



MP VISITS LOCAL BANK

North Tyneside constituency MP, Mary Glindon, visited Barclays Bank in Wallsend to meet with staff and discuss the services currently being offered to her constituents. Mary was pleased to learn that Barclays is actively supporting small businesses to start up and develop sustainable businesses in the constituency.

Mary says "I was delighted to learn that in the current financial climate Barclays in Wallsend have actually lent more money to small businesses this year than ever before. Not only are they responsible lenders but I have learnt today just how much expertise they offer their customers which clearly helps them to develop sustainable enterprises".

The Branch Manager, Philip Hodgson, gave Mary examples of how Barclays can help personal customers make the most of their money and she was impressed by the fact people could obtain small loans at reasonable rates. She wants to impress on her constituents the importance of going to their bank in the first instance whenever they need a loan or money advice. She said "I was shocked when Philip Hodgson told me of instances where people had sought high interest loans from other lenders when, had they asked the Bank, they could've got a small loan at a far lower rate of interest".

After her visit Mary said "I am so pleased to find that Barclays is not only providing excellent banking services in North Tyneside but also supports the local community through projects like Pound for Pound and Money Skills for Young People."