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Welcome to the GMB Local Authority Branch Winter 2018 Newsletter



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The branch officers and shop stewards would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our members throughout the authority

We would like to thank you for the support you have given our various charity events over the last 12 months and look forward to more events in the coming year



Christmas Shopping Trip to York

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Every year the branch organises a coach trip to the St Nicholas Christmas Markets in York

The trip as always was a great success and all members had a fantastic time

This year we had the largest number of members attend the trip and filled both coaches



Christmas Shopping Trip to York

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The trip is a perfect day out for the family and an ideal opportunity to carry out some Christmas shopping at the large selection of festive stalls



There is also an opportunity to sample the Mulled Wine and other Christmas treats!

We would like to thank all members who attended for making the trip such a success!



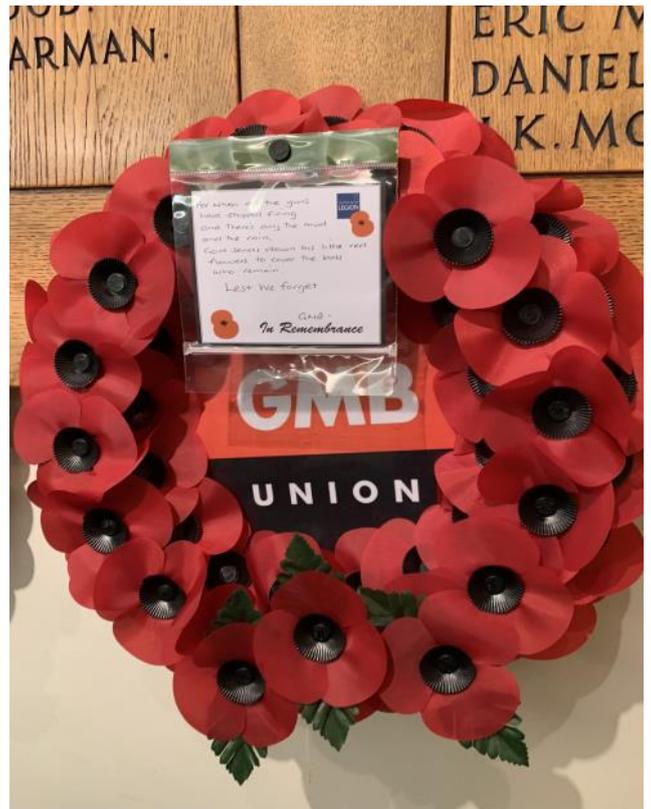
Remembrance Day 2018

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On Friday 9th November, the authority held its annual Remembrance Day Service in County Hall



GMB officers and reps attended the service to pay their respects to those who gave their lives for our freedom



Branch President, Les Timbey, laid a wreath on behalf of the branch and its members

Lest we forget 

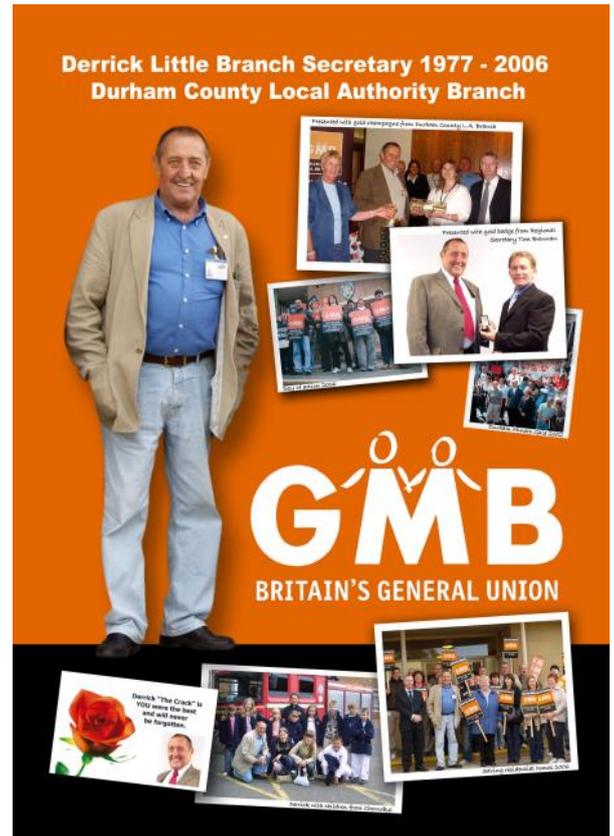
Derrick Little Memorial

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It has been 12 years since our previous Branch Secretary, Derrick Little, passed away

Derrick was Branch Secretary from 1977 until 2006 before he sadly passed away on 30th November 2006



Every year, the branch pays their respect to Derrick by laying flowers in the grounds of County Hall at a bench and tree that are dedicated to Derrick's memory



