Quarterly Statistical Report



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Summary of key payment statistics for Q1 2024

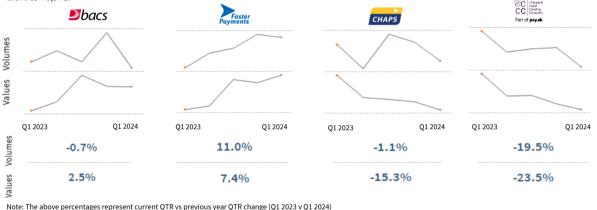
Bacs: 1.665 billion Bacs payments were made during Q1 2024 with the corresponding value amounting to £1,417 billion. Direct debits accounted for 72% of the volume and 25% of the value.

Cleared cheques and credits: The Image Clearing System (ICS) processed 24.4 million image cheques (RTP) in Q1 2024, with a total value of £34.3 billion. 737 thousand image credits (ITP) were processed, amounting to £5.7 billion.

Faster Payments: Q1 2024 saw almost 1.2 billion payments processed, an uplift of 11.0% on Q1 2023. This corresponded to over £970 billion transmitted, a stable increase of 7.5% on Q1 2023. Single Immediate Payments continue to grow from strength to strength, increasing by 14.2% in volume and 9.2% in value compared to O1 2023.

CHAPS: There were 12.7 million CHAPS payments in Q1 2024, a decrease of 1.1% compared with Q1 2023. This amounted to £21.1 trillion settled; a decrease of 15.3% compared to Q1 2023 and a 23.0% reduction, compared with record values in Q4 2022.

Cash withdrawals: The total number of withdrawals decreased by 5.2% to 288 million. The value declined to £26,331 million. for the quarter This coincided with a £2 decrease in the average withdrawal value to £91. The number of cash machines continued to decrease, falling by 1.6% to 46,978.



	Q1 2024	Annual growth ¹	Total value of	Q1 2024	Annual growth ¹
Cash machine withdrawals	289 mn	-5.2%	Cash machine withdrawals	£26 bn	-1.9%
Cheques (RTP) cleared via ICS	24 mn	-16.3%	Cheques (RTP) cleared via ICS	£34 bn	-17.3%
	Annual Figures (2023)	Annual growth ¹	Total value of	Annual Figures (2023)	Annual growth ¹
Cash payments ²	6,400 mn	6.7%	Cash payments ²	£76 bn	-1.3%
Cash machine withdrawals	1,266 mn	-4.6%	Cash machine withdrawals	£113 bn	-2.0%
Cheques (RTP) cleared via ICS	112 mn	-14.8%	Cheques (RTP) cleared via ICS	£165 bn	-11.8%

	Q1 2024	Annual growth ¹	Total value of	Q1 2024	Annual growth ¹
Bacs payments	1,666 mn	-0.1%	Bacs payments	£1,418 bn	4.6%
Faster Payments	1,176 mn	13.1%	Faster Payments	£974 bn	11.4%
CHAPS payments ³	13 mn	-0.5%	CHAPS payments ³	£21,061 bn	-11.9%
	Annual Figures (2023)	Annual growth	Total value of	Annual Figures (2023)	Annual growth
Bacs payments	6,781 mn	1.4%	Bacs payments	£5,634 bn	5.6%
Faster Payments	4,499 mn	14.3%	Faster Payments	£3,743 bn	15.4%
CHAPS payments ³	51 mn	0.5%	CHAPS payments ³	£91,476 bn	-7.3%

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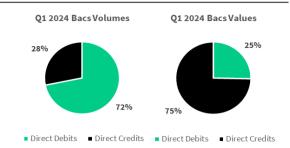
² Data provided by UK Finance and are for 2022. Annual growth data won't match published UK Finance figures due to rounding.

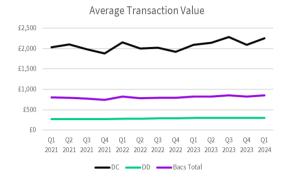
³ CHAPS migrated to ISO 20022 – a global financial messaging standard – on 19 June 2023.

