

# Gran on hunger strike at Clydesdale Bank HQ in Glasgow in loan protest

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Anne Peters claims the bank ruined her business and caused her to lose hundreds of thousands of points due to mis-selling.

A grandmother has become the second person to go on hunger strike in protest at a bank she claims ruined her business.

Anne Peters started her demonstration outside the Glasgow HQ of [Clydesdale Bank](#) yesterday.

The 60-year-old gran-of-six claims she lost hundreds of thousands of pounds and her business collapsed due to mis-sold loan by banking group CYBG.

She takes over the hunger strike from Scottish property developer [John Guidi](#), 63, who has been starving himself on the pavement for 15 days.

She is replacing John who had to stop [his protest](#) for health reasons.



John Guidi protesting at the Clydesdale Bank before he had to stop for health reasons (Image: Scottish Daily Record)

- [Bankrupt businessman on hunger strike outside Clydesdale Bank HQ in bid to keep home](#)

Last night Mrs Peters said CYBG “lied” to ruin her family business.

She explained: “CYBG lied about the loans they gave our hotel business, they lied about the charges they made against it and they lied about restructuring and saving it.

“They told us they wanted to save our business when what they really wanted to do was to asset strip it”.

Mrs Peters and her husband, Jack, 62, blame CYBG for the collapse of their hotels business. They owned four venues including Burnhouse Manor Hotel, near Beath, and the Ivy and Royal in the Bridge of Allan.

Like Mr Guidi, they say they were mis-sold bank loans with conditions attached that ramped up interest rates on their debts and now face having to sell their home as a result.

The Peters claim the affair has cost their business £250,000 and they claim CYBG charged them £450,000 in 2011 for costs they had never been warned about.

Mrs Peters has now called on CYBG to set up an independent review system for all those pressing the bank for compensation for mis-sold loans.

She added: “Other banks have set up review systems to look at claims where people feel they have been victims of bank mis-selling. So why not CYBG? It’s time David Duffy, the Clydesdale CEO, did the right thing.”



Anne Peters started her demonstration outside Clydesdale Bank yesterday (Image: Scottish Daily Record)

Mr Guidi, who has spent more than 50 days on the street, said the Financial Regulator should now get tough.

He said: “If Lloyds can set up an independent review system run by a former high court judge why can’t CYBG do the same?”

“Are they afraid of the truth? It’s time for the Regulator to force their hand”.

At the weekend it was revealed that Andrew Bailey, boss of the Financial Conduct Authority, is pressuring CYBG for answers.

In May, after working with Bailey, Lloyds Bank appointed retired High Court judge Sir Ross Cranston to examine its handling of customer complaints relating to fraud at its HBOS Reading unit.

Last night a CYBG spokesperson said: “Mrs Peters’ original complaints have been reviewed by FCA-approved independent experts as part of a regulatory review of legacy SME conduct issues, with compensation agreed and settled with the customer.

“We have engaged extensively with both Mr Guidi and Mrs Peters and taken a detailed look at their cases. Unfortunately it is clear the Bank is not responsible for either of the situations they are in.

“We are confident our reviews of past business loans have been conducted rigorously and delivered fair outcomes to customers.”