

**Welcome to
the
Summer
2018
Newsletter**

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Durham Miners Gala 2018

GMB members from across the country joined us as we carried our banners through the city as part of this years Durham Miners Gala. We were once again joined by our General Secretary Tim Roache and Regional Secretary Billy Coates who marched with the branch



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As always, an amazing day was had by all who attended the Durham Miners Gala this year. Crowds were larger than ever and the weather was glorious for all those who turned out.



This year the branch extended our usual marquee and provided outside seating for members. We also had free face painting for children and a merchandise stall where officers and reps were on hand to offer advice and information regarding the GMB



The day ended with a GMB Social Night at the Radisson Hotel for our members which included a raffle with various prizes.

£868.00 was raised with all proceeds going to St Cuthberts Hospice.



Brian Roberts Retiring

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One of our longest serving shop stewards, Brian Roberts, is retiring from the local authority in the coming weeks



Brian has been a GMB representative for many years and has supported many staff through difficult times

To show our appreciation for the work that Brian has done for GMB, the branch presented Brian with a gift at our most recent branch meeting



D-Day Memorial in Normandy

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GMB shop steward Allan Pattinson from Durham Fire Service and colleagues visited Normandy to pay their respect to various regiments as part of the D-Day celebrations.



Allan arranged for a memorial to be set up in Normandy to remember those from the DLI regiment. The memorial is made from stone from a Barnard Castle quarry and blessed by the Bishop of Durham before being taken to France



The stone was put in place at the church in Lingevres and on the 7th June it was officially unveiled by Richard Atkinson with DLI and other veterans present together with the Mayor of Lingevres, the village school children and locals.

A wreath was laid on behalf of the Durham GMB branch

Social Events

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Each year the branch organises a number of social events for our members

Whitby

On 23rd June 2018, we had our annual trip to Whitby where members had a great day out enjoying the sunshine and the sights of this picturesque seaside resort



Edinburgh

On 15th September 2018, we have arranged our first trip to Edinburgh by train. Unfortunately this has sold out due to high demand but we will be looking at future trips when possible



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York

On Saturday 24th November we are holding our annual shopping trip to York.



We have two coaches booked to take members out for the day and still have some spaces left

Please contact the branch for details

Football Tickets

The draw for this years Season tickets has taken place and all successful entrants have been contacted.

Unsuccessful members have been put on the reserve list



We are always looking for ideas from members for future social events so if you have any suggestions then please let the branch or your local rep know



GMB Congress 2018

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In June this year, GMB Congress was held in Brighton and our full time officers Les Timbey and David Clegg travelled down to attend and represent our branch



More information on the subjects covered at Congress can be found on the main GMB website www.gmb.org.uk

Section 188 Redundancy Notices and Restructures

Please contact the Branch if you receive a Section 188 notice or your service is going through a restructure.

03000 268135

or

gmb@durham.gov.uk

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Just one phone call to us today could cut the cost of your home insurance, so what are you waiting for?



- Great Value
- Interest-free monthly payments
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- Get up to £50 towards any switching costs your current insurer might charge
- 97% of people would recommend us**
- 100% UK-based call centres
- A dedicated, highly experienced Claims Team from the start to finish of any claim

Just call 0800 072 9922 (0143 876 1651 for mobile users)

GMB Road Traffic Fund



If you drive as part of your work then the Road Traffic Fund is ideal for you.

For just an additional 10p per week to your GMB contributions, the fund offers a variety of benefit for those who drive as part of their work, including the payment of speeding fines (conditions apply)

Joining the Road Traffic Fund couldn't be easier.

Contact the branch for more details



Highly rated insurance from LV=

Good news... GMB members are entitled to exclusive discounts on a wide range of LV= insurance products through your union membership.

5 Star rated cover – awarded by Defaqto, the independent financial researcher, for the 11th year in a row for being one of the best quality car insurance products on the market. With our comprehensive cover we offer features and benefits including accidental damage and personal accident cover.

LV= also offer caravan insurance as well as discounted rates to GMB members on the following insurance cover:

Classic car insurance – our comprehensive car insurance policy offers you protection for your pride and joy in case something should ever happen.

Motorcycle insurance – motorbike lovers can enjoy our motorcycle insurance with full cover of helmet and leathers and can protect their no claim discount if they have 4 years claim free for the life of their policy.

- Accidental damage to your car
- Uninsured driver promise – no loss of No Claim Discount and no excess to pay
- Misfuelling cover if you accidentally fill your car with the wrong fuel
- New locks and keys if your keys are lost or stolen
- Unlimited cover for factory fitted phone, audio and sat nav equipment
- A new-for-old car replacement if yours is less than 12 months old
- £10,000 personal accident cover – if you or your partner are injured
- Replacement child car seats
- £200 cover for personal belongings in your car

Contact the branch for more details

Social Media

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**Please follow the GMB
Durham Local Authority
Branch on Social Media**



