

Many older people are often more comfortable using cash for small purchases and there are a lot of part-time workers who prefer to be paid in cash or by cheque. To withdraw the use of cash is to discriminate against a particular section of the public.

If the societal norm is taken as a person of about 40 years of age and they have no experience of life where cash is needed, they will probably have the final say on this subject - id this hasn't already been decided. 100% card usage would suit banks - they could distance themselves even further from their customer base and fire staff, which equals more profit for the bank. The days of "customer service" are long gone.

Cash is necessary for payments of small amounts to cleaners, gardeners and household help; for donations to charity boxes; for car-boot sales; bring and buy plant sales; church collection - or is the vicar to go around with a card machine? Cheques are used for presents to family where it would be rude to ask for bank details - this violates their privacy, undermines security and bank details should be known by as few people as possible. Newspaper deliveries are paid by cheque as deliverers don't go around with a card machine.

KEEP CASH

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