Lloyds to close 66 branches this winter

Lloyds Banking Group has announced it will close 66 branches this winter.

Between October and January, 48 Lloyds Bank branches and 18 Halifax branches will shut — the latest in a broad trend of big banks quitting the high street.

It comes just two months after the lender announced plans to shut 28 branches between August and November.

Russell Galley, director of consumer relationships at Lloyds Banking Group said: "Our customers have more choice than ever in how they bank with us.

"As our customers do more online, visits to some branches have fallen by as much as 85% over the last five years.

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"Alongside our digital, online and telephone services, we'll continue to invest in our branches, but they need to be in the right places, where they're well-used."

Lloyds said there will be no compulsory or voluntary redundancies, with staff able to move to other branches or another part of the business.

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According to trade union, Unite, more than 5,000 bank and building society branches have closed since 2015.

But Lloyds insists it has 19.1 million online customers and 15.6 million app users, showing the increasing popularity of digital banking.

It has also promised that all of the branches set to close have at least one free ATM within half a mile, and a Post Office within 1.1 miles.

Once all the announced closures are complete, there will be 646 Lloyds Bank, 510 Halifax and 165 Bank of Scotland branches remaining.

The branches due to close between October and January are:

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Lloyds, Bromyard
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Lloyds, Chigwell

Lloyds, Catterick Garrison

Lloyds, Malvern Link

Lloyds, Redruth

Lloyds, Lutterworth

Lloyds, Palmers Green

Lloyds, Cheadle

Lloyds, Lytham St Annes

Lloyds, New Ollerton

Lloyds, Paternoster Sq, London

Lloyds, Earls Court Rd, London

Lloyds, Leadenhall St, London

Lloyds, Axminster

Lloyds, Barton upon Humber

Lloyds, Belper

Lloyds, Intake, Sheffield

Lloyds, The Moor, Sheffield

Lloyds, Tilehurst, Reading

Lloyds, New Romney

Lloyds, Edgbaston, Birmingham

Lloyds, Weoley Castle, Birmingham

Lloyds, Billericay

Lloyds, Immingham

Lloyds, Tonbridge

Lloyds, Edgware Rd, Paddington, London

Lloyds, Notting Hill Gate, London

Lloyds, Sandbach

Lloyds, West Wickham

Lloyds, Darlaston

Lloyds, Purley

Lloyds, Aldridge

Lloyds, Rothbury

Lloyds, Wootton Bassett

Lloyds, Guisborough

Lloyds, Cheddar

Lloyds, Cinderford

Lloyds, Cleobury Mortimer

Lloyds, Holyhead

Lloyds, Wallingford

Lloyds, Bishop's Waltham

Lloyds, Helston

Lloyds, Looe

Lloyds, Slaithwaite

Lloyds, Welshpool

Lloyds, Pwllheli

Lloyds, Caldicot

Lloyds, Llandrindod Wells

Halifax, High Holborn, London

Halifax, Hitchin

Halifax, Ripon

Halifax, Stowmarket

Halifax, Newry

Halifax, Whitchurch

Halifax, Dorking

Halifax, Mitcham

Halifax, Retford

Halifax, Tiverton

Halifax, Tottenham Ct Rd, London

Halifax, Windsor

Halifax, Stroud

Halifax, Ruislip

Halifax, Birmingham

Halifax, Rawtenstall

Halifax, Coleraine

Halifax, Warminster