

This branch is closing but your bank is always open

Our Bellingham branch is closing
on 18 December 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
- 69% of our branch customers also use other ways to do their banking, such as online and by telephone
- In the past 12 months, 60% of this branch's customers have been using neighbouring branches
- Only 38 customers regularly used this branch in the past 12 months, without interacting with us in any other way.

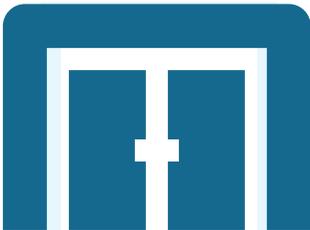
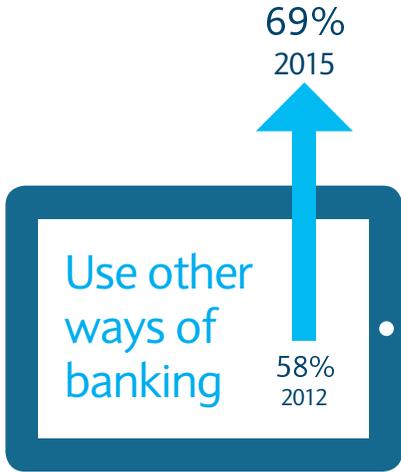
I realise that you may have questions and concerns about these changes, so please feel free to get in touch using the details below.

Yours,

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What's changed in your branch?

Many customers are choosing to bank differently



In all, only 38 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	599	152	53%
Business & Corporate	212	75	84%

Weekly transactions

Personal				
	Counter transactions	Cash withdrawals	Cash deposits	Cheque deposits
May 2013-Apr 2014	137	44	46	47
May 2014-Apr 2015	124	38	45	41
Change 2013 v 2014	-11%	-17%	-3%	-13%

Business & Corporate

	Counter transactions	Cash withdrawals	Cash deposits	Cheque deposits
May 2013-Apr 2014	58	4	22	32
May 2014-Apr 2015	54	4	23	27
Change 2013 v 2014	-7%	0%	3%	-17%

Opening hours of Bellingham

Monday	09:30-15:30
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	09:30-15:30
Thursday	closed
Friday	09:30-15:30
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

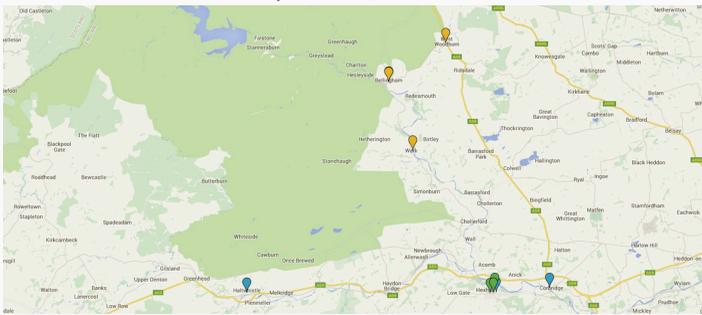
Facilities available

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



- 📍 Closing branch
- 📍 Nearest three Barclays branches
- 📍 Nearest three Post Offices
- 📍 Nearest three free cash machines

Local Barclays branches

Name	HEXHAM	CORBRIDGE	HALTWHISTLE
Post Code	NE46 1 PE	NE45 5AW	NE49 9AG
Distance (miles)	1.6	17.6	22.4
Opening hours	Monday 09:30-1 6:30 Tuesday 09:30-1 6:30 Wednesday 09:30-1 6:30 Thursday 09:30-1 6:30 Friday 09:30-1 6:30 Saturday 09:00-1 3:00 Sunday closed	Monday 09:30-1 6:30 Tuesday 09:30-1 6:30 Wednesday 09:30-1 6:30 Thursday 09:30-1 6:30 Friday 09:30-1 6:30 Saturday closed Sunday closed	Monday 09:30-1 6:30 Tuesday 09:30-1 6:30 Wednesday closed Thursday 09:30-1 6:30 Friday 09:30-1 6:30 Saturday 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
Tesco	Alemouth Road, Hexham, NE46 3PI	15.7	FREE
Sisterson News	19A Hencotes, Hexham, NE46 2EQ	15.8	FREE
Natwest	Battle Hill, Hexham, NE45 1 NL	15.9	FREE

Nearest cash machines to this branch that charge a fee

Location	Address	Distance (miles)	Charge amount
Matfen Village Store	South Side Matfen, Matfen, NE20 0RP	16.9	£1.85
Wellington Hotel	Riding Mill, Northumberland, NE44 6DQ	20.5	£1.85
Londis	Main Road, Ovingham, Prudhoe, NE42 6AA	19.55	£1.99

Nearest Post Offices to this branch

Post Office Name	Distance (Miles)	Address	Opening hours	Banking facilities
Bellingham	0.0	Bellingham News, Parkside Place, Hexham, NE48 2AY	09:00 - 17:30 Mon-Fri 09:00 - 12:30 Sat Closed Sun	Yes
West Woodburn	4.5	West Woodburn, Hexham, NE48 2RX	08:00 - 13:00 Mon-Sat Closed Sun	Yes
Wark	5.1	Main Street, Wark, Hexham, NE48 3LG	06:00 - 17:00 Mon-Sat 07:00 - 12:00 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

Guy Opperman

Local council

Graeme Batey

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:

People are worried that the closure will leave Bellingham without a cash machine.

We'd like to say:

We understand the concern from the community. We have looked carefully at how this branch is used. Many customers already also use neighbouring branches and Online or Telephone Banking and we've seen a general fall in customers coming to the branch. We're sorry to take out the cash machine, but it hasn't proved feasible to leave one behind. Although the closure will leave Bellingham without a cash machine in the centre for now, we have looked at ways to leave the community with an ATM and local discussions indicate that two machines will be installed in the near future.

Customers may choose to do their everyday banking at the Post Office, to keep trade within the local area. We're also helping customers understand the transactions they can do there. For everyday banking, the Post Office is open between 9.00am and 5.30pm five days a week, and until 12.30pm on Saturdays.

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

You said to us:

There are worries about customers who may depend particularly on the branch – for example, elderly customers and those who may find it hard to travel.

We'd like to say:

Given Bellingham's remote location, we know it's not always convenient to travel to a branch that's further away, so we've been offering support from our Digital Eagles to help customers adapt to new ways of banking that mean they don't have to come into the branch so often.

We're speaking directly with customers most likely to be affected by the closure and we're helping them with alternative ways to do their banking if they're unable to travel. This includes 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:

Some customers may need help if they are to adopt new banking methods.

We'd like to say:

We've encouraged 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've run 'Tea and Teach' events to show customers other ways to bank, as well as how to set up a regular payment and order cards and PINs. Support is always available through our telephony and website services. We are making sure all our customers are aware of the transactions they can do at the Post Office too.

Other things to help with the change...

Whether at a main or local branch, both business and personal customers can still pay in cheques at the Post Office. 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 Bellingham 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.

Business and personal customers can pay in cash using a pre-printed paying in slip, where this service is available.* Personal customers can withdraw cash using a debit card and pin.

*This service is not available at Post Office Locals.

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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