THREE RIVERS SHOP SURVEY JUNE 2021

A shop survey is undertaken twice a year in order to assess the function, condition and vitality of retail centres and shopping parades in the District.

The shop survey assesses the use classes of units in the District's retail centres and shopping parades, including any vacant units. The status of units as open or closed was also assessed during the 2021 survey in order to indicate the impact of COVID-19 on the potential closure of units in the District.

Open/Closed Units:

The proportion and number of open and closed retail units across the main retail centres are shown in the tables below.

It should be noted that vacant units have not been included in the proportion of closed units. This is because businesses occupying the closed units may still be operational (e.g. for takeaway or through staff working from home) and closures may be temporary.

It should be noted that the shop survey represents a specific snapshot in time and therefore the status of units as open or closed may have changed since June and in the forthcoming months.

Main Retail Centres:

Main Retail Centre	Open Units	Closed Units	Vacant
Rickmansworth Town Centre	83%	4%	13%
	(112 units)	(5 units)	(17 units)
Abbots Langley	98%	0%	2%
	(42 units)	(0 units)	(1 unit)
Chorleywood	78%	4%	18%
	(44 units)	(2 units)	(10 units)
Croxley Green (Watford	96%	0%	4%
Road)	(24 units)	(0 units)	(1 units)
Croxley Green (New Road)	91%	0%	9%
	(20 units)	(0 units)	(2 units)
Mill End (Money Hill Parade)	97%	0%	3%
	(36 units)	(0 units)	(1 units)
Maple Cross	100%	0%	0%
	(4 units)	(0 units)	(0 units)
Total	88%	2%	10%
	(282 units)	(7 units)	(32 units)

Due to the ongoing redevelopment of the South Oxhey retail centre, the number of vacant units at the time of the survey was high; the results for South Oxhey are presented separately below to avoid the higher vacancy levels disproportionately affecting the overall figures for the main retail centres.

South Oxhey	Open Units	Closed Units	Vacant
Total	35%	3%	62%
	(22 units)	(2 units)	(39 units)

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Neighbourhood Centres:

There are a number of neighbourhood centres in the District. Neighbourhood centres are local shopping parades or individual shops which cater for day-to-day needs. The total results for the neighbourhood centres are presented below:

	Open Units	Closed Units	Vacant
Neighbourhood Centres	91%	8%	1%
	(128 units)	(11 units)	(2 units)