

Closure of Magistrate and County Courts

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Following consideration of the responses to the consultation decisions have been made to close 93 magistrates' courts and 49 county courts. Ten magistrates' courts and five county courts are to be retained. The courts to be closed and retained are as follows:

North West

Magistrates' courts:

Northwich Magistrates' Court, Southport Magistrates' Court, Knowsley Magistrates' Court, Whitehaven Magistrates' Court, Penrith Magistrates' Court, Rawtenstall Magistrates' Court, Salford Magistrates' Court, Rochdale Magistrates' Court.

County courts:

Northwich County Court, Southport County Court, Penrith County Court, Runcorn County Court, Whitehaven County Court, Rawtenstall County Court, Chorley County Court, Salford County Court.

Retained: Bury County Court

North East

Magistrates' courts:

Guisborough Magistrates' Court, Bishop Auckland Magistrates' Court
Tynedale Magistrates' Court, Alnwick Magistrates' Court, Blaydon Magistrates' Court, Gosforth Magistrates' Court, Houghton Le Spring Magistrates' Court, Goole Magistrates' Court, Selby Magistrates' Court, Batley And Dewsbury Magistrates' Court, Keighley Magistrates' Court Sitting At The Bingley Court House, Pontefract Magistrates' Court.

County courts:

Bishop Auckland County Court, Consett County Court, Goole County Court, Pontefract County Court, Keighley County Court, Dewsbury County Court.

Retained: Barnsley County Court, Skipton Magistrates' Court, Skipton County Court.

Wales

Magistrates' courts:

Barry Magistrates' Court, Aberdare Magistrates' Court, Llwynypia Magistrates' Court, Ammanford Magistrates' Court, Cardigan Magistrates' Court, Llandovery Magistrates' Court, Denbigh Magistrates' Court, Pwllheli Magistrates' Court, Flint Magistrates' Court, Chepstow Magistrates' Court, Abertillery Magistrates' Court, Llangefni Magistrates' Court.

County courts:

Chepstow County Court, Aberdare County Court, Rhyl County Court, Pontypool County Court.

Retained: Abergavenny Magistrates' Court, Llangefni County Court.

Midlands

Magistrates' courts:

Halesowen Magistrates' Court, Sutton Coldfield Magistrates' Court, West Bromwich Magistrates' Court, Rugby Magistrates' Court, Stoke Magistrates' Court, Tamworth Magistrates' Court, Ludlow Magistrates' Court, Market Drayton Magistrates' Court, Oswestry Magistrates' Court, Ilkeston Magistrates' Court, Newark Magistrates' Court, Retford Magistrates' Court, Coalville Magistrates' Court, Market Harborough Magistrates' Court, Melton Mowbray Magistrates' Court, Towcester Magistrates' Court, Daventry Magistrates' Court, Rutland Magistrates' Court.

County courts:

Rugby County Court, Stourbridge County Court, Stratford-Upon-Avon County Court, Newark County Court, Worksop County Court, Melton Mowbray County Court, Wellingborough County Court, Grantham County Court, Skegness County Court, Tamworth County Court, Oswestry County Court, Ludlow County Court, Shrewsbury County Court, Evesham County Court, Redditch County Court, Burton-Upon-Trent County Court, Kidderminster County Court.

Retained: Kettering Magistrates' Court, Spalding Magistrates' Court, Worksop Magistrates' Court.

South West

Magistrates' courts:

Frome Magistrates' Court, Bridgwater Magistrates' Court, Liskeard Magistrates' Court, Camborne Magistrates' Court, Totnes Magistrates' Court, Honiton Magistrates' Court, Penzance Magistrates' Court, Blandford Forum Magistrates' Court, Wimborne Magistrates' Court, Coleford Magistrates' Court, Cirencester Magistrates' Court, Andover Magistrates' Court, Alton Magistrates' Court, Lyndhurst Magistrates' Court.

County courts:

Cheltenham County Court, Penzance County Court, Trowbridge County Court, Poole County Court.

Retained: Newton Abbot Magistrates' Court, Stroud Magistrates' Court.

South East

Magistrates' courts:

Grays Magistrates' Court, Epping Magistrates' Court, Ely Magistrates' Court, Wisbech Magistrates' Court, Thetford Magistrates' Court, Cromer Magistrates' Court, Swaffham Magistrates' Court, Sudbury Magistrates' Court, Ashford Magistrates' Court, Sittingbourne Magistrates' Court, Epsom Magistrates' Court, Woking Magistrates' Court, Mid-Sussex Magistrates' Court, Lewes Magistrates' Court, Bicester Magistrates' Court, Hemel Hempstead Magistrates' Court, Witney Magistrates' Court, Amersham Magistrates' Court, Didcot Magistrates' Court.

County courts:

Ashford County Court, Gravesend County Court, Haywards Heath County Court, Epsom County Court, Huntingdon County Court, Harlow County Court, Lowestoft County Court, Newbury County Court, Hitchin County Court.

Retained: Harlow Magistrates' Court, Newbury Magistrates' Court.

London

Magistrates' courts;

Acton Magistrates' Court, Haringey Magistrates' Court (Highgate), Harrow Magistrates' Court, Sutton Magistrates' Court, Barking Magistrates' Court, Brentford Magistrates' Court, Kingston Magistrates' Court, Woolwich Magistrates' Court, Balham Youth Court, Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court.

County courts:

Ilford County Court

Retained: Waltham Forest Magistrates' Court, Mayor's And City of London County Court.