Children In Need 2018

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Every year the branch holds a cake bake sale in County Hall in aid of Children In Need to raise money for such a good cause



Members, officers and reps all donated cakes and pastries to the event which was attended by staff from throughout the building

There was also a raffle with various prizes



In total, the branch raised **£265.15** for Children In Need



This year the branch have held a number of Social Events for our members

These included:

March

- ◆ Easter Egg Raffle



June

- ◆ Coach trip to Whitby
- ◆ Season ticket draw for Sunderland & Newcastle tickets



July

- ◆ Durham Miners Gala and Social Night

September

- ◆ Train trip to Edinburgh



November

- ◆ Children in Need Cake Bake
- ◆ Christmas shopping trip to York

If you have any suggestions for future events please let the branch know as we are always keen to look at new events to host



UIA—Home Insurance Offer

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
- Extra 10% discount on Combined Buildings & Content policies
- 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

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**Please follow the GMB
Durham Local Authority
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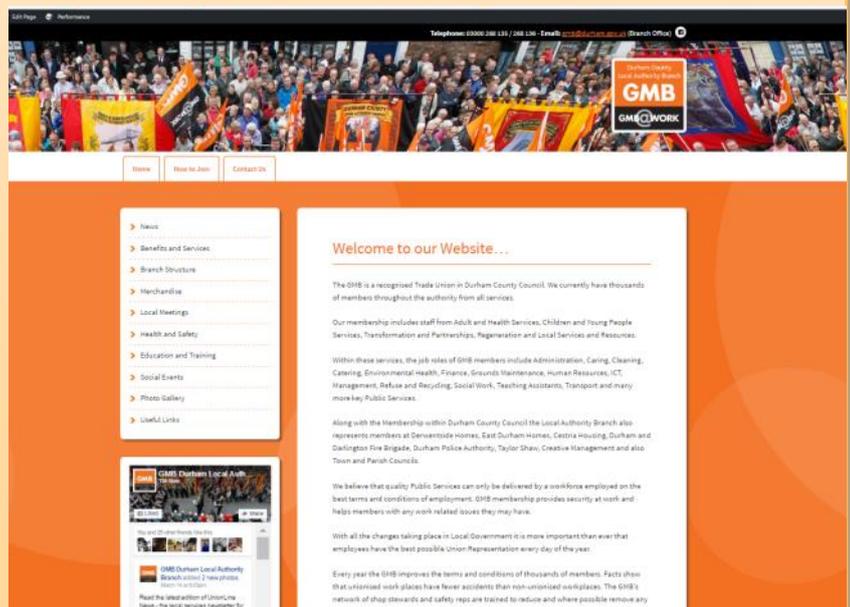
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**Or visit our branch
website**

www.durhamgmb.info



The branch are keen to ensure that our members are always kept up to date

We are constantly updating our social media feeds, website and Bulletin Board notices with the latest news and 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



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.

Call us on 03000 268135

or

Email: gmb@durham.gov.uk

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

Application Form (Check Off)

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Join  now for protection, support and advice.

Hand this form to your local GMB representative, or seal it and put it in the post (you do not need a stamp). Questions? Email us at info@gmb.org.uk or visit our website: www.gmb.org.uk where you can also join instantly.

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

SIGN WHERE YOU SEE THE **X**s

TELL US ABOUT YOU. This will help us do the best possible job for you.

Forename <input type="text"/>	Home address <input type="text"/>	Work address <input type="text"/>
Surname <input type="text"/>		
Title Ms Miss Mr Mx Me	Date of Birth <input type="text"/>	Postcode <input type="text"/>
Home phone number <input type="text"/>	Email address <input type="text"/>	Job title <input type="text"/>
Mobile number <input type="text"/>	Employer <input type="text"/>	Hours a week <input type="text"/>

THE IMPORTANT BITS. Please authorise us to take your fees from your wages.

Section 88, 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 GMB from time to time.

Pay number

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

Signature(s)

X

Date

STAYING IN TOUCH. We want to make it as easy as possible to talk to each other.

GMB contacts members by email, phone and SMS about issues related to membership, membership services and campaigns.

Tick if you DO NOT wish to be contacted by: Email Phone SMS

GMB has a political fund to pay for political campaigning, which you can opt-in to for 1p a week. In the past, the fund has helped win rights such as the minimum wage and maternity leave. There will be no detriment to you if you do not opt-in.

Do you want to opt-in to the political fund? YES NO

AND JOIN. I agree to abide by GMB rules.

Signed **X**

Date

To read the GMB rulebook please visit www.gmb.org.uk/rules For our privacy policy go to www.gmb.org.uk/your-privacy

You can change your contact preferences at any time by logging into your MyGMB area at www.gmb.org.uk/mygmb

Welcome to the GMB Union family!

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Branch

Branch number

Membership number

Join date