



This branch is closing but your bank is always open

Our Birtley branch is closing
on 16 October 2015

Find out how this may affect you.

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Now more than ever, the way people choose to bank is changing as the digital revolution continues. As a business, we need to adapt our services to keep up with the changing needs of our customers. In this booklet we've set out why we've made the decision to close this branch and how and where you can find the banking services and expertise you need. We'll go into this in more detail later on, but here are the main reasons why this branch is closing:

- The number of customers using the counter has gone down and is low in comparison to similar branches
- 73% of our branch customers also use other ways to do their banking, such as online and by telephone
- In the past 12 months, 53% of this branch's customers have been using neighbouring branches
- Only 134 customers regularly used this branch in the past 12 months, without interacting with us in any other way.

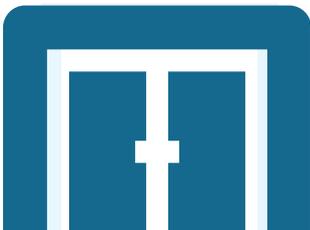
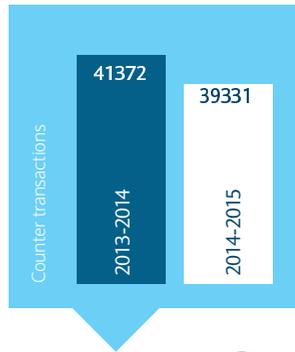
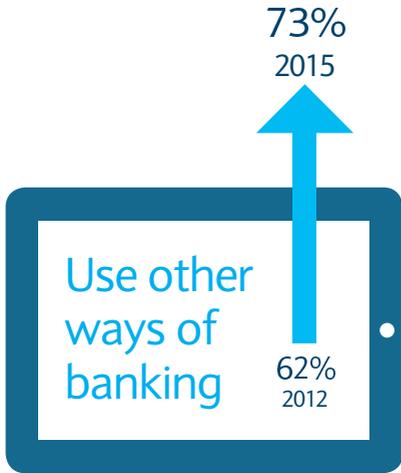
I realise that you may have questions and concerns about these changes, so please feel free to get in touch using the details below.

Yours,

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What's changed in your branch?

Many customers are choosing to bank differently



In all, only 134 regular customers used this branch without interacting with us in any other way

How this branch is used

Before we make the difficult decision to close any branch, we think carefully about how it has been used so far. We consider how many customers have been visiting, what kind of transactions they've been making, and all the other ways they've been choosing to bank with us.

Customers

Usage in last year	Regular (3+ times)	Heavy (12+ times)	% heavy users who also use neighbouring branches
Personal	2493	647	53%
Business & Corporate	640	186	61%

Weekly transactions

Personal

	Counter transactions	Cash withdrawals	Cash deposits	Cheque deposits
May 2013-Apr 2014	637	291	253	93
May 2014-Apr 2015	600	265	250	85
Change 2013 v 2014	-6%	-10%	-1%	-10%

Business & Corporate

	Counter transactions	Cash withdrawals	Cash deposits	Cheque deposits
May 2013-Apr 2014	159	18	71	70
May 2014-Apr 2015	157	13	83	60
Change 2013 v 2014	-1%	-32%	15%	-17%

Opening hours of Birtley

Monday	09:30-16:30
Tuesday	09:30-16:30
Wednesday	09:30-16:30
Thursday	09:30-16:30
Friday	09:30-16:30
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

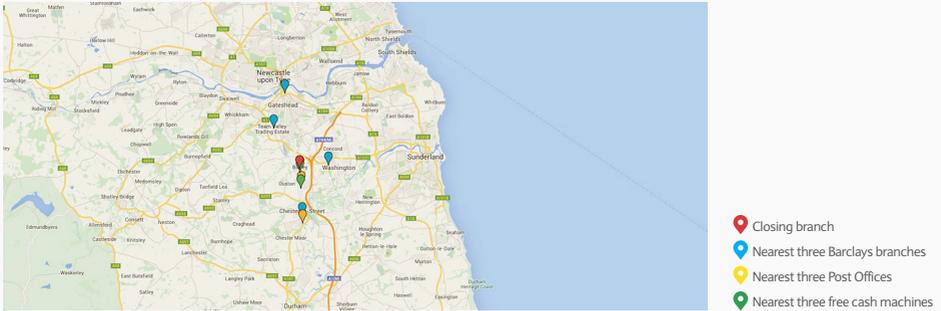
Facilities available

Counter services	Yes
Cash machines	Yes
Self service machines	No

Other places you can bank locally

There are many other ways you can still bank in your local community, including nearby Barclays branches, cash machines and Post Offices, which offer a number of banking services.

Where to find nearest three Barclays branches, nearest three Post Offices, and nearest three free cash machines



Local Barclays branches

Name	CHESTER-LE-STREET		WASHINGTON		TEAM VALLEY	
Post Code	DH3 3AH		NE38 7SH		NE11 0JW	
Distance (miles)	2.9		2.977		3.2	
Opening hours	Monday	09:30-16:30	Monday	09:30-16:30	Monday	09:30-16:30
	Tuesday	09:30-16:30	Tuesday	09:30-16:30	Tuesday	09:30-16:30
	Wednesday	09:30-16:30	Wednesday	09:30-16:30	Wednesday	09:30-16:30
	Thursday	09:30-16:30	Thursday	09:30-16:30	Thursday	09:30-16:30
	Friday	09:30-16:30	Friday	09:30-16:30	Friday	09:30-16:30
	Saturday	09:00-15:00	Saturday	09:00-15:00	Saturday	closed
	Sunday	closed	Sunday	closed	Sunday	closed
	Any recent or upcoming changes to branch trading hours?	None		None		None
Branch Facilities – Counters	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Branch Facilities – Self service	Yes		Yes		Yes	

