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Bank? What bank?

Banks have once again been the focus of media attention for the wrong reasons; TSB customers suffered chaos as the bank migrated its computer systems from former owner Lloyds Bank to new owner, Spanish banking group Sabadell.



BY ANNIE JOHNSON

HOWEVER, OVER the last few years, one of the main bones of contention from bank customers, especially the elderly, have been the larger number of boarded up bank branches which have become an increasing and worrying sight on our high streets, right across the UK.

This trend shows no immediate signs of slowing down, with all the major banks planning even more branch closures this year.

Disappearing bank branches is not just an issue for rural areas; the impact is being felt just as keenly in urban areas, towns and cities. Many of us have had to come to terms with our community no longer being served by a bank branch. Most of us are aware of the issues of loneliness and isolation and the closure of bank branches removes yet another place where people could interact and chat to others from our communities.

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