

**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549



**Report of Foreign Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Northern Rock plc**  
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)



Northern Rock House  
Gosforth  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
England  
NE3 4PL  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Northern Rock plc - Disclosure of major Interests in Shares

# NORTHERN ROCK PLC

## DISCLOSURE OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES

Northern Rock plc ("the Company") has been notified on 5 June 2002, that as at 28 May 2002 Barclays PLC through the legal entities advised to the Company has a notifiable interest in 13,277,385 ordinary 25p shares of the Company representing 3.15% of the issued share capital of the Company.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorised.

Northern Rock plc  
(Registrant)

Date: 5 June 2002

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

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Title:

Company Secretary