Wilko: List of final 41 shops to close

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<u>ilko</u> will shut its final 41 shops on Sunday as the historic retailer departs high streets across the UK.

The retailer has been shutting shops across the country in recent weeks after failing to secure a rescue deal for the full business.

It will bring to a close one of the largest high street failures in recent years, with almost all of Wilko's 12,500 workers being made redundant.

It will shut its last remaining group of stores at the end of the day's trading.

Wilko was originally founded by James Kemsey Wilkinson in Leicester in 1930.

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The family-owned business hired administrators from PwC after it came under pressure from weak consumer spending and debts

to suppliers.

PwC then held talks with interested firms but was unable to secure a rescue deal for the whole firm, with a potential takeover by HMV owner Doug Putman collapsing.

As a result, administrators sold off a raft of the company's assets in order to pay off creditors.

The following stores will shut on Sunday October 8: Neath, Neath Port Talbot- Bromley, London- <u>Carmarthen</u>, Carmarthenshire- Cardiff, Wales- Selby, North Yorkshire- Arnold, Nottinghamshire- <u>Portsmouth</u>, Hampshire- Oswestry, Shropshire- <u>Chester</u>, Cheshire- Hucknall, Nottinghamshire- Ayr, South Ayrshire- Widnes, Cheshire- Horsham, West Sussex-Birkenhead, Merseyside- Kingston Centre, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire- Parkgate, Rotherham, South Yorkshire- Perry Barr, Birmingham, West Midlands- Castleford, West Yorkshire- Porthmadog, Caernarfonshire.

- Brighouse, West Yorkshire- Chelmsley Wood, West Midlands-Swansea, Wales- Sunderland, Tyne and Wear- Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire- Silverlink, Newcastle, Tyne and Wear-Chesterfield, Derbyshire- Sutton, Surrey- Derby, Derbyshire-Scarborough, North Yorkshire- Crystal Peaks, Sheffield, South Yorkshire- Plymouth, Devon- Ely, Cambridgeshire- Loughborough, Leicestershire- Liverpool, Merseyside- Stratford, London-Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear- Coventry, West Midlands-Sheffield, South Yorkshire- Exeter, Devon- Luton, Bedfordshire- Wood Green, London.