



## This branch is closing but your bank is always open

Our Arrowe Park Hospital branch is closing  
on 18 March 2016

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 up, however it is low in comparison to similar branches
- 76% of our branch customers also use other ways to do their banking, such as online and by telephone
- In the past 12 months, 38% of this branch's customers have been using neighbouring branches
- Only 7 customers regularly used this branch in the past 12 months, without interacting with us in any other way.

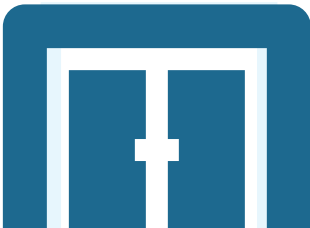
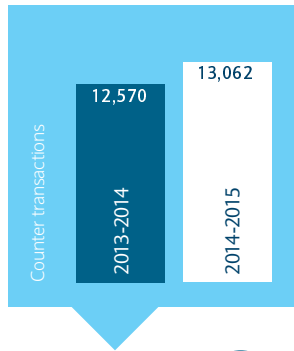
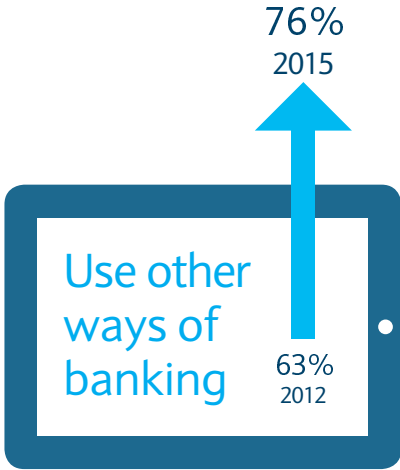
I realise that you may have questions and concerns about these changes, so please feel free to get in touch using the details below.

Yours,

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# What's changed in your branch?

Many customers are choosing to bank differently



In all, only 7 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	1,010	233	38%
Business & Corporate	81	26	62%

### Weekly transactions

Personal				
	Counter transactions	Cash withdrawals	Cash deposits	Cheque deposits
May 2013-Apr 2014	212	117	46	49
May 2014-Apr 2015	224	128	51	45
Change 2013 v 2014	5%	9%	9%	-10%

### Business & Corporate

	Counter transactions	Cash withdrawals	Cash deposits	Cheque deposits
May 2013-Apr 2014	30	3	19	8
May 2014-Apr 2015	28	3	19	6
Change 2013 v 2014	-7%	0%	-1%	-29%

### Opening hours of Arrowe Park Hospital

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

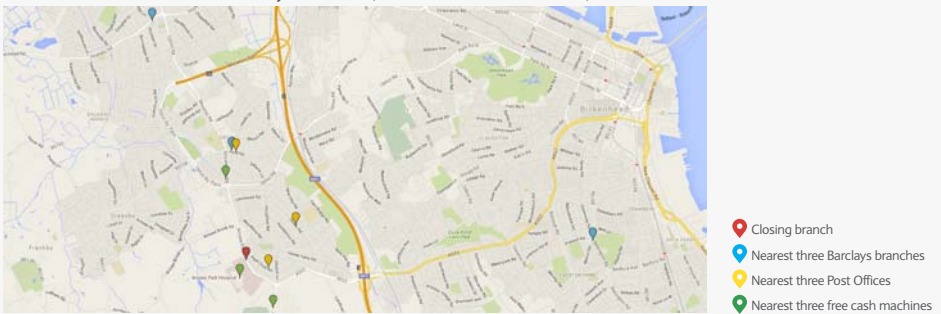
### Facilities available

Counter services	Yes
Cash machines	No
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	Upton Merseyside	Moreton Merseyside	Birkenhead Higher Tranmere																																										
Post Code	CH49 0TQ	CH46 0SP	CH42 6PU																																										
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Any recent or upcoming changes to branch trading hours?	Prior to 2nd February 2015 branch was also open on a Tuesday 09:30-1 6:30	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
Barclays	Arrowe Park Hospital, Birkenhead, Wirral CH49 5PE	0.0	FREE
Sainsbury's	Upton Bypass, Upton, Wirral CH49 5LW	0.6	FREE
Shell Garage	Arrowe Park Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 0UE	0.7	FREE

### Nearest cash machines to this branch that charge a fee

Location	Address	Distance (miles)	Charge amount
Arrowe Park (Toby Carvery)	Arrowe Park Road, Wirral CH49 5LN	0.3	£1.85
The Stirrup	Arrowe Park Road, Wirral CH49 5PB	0.4	£0.95
Best One Express	45-47 Fleetcroft Road, Wirral CH49 5LZ	0.4	£1.85

### Nearest Post Offices to this branch

Post Office Name	Distance (Miles)	Address	Opening hours	Banking facilities
Arrowe Park	0.4	43 Fleetcroft Road, Arrowe Park, Wirral, CH49 5LZ	09:00 - 17:30 Mon-Fri 09:00 - 12:30 Sat Closed Sun	Limited
Woodchurch	0.9	106 Hoole Road, Wirral, CH49 8EG	08:00 - 18:00 Mon-Sat Closed Sun	Yes
Upton	1.1	104 Ford Road, Wirral, CH49 0TH	07:30 - 17:30 Mon-Tue, Thu-Fri 07:30 - 18:00 Wed, Sat 08:00 - 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**

Margaret Greenwood

**Local council**

Councillor Tony Smith

Councillor Stuart Whittingham

Councillor Matthew Patrick

**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:**

No specific concerns were raised as many people already use one of our alternative branches and there are other cash machines nearby.

**We'd like to say:**

Although there were few concerns about the closure, we'd like to reassure customers that we have looked carefully at how this branch is used. Many customers also use our branch at Upton which is only a mile away, as well as Online Banking, Barclays Mobile Banking or Telephone Banking. The Barclays cash machine will still remain at the hospital, whilst there are several other free to use cash machines in the community, including at Sainsburys and the Shell garage.



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

#### You said to us:

There are some concerns about elderly customers, and people who may find it hard to travel. Business customers may also be inconvenienced.

#### We'd like to say:

We've spoken directly with customers most likely to be affected by the closure to help them with alternative ways of banking, including Telephone Banking to speak to someone in person. 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 branch so often.

We've also been helping customers understand the transactions they can do at the nearby Post Offices.

We've spoken to Business and Corporate customers individually. We have made sure they understand that their business relationship arrangements won't change and we're helping them with other ways to bank. They may also use one of our alternative branches at Upton or Moreton.

### 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.

## Other things to help with the change...

At the Post Office Personal customers can withdraw cash using a debit card and pin. Business and Personal customers can pay in cash at Woodchurch or Upton using a pre-printed paying in slip, unfortunately this service is not currently available at Arrowe Park.

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 Patrington 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.

# 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](https://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](https://barclays.co.uk/waystobank)

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