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## **RECORD AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY FOR ATM WITHDRAWALS**

LINK, the UK's cash machine network, has reported today that 29 August was the busiest ever August bank holiday Monday in this country for ATM withdrawals.

Over £280 million was withdrawn, which was a 4% increase on last year's August bank holiday Monday figure, when £269 million was taken out of the UK's 70,000 cash machines. There was a similar increase in the number of withdrawals, up 9% on last year, from 4.5 million to 4.9 million.

John Howells, Chief Executive of LINK, commented:

*"The feel-good factor of sunny weather on a bank holiday provided all the right ingredients for an all-time high in August bank holiday Monday ATM withdrawals. Our demand for cash remains as strong as ever, showing that – despite much speculation to the contrary – notes and coins are very much here to stay."*

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **About the LINK Scheme**

The LINK Scheme is the national ATM network that connects virtually all the UK's ATMs. LINK's role is to provide UK consumers with universal access to cash in a safe, convenient and rapid manner. LINK is governed by the 38 industry organisations that issue ATM cards and deploy ATMs in the UK. LINK cash withdrawals account for around three-quarters of all cash withdrawals, with the remainder made up of withdrawals where cardholders use their own bank or building society's cash machines to access their cash.

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