@durhamgmb



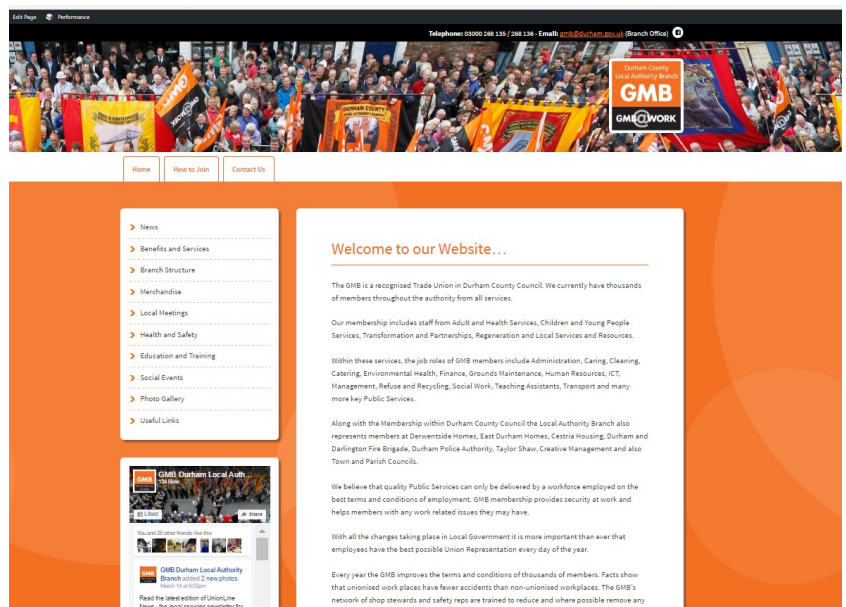
@GMBDurham



@durhamgmb

**Or visit our branch
website**

www.durhamgmb.info



Keeping In Touch

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The branch are keen to ensure that our members are always kept up to date on the latest news and events that may be of interest

We are constantly updating our social media feeds, website and Bulletin Board notices and will always try and keep our members informed of any new events



We currently have a mailing list for internal and external members to receive information on our Social Events

If you would like to be added to this then please contact the branch with your email address

GMB Bulletins

Please note: up-to-the minute information for members is posted onto the Durham County Council bulletin board

Remember — You're better off in the GMB

GMB APPLICATION FORM

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

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FOR UNION USE ONLY Section Branch No Membership No Date of joining

Please return your completed application form to: Membership Department, GMB Northern Region, 1 Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1YE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname First Name Title Mrs/Miss/Ms/Mr Date of Birth

Home Address Home Tel Mobile

Postcode Email National Ins. No.

I agree to abide by GMB rules* Signature

Date We ask for your ethnic origins as part of our equal opportunities policy of improving services to all members
Bangladesh ☐ Black African ☐ Black Caribbean ☐ Black British ☐ Chinese ☐ Indian ☐ Pakistani ☐ White ☐ Other ☐
* The GMB Rulebook is available online at www.gmb.org.uk or via your GMB office

YOUR EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

To ensure that the service you receive is up to the standards you expect please include as much information as possible regarding your employment.

Employer

Address where you work

Postcode

Job title How many hours a week do you work?

Department Pay No

Work Tel Pay Date

WHAT YOU PAY Rates as from October 1st, 2017

Grade 1 Full-time (working more than 20 hours per week)
£3.05 per week ☐ or £13.22 per month ☐

Grade 2 Part-time (working between 10 and 20 hours per week)
£1.78 per week ☐ or £7.72 per month ☐

Working 10 hours or less per week
£1 per week ☐ or £4.34 per month ☐

Apprentice Rate ☐ Non Working Student ☐
£2.00 per month £1.00 per month

Please tick the appropriate box to indicate how often you are paid
Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Four Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐

ADDITIONAL PROTECTION

To join the Road Traffic Fund and/or Sick and Accident Society, please tick the relevant boxes
Road Traffic Fund ☐ Sick and Accident Society ☐
Important - Please read "Additional Protection" on page 10 for further information before deciding to join.
Funds subject to rule - copy of rules will be sent out upon joining

CHOOSE EITHER AUTHORISATION OF DEDUCTION OF YOUR TRADE UNION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUR PAY

Section 68, Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidated) Act 1992 as amended

- I authorise my employer to deduct from my pay each week/month the sum of*

£

or other amounts as may be fixed by the GMB from time to time.

* Only available if your employer operates this scheme

Your information will be recorded by the GMB and used to send you relevant publications, ballot forms and mailings.

If you do not wish to receive information from GMB, excluding items which must be sent by rule/law, please tick here ☐

- Please start the deductions immediately and pay the amounts to the GMB.
- I note that this agreement may be cancelled by one month's notice in writing.
- I give permission to my employer to notify the GMB of any future change of address.

Signed Date

OR INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY TO PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT



Please return to: GMB Northern Region, 1 Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1YE

Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society branch

To the Manager of Bank/Building Society

Address

Postcode

Name(s) of account holder(s)

Bank/Building Society Account Number

Bank/Building Society Sort Code

Reference number (Office use only)

Service User Number

For GMB official use only. This is not part of the instruction to your Bank/Building Society.
If your A/C number is not available fill in your address below.

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society.

Please pay GMB Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with GMB and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society

Signature(s)

Date

Banks or Building Societies may not accept instructions for some types of account.