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In September, the branch lobbied in Gateshead at the North East LGA meeting regarding Local Government Pay Campaign 2019/20

# Macmillan Cake Sale

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Huge thanks to everyone who made or donated cakes for the sale

The event was a great success with a grand total of £350 being raised

HERE'S TO YOU AND YOU  
AND YOU, AND YOU, AND YOU

At our Coffee Morning, you helped raise an incredible

**£337.11**

Every cake and every cuppa means that Macmillan are able to help more people with cancer live life as fully as they can.

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT RIGHT THERE WITH YOU



# Macmillan Cake Sale

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Each year the branch holds a cake sale and coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

We also ran a raffle and a "Guess How Many Berries in the Pie" game



**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**FEEL  
GOOD!**

**THE WORLD'S  
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COFFEE MORNING**

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

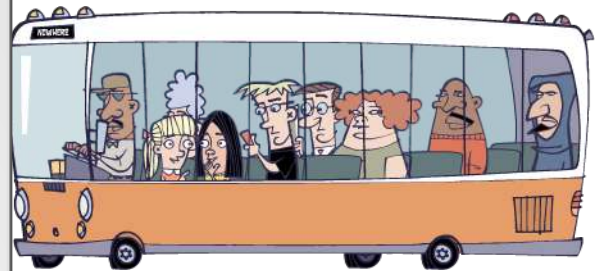
- ♦ Durham Miners Gala and Social Night

Events still to come this year include:

## 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



## **GMB Extra**

As part of your membership with GMB, you can access a range of discounts for you and your family. More information on all of these discounts can be found in the **My GMB** area of the GMB National Website ([www.gmb.org.uk](http://www.gmb.org.uk)). These discounts include:



### **20% off National Express**

We are proud to partner with [National Express](http://www.nationalexpress.com) to offer all of our members this quality discount when travelling with National Express. This offer is a 20% discount off National Express full range of fares, including the cheapest online 'Restricted Fares'. The discount will apply to GMB members plus up to 3 others travelling with them and there will be a requirement to book at least 3 days in advance.



### **10% off at Go Ape!**

Looking to discover some seriously adventurous things to do outdoors? Go Ape offer outdoor experiences and activities across 34 locations UK wide. From zip wires, to super-springy trampoline nets in the trees, to off-road Segways, Go Ape have an adventure for everyone. So, if you're looking to get the blood pumping, take on a challenge, or just have fun with your Tribe, a day of unforgettable action, laughter, and achievement awaits. Who will you share adventure with? GMB is proud to partner with Go Ape to offer our members 10% off.



### **Up to 49% discount at Alton Towers**

We are proud to partner with [Alton Towers](http://www.altontowers.co.uk) to offer all of our members this quality discount. Unleash the 'Power of the Towers' this year as you share joy, laughter and thrills with family and friends at Britain's Greatest Escape! Enjoy an awesome choice of world-class rollercoasters including Wicker Man, Nemesis, Oblivion and The Smiler and a host of fantastic family attractions including the brand new 'Peter Rabbit™ Hippy Hop' ride





### Up to 50% off at Chessington World of Adventures Resort

We are proud to partner with [Chessington World of Adventures Resort](#) to offer all of our members this quality discount. With over 40 rides and attractions in 10 themed lands, a Zoo and SEA LIFE centre with over 1,000 exotic animals, Chessington World of Adventures Resort offers a world of excitement for the whole family to enjoy.



### Up to 51% off at Thorpe Park

We are proud to partner with [Thorpe Park](#) to offer all of our members this quality discount. With over 30 thrilling rides, attractions and live events, Thorpe Park Resort is alive like no other UK destination and is a must-visit for those looking to share endless fun with friends and family. In 2019 join us for a season of fun, thrills and laughter with intense coaster action, unmissable events and unforgettable Island memories.



### Up to 24% discount off Coca-Cola London Eye

We are proud to partner with [Coca-Cola London Eye](#) to offer all of our members this quality discount. Standing tall on the south bank of the River Thames, nothing says iconic like The Coca-Cola London Eye. Because we're right in the heart of the city, you get closer views of London's most spectacular landmarks from Big Ben to The Houses of Parliament and even Windsor Castle on a clear day! Go one better than looking at the iconic skyline, move through it.



