

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

As banks are withdrawing from Powys communities and some communities are being charged to withdraw cash from the local cash machine when will Powys county council start to introduce card payments system to their car parking machines across the county to support businesses as cash is becoming harder to handle?

Response

The Council is currently working with suppliers to introduce card payment facilities within the busiest car parks. A total of 20 out of the 55 machines in 17 car parks will have card payment facility shortly. The following list identifies the car parks that will have the card payments installed as part of phase 1 of the programme. Other car parks will also be upgraded in the future should this phase prove successful and funding becoming available.

Church St, Welshpool

Berriew St, Welshpool

Severn Stars, Welshpool

Gravel, Newtown [2 machines]

Back Lane, Newtown

Maengwyn St, Machynlleth

Dark Lane Rhayader

Mount St, Llanidloes

High St, Llandrindod

Knighton Hotel, Knighton

Oxford Rd, Hay [2 machines]

The Groe, Builth Wells

The Watton, Brecon

George St, Brecon [2 machines]

Beaufort Rd, Crickhowell

Kensington, Brecon

Canal Rd, Brecon