A Bacs Direct Credits and Direct Debits



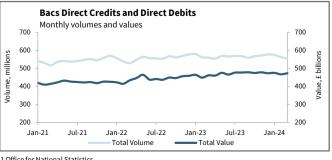
- Bacs payment volumes declined by 0.7% in Q1 2024 to 1.67 billion from Q1 2023. Year-on-year Direct Debit payments were high for council tax (+13.3%), Gym memberships(+6.6%), Vehicle breakdown recovery membership (+6.4%), health insurance (+5.8%), unpaid debits (+9%)
- For Bacs Direct Credits there was notable high growth in other government payments (+92.34%), Student loan advances (+28.73%), interest on national savings (+19.8%), debt repayments (+11.8%) and Interest payments (+9%).
- The year-on-year value of Bacs payments increased by 2.5% to £1,417 billion. It's likely that the rate of annual inflation continues to decline, in part, to drive growth in this measure albeit it has decreased to 2.3% from a peak of 11.1% in October 2022 (which was the highest rate of annual inflation since 1981) when measured by the Consumer Price Inflation index.
- Bacs direct debit volumes declined for regular savings (-53.5%), motor insurance(-25%), occupational pension contributions (-23.3%), commercial billing (-14.4%), retail purchases (-11.9%), National insurance contributions (-11/2%), mobile telpehone billing (-6.1%)
- Bacs Direct Credit volumes declined for payment of refunds (-93.9%), HMRC general tax credits (-46.2%), HMRC working tax credits (-34.4%), jobseekers allowance (-16.6%), general B2B payments (-14.7%), payroll (-13.6%), housing benfits (-11.4%), HMRC child tax credits (-4.9%)

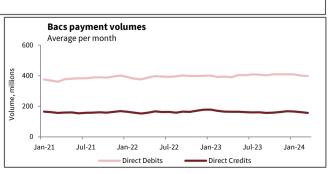




	-		Total		
		Volume		Value	
		000s	Growth ²	£mn	Growth ²
2021	Q1	1,550,509	-1.6%	1,242,705	-4.4%
	Q2	1,611,394	-0.1%	1,279,102	1.2%
	Q3	1,652,399	0.8%	1,271,219	4.1%
	Q4	1,708,141	1.0%	1,275,455	4.3%
2022	Q1	1,585,854	2.1%	1,300,794	5.8%
	Q2	1,669,803	2.3%	1,312,242	3.2%
	Q3	1,700,194	2.5%	1,346,203	3.4%
	Q4	1,731,726	2.5%	1,375,812	5.3%
2023	Q1	1,676,946	3.4%	1,384,002	5.7%
	Jan	545,809	2.9%	452,352	6.5%
	Feb	528,369	2.9%	420,430	6.6%
	Mar	602,767	3.4%	511,220	5.7%
	Q2	1,696,577	2.9%	1,396,342	6.6%
	Q3	1,677,419	1.8%	1,434,847	6.8%
	Q4	1,729,886	1.4%	1,418,386	5.6%
2024	Q1	1,665,527	-0.1%	1,417,922	4.6%
	Jan	558,743	1.0%	474,247	4.9%
	Feb	544,962	1.0%	454,789	5.1%
	Mar	561,822	-0.1%	488,886	4.6%

Bacs Direct	Bacs Direct	Direct Debits				
Credits	Credits	Direct Det	:DICS			
Volume	Value	Volume	Value			
000s	£mn	000s	£ mn			
469,307	951,984	1,081,202	290,722			
462,853	971,117	1,148,541	307,984			
482,672	953,890	1,169,727	317,330			
505,049	948,218	1,203,092	327,237			
457,886	985,853	1,127,968	314,941			
488,203	978,575	1,181,600	333,668			
495,212	998,336	1,204,982	347,866			
534,567	1,025,344	1,197,158	350,468			
495,699	1,035,434	1,181,247	348,568			
160,013	341,177	385,796	111,175			
156,730	310,948	371,639	109,482			
178,955	383,309	423,812	127,911			
485,393	1,039,563	1,211,184	356,778			
470,132	1,074,404	1,207,287	360,443			
502,312	1,051,233	1,227,574	367,153			
469,790	1,058,909	1,195,736	359,013			
152,485	355,140	406,258	119,108			
161,250	338,516	383,712	116,272			
156,056	365,253	405,766	123,633			





