

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

Our Exeter Marsh Barton branch is closing on Thursday 18 April 2019.

Branch closure feedback, and alternative ways to bank



## Sharing branch closure feedback

We're now nearing the closure of the Exeter Marsh Barton 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 7 345 345**<sup>2</sup>. 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

Contacting Michael Watts, your Community Banking Director for Cornwall & Devon.

Email: michael.watts1@barclays.com

#### We contacted the following groups:

MP: Ben Bradshaw

Local Council: Exeter City Council

**Community Groups:** Marsh Barton Traders Group

#### 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 there will be no facilities for customers to be able to continue to bank face-to-face without having to leave the trading estate. There were also concerns about the loss of the ATM.

#### We'd like to say:

We understand the concerns about the closure – however, our lease on the property in Marsh Barton is not being renewed and the site is now undergoing a major redevelopment, so we have to vacate the premises in April. Additionally, we've seen a general fall in customers coming to this branch, and already many customers are using nearby branches and Online or Telephone Banking.

We're explaining to customers how their everyday banking can be done at the Post Office in Alphington – it's open Monday to Friday between 6am and 6pm, on Saturday between 7am and 6pm, and on Sunday between 8am and 12pm. We're working with staff at the Post Office and we're helping our customers understand which transactions they can do there, how to bank from home and offering them support through this transition.

There are cash machines nearby at Dunns Motors, Sainsbury's and Premier Dawn 'til Dark – all are free to use, and are within a mile of the branch.

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

#### You said to us:

There were concerns that face-to-face service will be lost and that customers will have to travel into the city centre, which may mean high parking charges.

#### We'd like to say

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. This includes telephone banking to speak to someone in person.

For many customers, particularly those who prefer to bank face-to-face, the Post Office is there for them. We're working with the Alphington Post Office staff to ensure they are ready for the extra demand when our branch closes.

We have also spoken to business customers who regularly use the branch and let them know about other ways to draw and pay in cash, including Barclays Collect, our cash collection service. We've also made sure they're familiar with the services available at the Post Office.

For anyone who's able to travel, there's a branch in Exeter High Street and another in Exmouth. However, 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. This means they don't have to come into a branch as often, and can bank from home, and so can continue to bank when the nearest branch isn't open.

### 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. Customers can also pay in cash using a pre-printed paying-in slip.

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 Exeter Marsh Barton 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 or cash deposited using a pre-printed paying-in slip to reach your Barclays accounts.

\*Lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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

#### You said to us:

Customers will need help if they are to adopt new banking methods.

#### We'd like to say:

We're encouraging and supporting our 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. This includes explaining to them how to log in to telephone banking using voice biometrics to make it easier to access their accounts securely.

We have run 'Tea and Teach' events at the branch to show customers other ways to bank, as well as how to set up a regular payment and order cards and PINs. We're also helping everyone remain vigilant against fraud. In addition, support is also available through our telephony and website services.

## 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.

### 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<sup>1</sup>.

### **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<sup>2</sup>.

### **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<sup>2</sup>.

### **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<sup>3</sup>.

## The Post Office

All customers can pay cash in, withdraw 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 cash and cheques into a Barclays account using a personalised paying-in slip. For cheques, you'll also need 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 free of charge, check your balance and request a receipt at any cash machine displaying the Link sign. 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

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# To get this in Braille, large print or audio, call **0800 400 100** (via Text Relay) or visit **barclays.co.uk/accessibleservices**

Calls may be recorded for quality and training purposes.

<sup>1</sup>You must be aged 11-15 years and have a Barclayplus account or be aged 16 or over and have an eligible Barclays product or account. Terms and conditions apply. <sup>2</sup>Calls to 03 numbers are charged at the same rate as calls to 01 & 02 landlines, and will count towards any inclusive minutes you may have covering calls to landline numbers.

Call charges may differ, please check with your local provider. <sup>1</sup>Terms and conditions apply. You must be aged 16 years or above and have a current account in the UK, Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey (which can receive payments through the Faster Payments network).

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