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More Branches Closing – NatWest Begins 2025 with Another Brutal Cull!

Unite the Union are extremely disappointed to see the continual cull of the retail branch network within NatWest. The bank has announced plans this week to reduce its retail network by closing a further 53 branches across the North Region. The decision puts 272 jobs at risks, a devastating blow to both our members and the communities we serve.

Andrena Clarke Unite Regional Officer Northwest commented:

"Branch closures continue to hit our region hard, contributing to a significant decline in job opportunities across the North. This announcement only adds to growing uncertainty for hard working members who have shown loyalty and dedication to the bank for years. Unite will fight to ensure that every voice is heard, and we will stand up for our members during this difficult time."

Unite fundamentally disagrees with these branch closures. Once again, loyal, and hard-working members who have dedicated many years to the bank are now facing uncertainty and potential redundancy. These cuts come at a time when vulnerable customers need access to in-person banking more than ever.

We are disappointed that the bank has not ruled out further closures in the North Region beyond 2025. Although the bank confirmed there is no intention to review closures in 2025, this falls short of the 2-year commitment given to regions like Scotland, leaving communities in the North facing uncertainty.

However, it's important to remember that in previous closure announcements, Unite worked closely with local leadership to ensure that compulsory redundancies were kept to a minimum. We are committed to continuing this work and will hold the bank accountable to this same standard.

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What you can do:

Share your feedback and concerns, and encourage others to do the same, use this newsletter in your workplace to engage with fellow members.

Speak up, share your thoughts, and stand together.
Unite welcomes the voices of members, every opinion strengthens our collective fight.

Next Steps:

Attend upcoming Zoom sessions to share the personal impact of the closures on you. We need your thoughts and voices to further engage with the bank. You are also welcome to come along to ask any unanswered questions you have, and we will help you to understand the options you have.

Zoom: 496 549 6896
Date: 4th & 5th February
Times: 12noon & 3pm

Unite will not stand by while job security is put at risk. We are committed to holding the bank accountable for the impact of these closures and to fighting for a fair future for our members