¹ Office for National Statistics

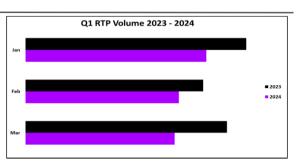
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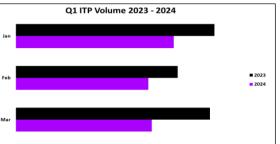
B Cheque and Credit Clearing

Image Clearing

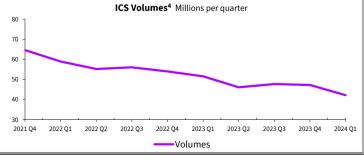


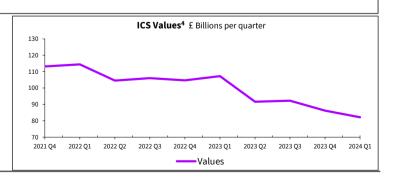
- The Image Clearing System (ICS) was launched in 2019 to replace the paper-based clearing system(PCS). It fundamentally transformed cheque and credit processing by enabling digital images of ICS items to be exchanged between banks and building societies across the UK for clearing and settlement. ICS is used for **sterling cheques** drawn on UK bank accounts, bankers' drafts, postal orders, warrants, government payable orders and travellers' cheques, as well as bill payments (credits) accompanied by cash or cheques.
- Cheque image (RTP) volumes decreased by 11.7% between Q4 2023 and Q1 2024 to 24.4 million, RTP values decreased by 7.5% over this period to £34.3 billion. Annually volumes declined by 16.3%, while values decreased by 17.3%
- Bank giro credits (ITP) volumes decreased by 5.8% between Q4 2023 and Q1 2024 to 737 thousand, while ITP values increased by 18.3% over this period to £5.7 billion. In the twelve months to Q1 2024, ITP volumes and values decreased by 20.8% and 10.0% respectively.
- ICS cheques are scanned into the system via several channels. These include banking apps. bank counters. self-service branch machines, central collection hubs, and bulk remote deposit capture available to non-bank cheque issuers who process high cheque volumes.
- \bullet 45% of image cheques were collected via branch counters during Q1, with 21% via banking mobile apps and 16% via central collection points.
- Importantly, as well as providing more choice, the image-based system facilitates a faster clearing process for ICS items, which completes within two working days. This has delivered a much-improved customer experience.





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	_	Cheque V	olume	Credit '	Volume	Cheque	Value	Credit	t Value	RTP Vol	ume ²	ITP V	olume ³	RTP Va	lue ²	ITP Va	ılue³
	_	000s	Growth ¹	000s	Growth ¹	£ mn	Growth ¹	£mn	Growth ¹	000s	Growth ¹	000s	Growth ¹	£mn	Growth ¹	£ mn	Growth ¹
2021	Q1	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	000	-100%	38,840	-28%	1,204	-55%	51,672	-42%	6,056	-41%
	Q2	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	000	-100%	37,687	-26%	1,269	-49%	50,910	-33%	6,069	-30%
	Q3	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	000	-100%	37,789	-22%	1,255	-36.6%	50,966	-19.8%	6,221	-11%
	Q4	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	000	-100%	38,529	-16%	1,177	-22%	49,207	-7%	5,635	-7%
2022	Q1	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	000	-100%	34,953	-14%	1,118	-12%	48,846	-3%	6,865	4%
	Q2	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	000	-100%	32,413	-14%	1,063	-17%	46,506	-7%	4,302	-7%
	QЗ	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	0,000	-100%	000	-100%	32,466	-13%	1,056	-14%	46,276	-8%	5,301	-9%
	Q4	0,000	0%	0,000	0%	0,000	0%	000	0%	31,664	-15%	971	-15%	45,569	-8.3%	5,426	-8.5%
2023	Q1	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	30,249	-15%	958	-16%	46,537	-7.5%	5,816	-16%
	Jan	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	11,132	-14%	343	-15%	16,161	-7.6%	1,958	-6.8%
	Feb	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	8,962	-14%	280	-15%	13,830	-7.9%	1,453	-5.2%
	Mar	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	10,154	-15%	335	-16%	16,547	-7.5%	2,405	-15.9%
	Q2	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	26,814	-16%	852	-17%	40,481	-8.5%	4,153	-10%
	Q3	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	27,363	-16%	834	-18%	41,000	-9.0%	4,018	-12%
	Q4	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	27,606	-15%	782	-19%	37,109	-12%	4,851	-14%
2024	Q1	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	24,372	-16%	737	-21%	34,315	-17%	5,741	-10%
	Jan	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	9,120	-16%	273	-19%	12,693	-14%	1,382	-18%
	Feb	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	7,730	-16%	229	-20%	10,917	-15%	1,547	-17%
	Mar	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	0,000	N/A	000	N/A	7,522	-16%	235	-21%	10,705	-17%	2,812	-10%





