

Welcome to your Spring 2017 Newsletter!

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GMB Free Easter Egg and Champagne Raffle



**Free Easter Egg and champagne Raffle for
GMB members
Will be drawn by GMB membership numbers
between 6th-12th April**



Lucky Winners will be contacted

Section 188's or Restructures

Any members who are involved with Section 188's or Restructures please call the branch for advice on



03000 268135



gmb@durham.gov.uk

GMB Congress 2017 will be held in Plymouth.

The Branch delegates are David Clegg and Les Timbey.



**David and Les
Carrying Northern region
banner at congress last year
In Bournemouth.**





UNIONLINE aims to provide first line support to GMB members for any legal need.

Motor Legal Service Free for GMB Members – a new UNIONLINE service

**The Service and Benefits to Members
The benefits of UNIONLINE's Motor Legal Service, for GMB members and their families are:**

- Full accident management regardless of fault.
- You will receive 100% of any compensation recovered for the member.
- Access to telephone advice on a wide range of motoring issues.
- Dedicated personal customer manager who will deal with your claim.
- Unlimited number of claims.
- An option for a replacement vehicle whilst yours is off the road following a non fault accident
- Management of repairs to your vehicle at an approved repair centre or a repair centre of your choice
- Covers you and your family.
- Saves you up to £40 per year (no need to buy this service from your insurer)
- Organise windscreen repairs and replacement
- Service available 24/7, 365 days per year
- Service available across the UK and Northern Ireland

The service is available 24/7, 365 days per year. The main claims handling times are available from 8.00am to 7.00pm weekdays and 9.00am to 1.00pm Saturdays.

GMB Benefits



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

Contact the branch for more details

2017 Social Events



November (Date to be Confirmed) – Christmas Shopping Trip to York



Our annual shopping trip to York will be in late November. Come and join fellow GMB members in visiting the Christmas markets and enjoying the festive sights and sounds.

August/September (Date to be Confirmed) – Trip to Whitby

Our annual Summer trip to Whitby is a popular event. Spend the day walking around the historic seaside town. Coach will be provided for members.



8th July – Durham Miners Gala and Social Evening



Come and join GMB at the 133rd Durham Miners Gala. We will be marching from the Town Hall to the Racecourse where we will have a marquee with food, drink and activities for all the family.

On the evening we will hold a social night where you can get to meet other GMB members, shop stewards and full time officers.

June/July – Football Tickets for Sunderland & Newcastle

Each year, your local branch offer a pair of Season Tickets to Newcastle and Sunderland games.

Closer to the time, you will have the opportunity to email the GMB office to be entered into the football ticket draw.



Social Media



Please follow the GMB Durham Local Authority Branch on Social Media



@durhamgmb



@durhamgmb



@durhamgmb

Or visit our branch website

www.durhamgmb.info



Keeping in Touch



YOUR UNION NEEDS YOU!



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN £2,500

Are your details up to date?

GMB have sent an email to all members to update their Membership details. Please look out for this email (and check your junk folders).

It is vital that GMB has up to date contact information so that we can contact our members

Updating your details will enter you in to a £2500 draw

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

GMB**NORTHERN
REGION**

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

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

PERSONAL DETAILS

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

Home address

Postcode

Home Tel Mobile

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

Bangladeshi ☐ /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, 2015.

Grade 1 Full-time (working more than 20 hours per week)
£3.00 per week ☐ or £13.00 per month ☐

Grade 2 Part-time (working between 10 and 20 hours per week)
£1.75 per week ☐ or £7.59 per month ☐

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL PROTECTION

Ticking the boxes below only confirms that you require more information

Ticking either box will not mean that you will automatically join that society.

Road Traffic Fund ☐ Sick & Accident Society ☐

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

Service User Number

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)

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