



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

Our Hoole branch is closing on Friday 3 May 2019

Reasons for closure, and alternative ways to bank

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

This first booklet will help you understand why we've made the decision to close this branch. It also sets out the banking services and support that will be available to you after this branch has closed.

In a second booklet, which will be available from the branch prior to it closing or online at **home.barclays/ukbranchclosures**, we'll share concerns and feedback from the local community. We'll also detail how we are helping people transition from using the branch with alternative ways to carry out their banking requirements.

Here are the main reasons why the Hoole branch is closing:

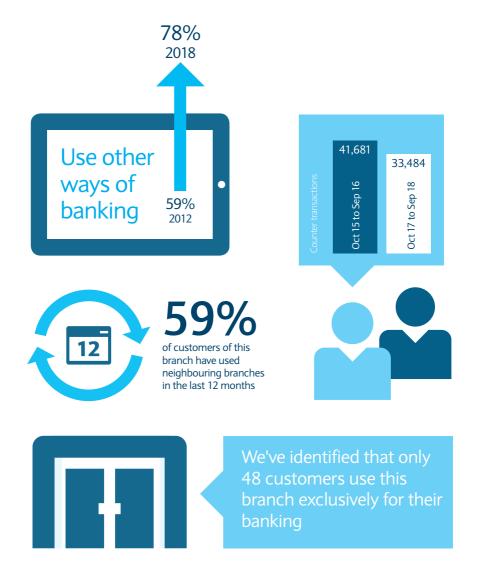
- The number of transactions has gone down in the previous 24 months, and additionally 78% of our branch customers also use other ways to do their banking such as online and by telephone.
- Customers using other ways to do their banking has increased by 19% since 2012.
- In the past 12 months, 59% of this branch's customers have been using neighbouring branches.
- We've identified that only 48 customers use this branch exclusively for their banking

Proposals to close any branch are made by the Barclays local leadership teams and verified at a national level ahead of any closure announcement. If you have any questions and concerns about these changes then please feel free to get in touch with Lisa McCormick, your Community Banking Director for Merseyside & South Lancs.

Email: lisa.mccormick@barclays.com

## How people's banking is changing

Many customers are choosing to bank differently



## How this branch is used

Before we make the 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. We also take into consideration the availability of other branches in the wider community.

Customers			
Usage in last year	Regular (3+ times)	Heavy (12+ times)	% heavy users who also use neighbouring branches
Personal	2,030	438	62%
Business & Corporate	518	205	60%

### Weekly transactions

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Personal				
	Counter transactions	Cash withdrawals	Cash deposits	Cheque deposits
Oct 15 to Sep 16	561	157	241	163
Oct 17 to Sep 18	462	126	218	118
Oct 15 to Sep 16 vs Oct 17 to Sep 18	-18%	-20%	-10%	-28%

## **Business & Corporate**

	Counter transactions	Cash withdrawals	Cash deposits	Cheque deposits
Oct 15 to Sep 16	242	23	121	98
Oct 17 to Sep 18	182	16	97	69
Oct 15 to Sep 16 vs Oct 17 to Sep 18	-25%	-30%	-20%	-30%

## Monday 09:30-15:30

Opening hours of

Hoole

Tuesday	09:30-15:30
Wednesday	10:00-15:30
Thursday	09:30-15:30
Friday	09:30-15:30
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

## Facilities available

Counter services	Yes
Cash machines	Yes
Self service machines	Yes

# 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.

Nearby Barclays branches						
Name	Chester		Ellesmere Port		Bromborough	
Postcode	CH1	2DY	CH65 0AD		CH62 7HQ	
Distance (miles)	1	.4	6.3		10.7	
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	10:00-16:30	Wednesday	10:00-16:30	Wednesday	Closed
	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	09:30-15:30	Saturday	09:30-12:00	Saturday	Closed
	Sunday	Closed	Sunday	Closed	Sunday	Closed
Any recent or upcoming changes to branch opening hours?	Prior to 19 February 2018 branch opened at 09:30 on Wednesdays. With effect from 18 March 2019 this branch will close at 19:00 on Thursdays (no counter service after 16:30).		branch open	ebruary 2018 ed at 09:30 on iesdays	Ν	one
Branch Facilities – Counters	Yes		Y	íes -	Ň	/es
Branch Facilities – Self service	Yes		Y	/es	Ň	/es

## Nearby free cash machines

Location	Address	Distance (miles)
Post Office	18 Faulkner Street, Hoole CH2 3BD	0.0
Shell Garage	Hoole Road, Hoole CH2 3NH	0.0
Tulasi Retail Liited	Ermine Road, Chester CH2 3PN	0.2

## Nearby Post Offices

Post Office Name	Distance (Miles)	Address	Opening hours	Banking Facilities
Hoole	0.0	18 Faulkner Street, Hoole CH2 3BD	09:00-17:30 Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00 Sat Closed Sun	Yes
Brook Street	0.5	48 Brook Street, Chester CH1 3DN	09:00-17:00 Mon-Thu 06:00-17:30 Fri 09:00-12:30 Sat Closed Sun	Limited
Boughton	1.0	123 Christleton Road, Chester CH3 5UQ	09:00-17:30 Mon-Fri 09:00-12:30 Sat Closed Sun	Yes

All data contained within this booklet was sourced in September 2018, and published in January 2019

## 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.

#### **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>°</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**\*.

### **Barclays Pingit**

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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

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** 

# Glossary

Glossary of terms	
Feedback from local community	May include local MPs, Councillors, Consumer Groups identified with a particular interest in the closure, or received directly from personal or business customers
Nearby branches	These are the branches listed on page 6
Exclusively for their banking	Only use the counter in branch (12 or more times in the last 6 months) and did not use online, telephone or mobile banking
Use other ways of banking	Use online, telephone or mobile banking in addition to the branch
Counter Transactions	Cheque deposits, cash withdrawals and deposits
Usage – Regular	Used an inside ATM or the Counter – 3 or more times in the last 12 months.
Usage – Heavy	Used an inside ATM or the Counter – 12 or more times in the last 12 months.
Recent or upcoming changes to branch opening hours	Any changes made in the last 12 months or future changes announced at the time of publication
Branch Facilities – Counters	Has a manned traditional style counter
Branch Facilities – Self Service	May have one or more of the following: External / internal cash machine, online banking point, quick pay point / service point or Assisted Service Counter
Nearby free cash machines	Cash machines identified nearby that are free to use, additional free to use cash machines may also be nearby, as well as cash machines that charge a usage fee
Post Office with Banking Facilities	If 'Limited' they are classified as a local or local+ Post Office, and therefore do not offer the full range of banking services that are available at other Post Offices

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