea and Teach' sessions to show customers other ways to bank, including how they can set up regular payments and how to use the Barclays app on their mobile phones. We've also shown customers how to order cards and PINs and we're helping everyone remain vigilant against fraud. Support is also available through our telephone and online services.

We're exploring the possibility of our staff being present within the community for a period of time after the branch closes to provide further support. Once we've confirmed the arrangements we'll share the details locally.

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.

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 Yate 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 deposited using a pre-printed paying-in slip to reach your Barclays accounts.

Customers can withdraw cash at any cash machine displaying the LINK sign.

*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.

The Barclays app
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 app is free to download from your app store1.

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 53452.

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 53452.

The Post Office
All customers can withdraw or pay in 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 cheques into a Barclays account using a personalised paying-in slip and 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, check your balance and request a receipt at any cash machine displaying the LINK sign3. You can also print off a mini statement at Barclays cash machines.

If you would like more information or help with any of the different ways you can bank with us, please speak to someone in branch or visit barclays.co.uk/ways-to-bank If you’re a business customer then visit barclays.co.uk/business-banking/ways-to-bank

Broadband - to check the availability and speeds in your area please visit checker.ofcom.org.uk/broadband-coverage. If you need any support, please speak to someone in branch.