- 1 Per cent growth rates relate to 12 rolling months.2 Request to pay: a cheque
- 3 Instruction to pay: a credit item
- 4 All ICS Payment Types (RTP, ITP, CRD, IOD and IOC)

 * Paper Clearing Scheme ceased operating on 19 September 2019



Over 1.1 billion payments were processed by Faster Payments in Q1 2024, a comfortable uplift of 11.0% compared to Q1 2023. The total value of payments processed in Q1 2024 were over £970 billion, an increase of 7.5% compared to Q1 2023.

- Single Immediate Payments (SIP) volumes and values significantly increased by 14.2% and 9.2% respectively in Q1 2024 compared to Q1 2023. SIPs continue to be the most used Faster Payment type.
- Standing Order Payments (SOP) are regular fixed payments to a person or organisation. There was a small decrease of -0.6% in SOPs volume in Q1 2024, but a slight increase of 0.3% in the total value compared to Q1 2023.
- Forward-dated payments (FDPs) are one-off payments sent and received on a pre-arranged date, set up by the customer in advance. FDPs can be initiated via online banking, using a mobile device telebanking or in branch. FDPs volumes continue to decline, down by -3.8% in Q1 2024, however, the value sent is the opposite and have increased by 3.9% in Q1 2024 compared to Q1 2023.
- Overall, there is a constant uptrend in FPS volumes and values with SIP usage increasing year on year. Q1 2024 saw further decreases in SOP and FDP volumes compared to the same period last year, value sent have slightly increased for both. Current economic trend and inflation have clearly influenced consumer spending behaviour. They will be more cautious, less likely to commit to regular and forwarded dated transactions unless necessary. As always, we continue to work closely with our Customers to ensure the Service remains reliable.

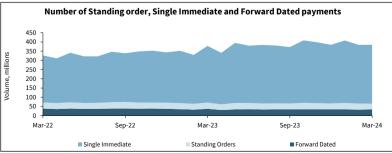


Leap year created by Julius Ceaser back in 46 B.C. occurs every four years, during a leap year the calendar includes an extra day which is added to the month of February. 2024 is a leap year!

Leap year plays an important role of aligning our calendar with the Earth's orbit around the sun, making sure that they synchronize with one another.

February 29 2024; On this extra day approximately 384 million payments were sent, totalling £306 billion.

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				Standing orders					Standing orders (inc		
					Forward Dated				Returns &	Forward Dated	
				,	(inc Corporate				Scheme	(inc Corporate	
		Total ¹		Returns)	Bulk)	Single Immediate	Total ¹		Returns)	Bulk)	Single Immediate
		000s	Growth ²	000s	000s	000s	£mn	Growth ²	£ mn	£ mn	£mn
2021	Q1	763,362	16%	97,253	79,103	587,006	596,925	9%	28,903	165,594	402,427
	Q2	851,014	21%	98,020	97,739	655,255	641,105	20%	29,345	188,714	423,046
	Q3	879,483	21%	98,254	107,218	674,011	667,331	24%	29,785	201,221	436,325
	Q4	923,871	20%	99,687	111,147	713,038	691,948	24%	30,327	207,833	453,788
2022	Q1	911,895	21%	97,937	106,890	707,068	727,626	25%	30,040	207,035	490,551
	Q2	973,863	17%	98,816	111,221	763,825	794,501	21%	30,793	228,178	535,529
	Q3	1,006,786	16%	102,713	114,745	789,328	840,165	22%	32,442	241,403	566,321
	Q4	1,043,122	15%	99,380	113,413	830,328	880,498	25%	31,935	249,655	598,908
2023	Q1	1,059,442	14%	99,943	104,333	855,166	906,426	25%	32,651	246,064	627,711
	Jan	351,439	15%	33,629	34,917	282,893	303,538	25%	10,855	81,990	210,693
	Feb	329,373	14%	31,917	32,565	264,891	273,023	25%	10,270	75,288	187,466
	Mar	378,631	14%	34,398	36,851	307,382	329,864	25%	11,526	88,786	229,553
	Q2	1,114,782	15%	99,546	99,672	915,565	913,686	23%	32,678	248,702	632,306
	Q3	1,135,315	14%	98,590	101,526	935,200	964,887	20%	32,558	261,726	670,603
	Q4	1,189,815	14%	100,438	102,936	986,440	958,265	15%	33,208	260,718	664,339
2024	Q1	1,176,231	13%	99,345	100,336	976,550	973,951	11%	32,756	255,698	685,496
	Jan	407,475	14%	34,938	33,936	338,601	343,261	14%	11,519	88,673	243,069
	Feb	384,405	14%	32,757	32,799	318,850	307,032	13%	10,627	81,263	215,142
	Mar	384,351	13%	31,651	33,601	319,099	323,657	11%	10,610	85,762	227,284
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 $^{^{1}\,}$ Scheme limit increased from £250,000 to £1m on 8th February 2022.

