



Impact Assessment

Highworth branch update

Date of proposed changes:
Friday 28 August 2026



In May, we announced that we'd made the difficult decision to close some of our branches. Our branch in Highworth will be affected. It will permanently close on Friday 28 August 2026 at 3pm.

We published an Impact Assessment to give people more information about why these closures were happening and what alternatives were available. You can still read this on our website and copies are available in the Highworth branch.

We also said that two weeks before Highworth branch closed, we'd publish this update with any feedback we'd received and how we were going to answer any issues or concerns raised.

Communicating this change to our members and customers

We wrote to members and customers who have transacted in our Highworth branch within the last 12 months.

	Number of letters	Number of emails
Customers	779	1,696

Impact Assessments

Impact Assessments explaining the closure and alternative ways to manage your account(s) were uploaded to the Society's website and available in branch.

In the branch

We've displayed posters in Highworth branch with information about the nearest services that will be available when the branch closes.

We also talked about the closure with customers who visited the Highworth branch. We offered help with registering for and using alternative channels, including online banking and our app.

Looking after our community

We spoke to customers who have previously told us they need extra support, both by phone and during branch visits. We chatted to them about the closure. This helped us to spot any specific needs they may have.

We also talked about different options that may be available to them to make sure they felt supported.

We will continue attempting to contact those customers who we haven't yet spoken to.

Total number of customers who transact in the branch who need extra help	Number of these customers that were successfully spoken to on the telephone or during branch visits	Total percentage of customers successfully contacted
11	8	73%

Communicating this change with the local community

We informed the following stakeholders of the proposed closure by letter.

Will Stone MP , House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
Swindon Borough Council , Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon SN1 2JH
Swindon Citizens Advice , Sandford House, College Street Entrance, Sanford Street, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 1HE
Age UK Wiltshire , Unit 9-10, Prince Maurice Court, Hambleton Avenue, Bevizes SN10 2RT

Gathering feedback from our customers

Customer feedback*	Customer complaints**
5	109

When discussing the impact with customers our colleagues have taken time to understand individual customer needs and explained the support available to them.

This has included:

- Identifying their nearest alternative branch and how they can travel there
- Other ways to manage their accounts, such as online banking or our app
- The options available to access cash through cash machines
- The range of services available by telephone banking.

Colleagues have referred customers to the information provided in the Branch Impact Assessments.

We’re still committed to supporting our members and customers. We’ll continue to engage with them and address personal concerns, both before and after Highworth branch closes.

Gathering feedback from stakeholders

Community stakeholders were notified of the upcoming closure of Highworth branch at the same time as our members and customers.

Our communication included a link to the Branch Impact Assessment which outlined the reasons for the closure. It also included data on branch usage, and a summary of the other ways customers can manage their accounts.

Stakeholders were invited to contact us to discuss the impact of the closure and the other ways customers could manage their accounts when the branch is closed. We’ve had a small amount of feedback, which we’ve individually responded to.

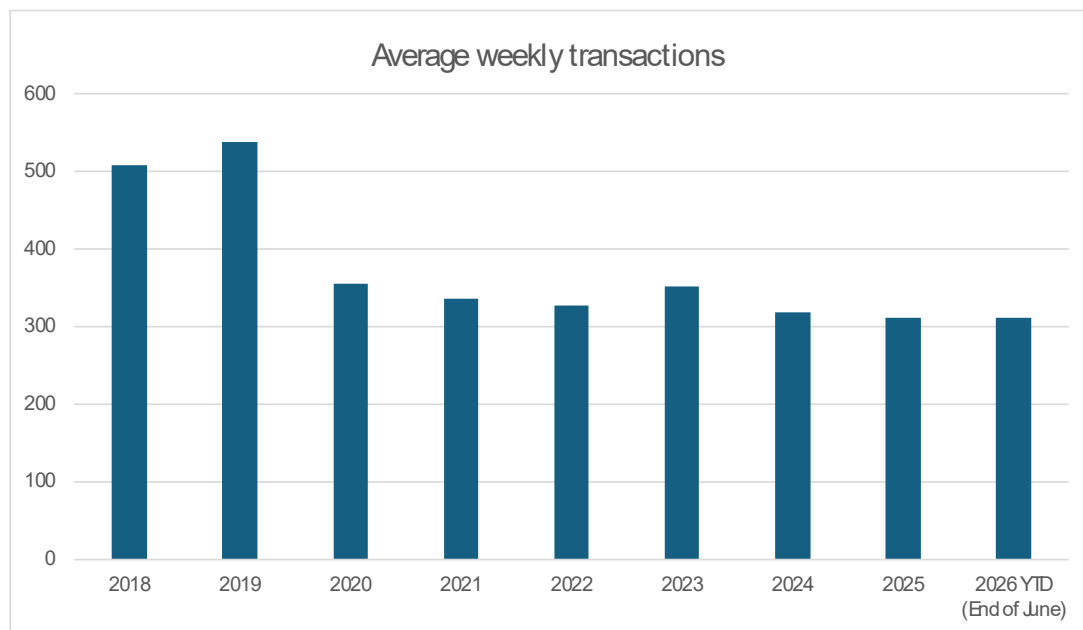
*Customer feedback received relating to the Highworth branch closure announcement in May 2026, up to and including Wednesday 22 July 2026.

**Total number of complaints received relating to all branch closures announced in May 2026, up to and including Wednesday 22 July 2026.

Latest update of customers using the branch

We've continued to monitor the trends of customers using the branch following publication of the original Impact Assessment. The bar charts below show the latest available data as at the time of publication.

The data confirms that the average weekly counter transactions completed by customers, and the number of accounts transacting in the branch, have continued to reduce compared to prior years.



Next steps

Thank you to everyone who shared their views on our proposal to close this branch. We carefully considered all feedback received, alongside a detailed review of how the branch is used and the alternative banking options available.

Following this, we've decided to proceed with the closure on Friday 28 August 2026. We are committed to supporting our customers throughout this change and make sure you can continue to access the banking services you need.

Who you can speak to

You can contact us using any of the details below.

Contact us

At a branch

For details of our opening hours, visit **thecoventry.co.uk**

Online

thecoventry.co.uk

By phone

0800 121 8899

By post

Oakfield House, PO Box 600,
Binley, Coventry CV3 9YR.

Media Relations team

If you're an external organisation representing customers who may be impacted by these proposals, please contact:

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Scan the QR code or go to

www.coventrybuildingsociety.co.uk/member/supportingmembers

for more information on how we can help or to download the Making our Services Accessible leaflet.

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