



This branch is closing but  
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Our Wheatley branch is closing  
on 20 November 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
- 75% of our branch customers also use other ways to do their banking, such as online and by telephone
- In the past 12 months, 56% of this branch's customers have been using neighbouring branches
- Only 78 customers regularly used this branch in the past 12 months, without interacting with us in any other way.

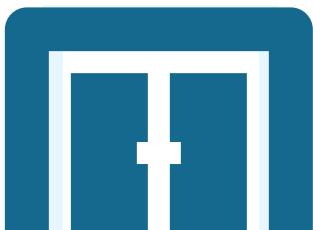
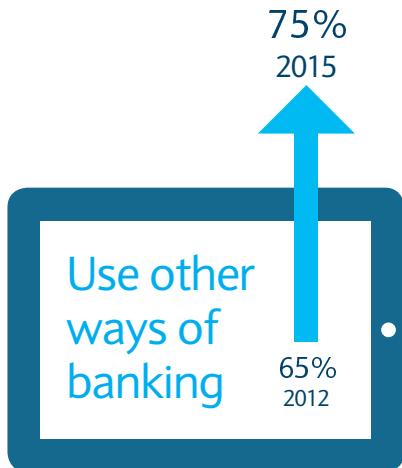
I realise that you may have questions and concerns about these changes, so please feel free to get in touch using the details below.

Yours,

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# What's changed in your branch?

Many customers are choosing to bank differently



In all, only 78 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	1,593	395	52%
Business & Corporate	412	142	73%

## Opening hours of Wheatley

Monday	10:00-15:00
Tuesday	10:00-15:00
Wednesday	10:00-15:00
Thursday	closed
Friday	10:00-15:00
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

## Weekly transactions

### Personal

	Counter transactions	Cash withdrawals	Cash deposits	Cheque deposits
May 2013-Apr 2014	340	119	83	138
May 2014-Apr 2015	312	111	80	121
Change 2013 v 2014	-8%	-7%	-3%	-14%

## Facilities available

Counter services	Yes
Cash machines	Yes
Self service machines	Yes

## Business & Corporate

	Counter transactions	Cash withdrawals	Cash deposits	Cheque deposits
May 2013-Apr 2014	115	10	33	72
May 2014-Apr 2015	97	7	27	63
Change 2013 v 2014	-18%	-35%	-25%	-14%

# 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	HEADINGTON		OXFORD EAST (COWLEY)		OXFORD CITY	
Post Code	OX3 9AH		OX4 3XT		OX1 3HS	
Distance (miles)	3.9		4.4		6.1	
Opening hours	Monday	09:30-1 6:30	Monday	09:30-1 6:30	Monday	09:00-1 7:00
	Tuesday	09:30-1 6:30	Tuesday	09:30-1 6:30	Tuesday	09:00-1 7:00
	Wednesday	09:30-1 6:30	Wednesday	09:30-1 6:30	Wednesday	09:00-1 7:00
	Thursday	09:30-1 6:30	Thursday	09:30-1 6:30	Thursday	09:00-1 7:00
	Friday	09:30-1 6:30	Friday	09:30-1 6:30	Friday	09:00-1 7:00
	Saturday	closed	Saturday	09:00-1 3:00	Saturday	09:00-1 5:00
	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
The Co-op	Ladder Hill, Station Road, Oxfordshire, OX33 1HA	0.3	FREE
Asda	London Road, Wheatley, OX33 1YZ	1.1	FREE
Tesco	7 Oxford Retail Park, Oxford, OX4 6XJ	5.1	FREE

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

Location	Address	Distance (miles)	Charge amount
Horspath Stores	2 Church Road, Oxford, OX33 1RU	2.0	£1.50
Oxford Forecast	M40 Motorway junction 8A , Thame Road, Waterstock, OX33 1LJ	2.0	£1.99
Village Store	31 Elm Drive, Garsington, Oxford, OX44 9AG	2.3	£1.00

### Nearest Post Offices to this branch

Post Office Name	Distance (Miles)	Address	Opening hours	Banking facilities
Wheatley	0.0	107 High Street, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1XP	09:00 - 17:30 Mon-Fri 09:00 - 12:30 Sat Closed Sun	Yes
Horspath	1.9	The Old Chapel, The Green, Oxford, OX33 1RP	10:00 - 13:00 Thu Closed Mon-Wed, Fri-Sun	Yes
Great Milton	3.0	The Green, Great Milton, Oxford, OX44 7NF	09:00 - 17:30 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 09:00 - 12:30 Wed, Sat Closed 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

John Howell

### Local Councillor

Toby Newman

### 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:

Barclays is the last bank in the village. There were some concerns that there will be increased pressure on the Post Office.

#### We'd like to say:

We've had conversations with the manager of the Post Office who is aware that more Barclays customers will use their services after the branch closes. The Post Office is open until 5.30pm four days a week, until 1pm on Wednesdays and until 12.30pm on Saturdays. There are a number of free cash machines in the town that are convenient for customers.

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

### You said to us:

There are concerns about elderly and customers who find it hard to travel having to visit alternative Barclays branches. Some business customers will find it harder to manage their cash requirements.

### We'd like to say:

We understand 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 branch so often.

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 are making sure they are aware of what they can do at the Post Office too.

We've also 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. There are services available online and they can continue to access cash services through the Post Office if they aren't able to travel to one of our alternative branches.

## 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 Wheatley 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.

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

### You said to us:

Some customers will 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 have run 'Tea and Teach' events in the branch with our Digital Eagles to show customers other ways to bank, as well as how to set up a regular payment and order cards and PINs.

Other local branches will carry these on after the closure and support is always available through our telephony and website services. We are making sure all our customers understand the transactions they can do at the Post Office too.

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

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