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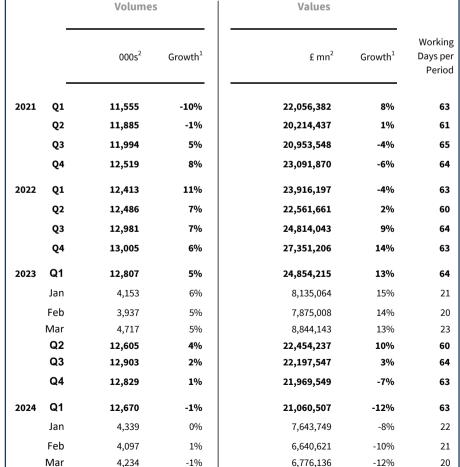
- During the 12 months to the end of Q1 2024, **CHAPS volumes** amounted to 51.0 million, representing (-0.5%) annual growth. Total volumes amounted to 12.7 million in Q1 2024 itself. The average daily payment volume in Q1 2024 increased by 0.5% to 201,107, compared with the daily average in Q1 2023.
- Non-wholesale (pacs.008) volumes saw a slight increase of 1%, while wholesale financial (pacs.009) volumes remained stable compared with the same quarter last year. Pacs.004 return payments formed 0.5% of the total volumes for Q1 2024. CHAPS use in the property market was estimated at 7% below the same period last year, reflecting reduced demand for UK property and mortgage lending. This period in 2024 was also 18% below the same period in 2022.
- CHAPS values decreased by 11.9% over the 12 months to the end of Q1 2024 to £87.7 trillion; a reduction of £11.9 trillion compared to the previous 12 months. The average daily value decreased from £388 billion in Q1 2023 to £334 billion in Q1 2024, a reduction of 13.9%.
- The total value transferred in Q1 2024 itself was £21.1 trillion, representing a reduction of 23.0% from the record amount of £27.4 trillion in Q4 2022.
- The value of foreign exchange-related CHAPS traffic had a double-digit decline compared with the same quarter last year.
- The average payment size displayed a decrease of 2.9% in Q1 2024 from Q4 2023 to £1.7 million, representing the fifth consecutive decrease since Q4 2022. This was as a result of CHAPS values falling greater than volumes (4.1% versus 1.2% respectively in Q1 2024 from Q4 2023).

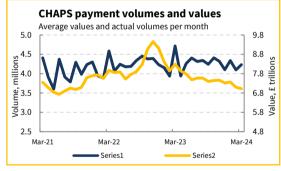


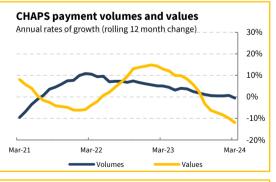


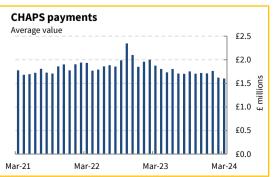
Average Daily Q1 Volumes











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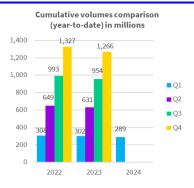
^{2.} CHAPS migrated to ISO 20022 – a global financial messaging standard – on 19 June 2023; MT103 and MT202 migrated to pacs.008 and pacs.009 respectively. A new return type – pacs.004 – was introduced; the small number of pacs.004 are currently reported as MT103 or MT202 depending on the pacs type of payment being returned.