Nearest free cash machines to this branch

Location	Address	Distance (miles)	Charge amount
Post Office	PO 13 Talbot Terrace ,Chester Le Street ,DH3 2PQ	0.1	FREE
LLOYDS	54 HARRATON ROAD ,BIRTLEY ,DH3 2QJ	0.1	FREE
Convenience	Birtley (Netto) ,Durham Road ,Birtley ,DH3 2PF	0.247	FREE

Nearest cash machines to this branch that charge a fee

Location	Address	Distance (miles)	Charge amount
MGO LANE SERVICE STATION	DURHAM ROAD ,BIRTLEY ,DH3 2PF	0.2	£2.00
AA Conv Store	14 Primrose Gardens ,Chester le Street ,DH2 1RL	1.3	£1.50
Cannock off Licence	20 Cannock ,Chester le Street ,DH2 1LL	1.4	£1.50

Nearest Post Offices to this branch

Post Office Name	Distance (Miles)	Address	Opening hours	Banking facilities
Town Centre	0.1	Talbot Terrace, Birtley, Chester Le Street, DH3 2PQ	08:30 : 18:00 Mon-Tues 09:00 : 17:30 Wed-Fri 09:00 : 12:30 Sat Closed Sun	Yes
Durham Road	0.5	Winston House, Durham Road, Chester Le Street, DH3 1HT	06:00 : 22:00 Mon-Sun	Yes
Barley Mow	1.0	25 York Road, Birtley, Chester Le Street, DH3 2DE	06:00 : 23:00 Mon-Sun	Yes

Community feedback

We understand that the decision to close a branch affects different communities in different ways, so we spoke to people in your community to hear their opinion. We wanted to find out how your community, and particular groups within it, would be affected if this branch were to close, and what we could do to help people through the transition.

We contacted the following groups:

MP

David Anderson

Local campaign groups

Gateshead Council

Customers

A number of customers who regularly use the branch

We asked all of the groups to answer three questions. You'll find their responses below.

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

You said to us:

There were few concerns about the branch closure as there is another Barclays branch just three miles away and many facilities for withdrawing cash locally.

We'd like to say:

We have looked carefully at how this branch is used - most of our customers already use our other branches in Chester le Street, Team Valley and Gateshead. Many customers also use online or telephone banking and we've seen a general fall in customers coming to the counter. However, to help customers who do rely on the branch, we're making sure that they know how they can carry on with their banking needs in the local area. Six free cash machines remain in the town, and the Post Office can support many everyday transactions.

What's the biggest effect that this branch closing will have on customers of the branch?

You said to us:

It was acknowledged that many customers already use a variety of ways to bank in the local area.

We'd like to say:

Our branches at Team Valley and Chester le Street are both within a 3 mile radius. Most of the things that customers currently do at Birtley can be done at the Post Office 100m away. There are also numerous Link cash machines on the local High Street, including two Barclays machines inside the local Morrisons supermarket. We are happy that customers will not lack facilities when the branch closes. Although the community is well served, we've spoken directly with customers most likely to be affected by the closure to help them with alternative ways to do their banking, including telephone banking to speak to someone in person. We have made sure they're familiar with the Post Office arrangement too..

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

You said to us:

We received no comment that customers or the community will need additional support, given the additional services already in place.

We'd like to say:

We understand that customers are adapting well. We're already seeing people starting to use the Team Valley branch, as well as making more use of our digital services. We've held 'Tea and Teach' sessions to show customers other ways to bank, including online and telephone banking, as well as how to set up a regular payment and order cards and PINs. These have been well received, and other local branches that will carry these on after the closure. Support is always available through our telephone and website services.

Other things to help with the change...

At the Post Office, both business and personal customers can pay in cheques. You'll need:

1. a pre-printed paying-in slip. You'll find these in your cheque book, or you can order them at a branch
2. a paying-in envelope. We have extra stock in the Birtley branch, so please call in before the closure to pick some up. Otherwise, just call **0800 169 3091** for these, and we'll pop some in the post.

Personal customers can pay in cash using just a pre-printed paying-in slip, and withdraw cash using a debit card and PIN. If you're a business customer, please check with the Post Office whether you can deposit and withdraw cash.

There are more ways to bank locally

We want to be there for you wherever and whenever you need us so we offer many other ways for you to do your banking.

If you usually:

Visit an in-branch counter to deposit your cheques

If you usually:

Make a trip to a branch to check your balance, pay bills, transfer money and order chequebooks

If you usually:

Make a trip to a branch to withdraw cash at the counter



Why not try:

Using the Post Office – you can pay in cash and cheques whilst you post your parcels or buy your stamps

Why not try:

Using Telephone Banking – you can do your everyday banking without leaving the house.

To register, simply call **0345 734 5345***

Why not try:

Withdrawing cash at a Link cash machine or ask for cashback at the supermarket

Your bank is always open

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.

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**.

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**.

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.

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

Personal customers can withdraw money using a debit card and all customers can pay in cash or cheques at thousands of Post Office branches across the country.

To pay in cash and cheques you need a pre-printed paying in slip, like those in your cheque book – for cheques you will also need a cheque deposit envelope.

Barclays at Asda

Our branches at some Asda stores allow you to visit a branch late at night or at the weekend. To find locations of our branches at Asda, go to barclays.co.uk/waystobank

Did you know you can also get cash back at any local supermarket? Just ask at the check-out.

Link cash machines

Withdraw cash free of charge at any cash machine displaying the Link sign. You can check your balance, top-up your mobile phone, print off a mini statement and request a receipt too.



If you would like more information or help with any of the different ways you can bank with us, please speak to someone in the branch or visit barclays.co.uk/waystobank

Find out more today

barclays.co.uk/waystobank

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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