



# Barrow & District Credit Union

Your Community, Your Money, Your Credit Union

## PAYROLL SAVINGS SCHEME: FACT SHEET

Welcome to Barrow & District Credit Union. We are a member-owned financial institution, and we provide savings and loans to people who live, work or study in South Cumbria.

### How does payroll saving work?

- Our payroll savings scheme allows you to save an amount of your choice, directly from your wages, each payday.
- You can increase or decrease your savings amount, or stop saving, at any time. It's totally flexible!
- The scheme is administered by your payroll department, in conjunction with Barrow & District Credit Union.
- You can save money for something special, or in case of any unexpected expenditure.
- You can save in our Christmas Club through your wages. This works in the same way as a normal savings account, but you can't access the money until November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- You can withdraw your savings by submitting a withdrawal request at any time, subject to notice periods.

### How do payroll loans work?

- In the event that you needed to borrow money, Credit Union members are eligible to apply for a low-interest loan from us. You can make your loan repayments through your wages, in the same way that you save through the scheme.
- We are a responsible lender. We have a thorough application process, and we only loan money to people who we believe will be able to pay it back.

### What are the benefits of joining?

- Saving direct from your wages makes it really easy to save, as the money is saved before you get paid each month.
- Your savings are safe. We contribute to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, so all savings up to £85,000 are protected.
- All the money saved benefits the local community, in South Cumbria.
- The Credit Union provides free life insurance. In the event of your death, your savings plus the same amount again, would be transferred to a nominated beneficiary. Any outstanding loans would be cleared.

### How do I join?

- You can become a member of the payroll scheme in three steps.
1. Complete a Membership Form and pay a £2 joining fee and an initial deposit of £5, which will become the opening balance of your savings account.
  2. Provide two forms of ID: one showing your signature and one showing your address (dated in the last three months).
  3. Complete a Payroll Deduction Order, which authorises your employer to pass your savings amount directly to us from your wages. You are up and running!