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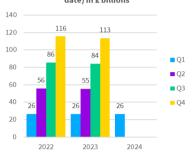
- •The total number of withdrawals decreased by 7.4% to 289 million while the value declined to £26,331 million during the quarter. These trends coincided with a decrease of £2 in the **average withdrawal value** to £91; The total number of cash machines continued to fall, declining by 1.6% to 46,978.
- The only increase in the estate was at the **IAD** estate, whose total increased by 2.1% to 31,322. The number of withdrawals at this estate decreased by 1.4% to 126 million while the corresponding value decreased by 0.9% to £10,107 million. The number of cash machines at the **BBS** estate fell by 8.1% to 15,656 with the number of withdrawals falling by 11.5% to 163 million and a value of £16,224 million following a decline.
- The number of **on-site** cash machines fell to a new low, of 10,567 following a decline of 5.8% during the quarter. The number of withdrawals at this estate fell by 11.8% to 65 million while the value stood at £7,618 million. The number of **off-site** machines fell by 0.2% to 36,411 with the volume of withdrawals decreasing by 6.1% to 224 million. The corresponding value decreased to £18,713 million.
- The **retail sector** accounted for 76% of off-site cash machines, broadly unchanged since Q2 2022. The only increase in cash machine numbers was in the leisure sector whose total rose marginally by 0.3% to 1,625. There was a decrease in the related public transport sector to 1,024. There was also a decrease in the social sector which took their total to 215. The highest decline was in services (a 12.3% fall to 464)

The next highest decline was in the workplace sector - a fall of 8.2%. The smallest decline was in the post office sector whose total fell by 1.3% to 1,493. The number of cash machines in the mobile sector has risen drastically by 200% to 18; the biggest rise since 2020 Q4

• The number of **free-to-use** machines decreased by 1.1% to 36,867 with withdrawals also declining, by 8.2% to 275 million for volume and a corresponding value of £25,282 million following a decrease. The number of **pay-to-use** cash machines decreased by 3.0% to 10,111, accounting for 22% of the total cash machine estate and 28% of off-site machines; broadly unchanged since the 2020 Q3. There were increase in the volume and value of withdrawals at the pay-to-use estate to 14 million and £1,049 million respectively.









	NI	mber of cash	Volume (inc		Number of			
	ma	chines at period	volume (inc transact		Value (inc	withdrawals where a		
	en	d					Average value	fee is charged to the cardholder
			mn	Growth ²	£ mn	Growth ²	£	%
2021	Q1	54,099	244	-45.8%	22,271	-35.4%	91	4.9%
	Q2	54,402	321	-31.3%	27,706	-22.2%	86	5.0%
	Q3	54,168	348	-21.1%	29,598	-13.9%	85	5.2%
	Q4	53,350	343	-5.8%	29,976	-2.3%	87	4.7%
2022	Q1	52,557	308	16.0%	26,316	12.3%	85	4.5%
	Q2	52,333	341	10.0%	29,253	7.8%	86	4.3%
	Q3	50,593	344	8.9%	29,946	7.4%	87	4.3%
	Q4	49,953	334	5.7%	30,040	5.5%	90	3.9%
2023	Q1	49,545	302	0.1%	26,310	1.7%	87	3.7%
	Q2	49,105	329	-2.3%	29,123	0.2%	88	4.1%
	Q3	48,831	323	-3.6%	28,875	-1.0%	89	4.2%
	Q4	47,719	312	-4.6%	28,979	-2.0%	93	3.9%
2024	Q1	46,978	289	-5.2%	26,331	-1.9%	91	4.7%
Number	of cash	machines (end-qua	arters)		Cash withdraw	al volumes (qu	arterly)	
					400]			
				Thousands	200		\sim	
	ep-21	Mar-22 Sep-22	Mar-23 Sep-23	3 Mar-24	Mar-21 Sep-21	Mar-22 S	ep-22 Mar-2	23 Sep-23 Mar-

1 On-us transactions amounted to some 15% of the total volume and 20% of the total value at the end of Q4 2023. 2 Per cent growth rates relate to 12 rolling months.

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