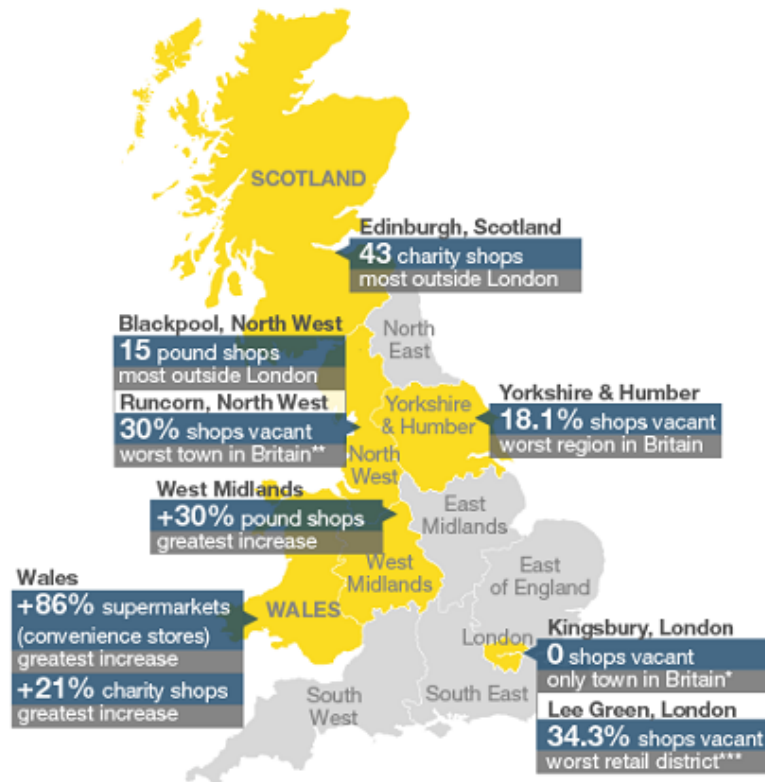


Britain's changing High Street

How High Streets are adapting **Changes in numbers**

The UK economy continued to grow, according to the latest figures, but consumer spending has slowed and retailers across the country are still feeling the effects of the recession. And research commissioned by the BBC into the number of vacant shops in England, Wales and Scotland suggests our changing consumer habits, as well as the downturn, are transforming the face of our High Streets.

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Vacant shops Nov 2010 % of total shops

Yorkshire & Humber	18.1%
North East	17.9%
North West	17.2%
East Midlands	15.8%
West Midlands	14.7%
South West	11.7%
South East	11.5%
Greater London	11.2%
East of England	10.8%
Scotland	10.6%
Wales	9.6%

Retail outlets 2009-2010 % change

Supermarkets (convenience stores)†	+12%
Discount stores (pound shops)†	+11%
Hair, health & beauty	+11%
Charity shops†	+9%
Fashion & general clothing	+6%
Cafes and restaurants	+5%
Bars, pubs & clubs	+5%
Estate agents	+4%
Electrical goods	+3%
Books, arts, stationery, printers	+2%
Banks / Financial	+1%
Travel agents	-1%
Off licences	-19%

† data from Sep 09-Sep 10, other data from Jun 09-Jun 10

* The survey included only the biggest 500 towns and cities across, England, Scotland and Wales, ** Lee Green, a ward of London, has 34.32% shops vacant, - Supermarkets refers to convenience shopping stores, including "Local", and "Express" style stores, *** Big cities were divided into retail districts

Source: Local Data Company/BBC Inside Out