### Up to 34% off at The Blackpool Tower

We are proud to partner with [Blackpool Tower](#) to offer all of our members this quality discount. Make your visit to Blackpool a fun and memorable one when you visit Merlin's awesome Blackpool attractions. From the heights of The Blackpool Tower Eye with its breathtaking SkyWalk, 4D cinema and stylish Bar 380 to the depths of the scary yet funny Blackpool Tower Dungeon featuring amazing special effects and an incredible actor-led show. Finish off with a spin across the floor or afternoon tea with friends at the one and only Blackpool Tower Ballroom. A breathtaking venue offering a truly memorable experience. Don't forget The Blackpool Tower Circus' great for kids of all ages and featuring amazing acts from all over the globe.



### Up to 30% discount off Bear Grylls Adventure

We are proud to partner with [Bear Grylls Adventure](#) to offer all of our members this quality discount. Test your limits as you take on incredible mental and physical challenges inspired by Bear's love of adventure. We'll get you geared up and ready to climb, dive, fly, zip, leap, scramble and adventure. Escape the ordinary and achieve something epic at The Bear Grylls Adventure.



### Up to 30% off at Madame Tussauds (London and Blackpool)

We are proud to partner with [Madame Tussauds](#) to offer all of our members this quality discount. Welcoming a fabulous 10 million guests through our world-famous doors every year, Madame Tussauds gives you the chance to experience the ULTIMATE fame experience. Through a combination of historic artistic methods (that date back centuries, by the way!), immersive sets and pioneering modern tech – guests can experience fame and get closer to the action like never before...



## Save up to 15% with APH – Airport Parking & Hotels

APH's pre-booking rates represent savings of up to 25% and on top of that, as a GMB member, you and your family receive up to 15% discount off standard APH rates at participating airport car parks throughout the UK. Choose between 'off-airport' parking for great value, 'on-airport' parking for convenience or upgrade to a Meet & Greet service for that special VIP touch.

**15% discount off** APH branded Park & Ride and Meet & Greet services at Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham, Stansted, Edinburgh and Luton airports.

**10% discount off** all other participating Park & Ride and Meet & Greet services at airports throughout the UK.

**10% discount off** all participating airport hotel and parking packages.

**10% discount off** No.1 Traveller lounges at selected airports.



## £10 off Majestic Wine

Treat yourself to £10 off at Majestic Wine! That's right, simply spend £40 or more on any wine, beer or spirits



## 10% discount at Dell

We are pleased to partner with Dell to offer all of our members this quality discount when purchasing products from Dell. \*The 10% discount applies to ALL of the Dell Inspiron 7000 range, XPS and Alienware.



Get the Mirror from as little as £3 per month



The GMB play a vital role in our public services and we believe that our public services represent the very best of Britain. That's why the Mirror strives to fight against the on-going cuts to a sector that plays such a big role in our reader's everyday lives. So far we have led our successful High Street Fight Back campaign which forced the Government to announce a £1.5 billion boost for British town centres, and the Mirror's Max's Law campaign is on the cusp of changing the legislation on organ donations after winning backing in both houses of Parliament. Our campaigns can only become a reality because of our readers' power and the difference we can make when we come together. Your continued support and loyalty enables us to cover these stories and that's why we're offering the chance to join our supporter's subscription scheme, where you can save up to 86%.

**1/3 off Tribune subscription**

# TRIBUNE

We're proud to partner with [Tribune](#) to offer our members **1/3 off** their annual subscription. Whether you want a subscription for yourself or if you want to gift it to someone else, the Tribune magazine and website is the perfect place to get in depth political opinion from the British left

**Up to 43% discount at Sea Life Centre**

# SEALIFE

Dive into one of the many [SEA LIFE](#) centres around the country with this cracking deal exclusively for GMB members.



**Up to 41% off at The Dungeons**

- We've negotiated this amazing discount at all of [The Dungeons](#) across the UK for GMB members. Scream and laugh your way around the ultimate love action journey through a city's darkest past. Live action show, exciting rides and hysterically horrible history. So much fun, It's Scary!



### Up to 48% off at LEGOLAND Windsor

We are proud to partner with [LEGOLAND Windsor](#) to offer all of our members this quality discount. For an awesome family day out this year visit the LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort and experience the ultimate LEGO® adventure! With over 55 rides, live shows and attractions set over 150 acres of parkland plus a fully LEGO themed hotel on site, the LEGOLAND Windsor Resort is a family destination that is not to be missed!



### Up to 49% discount at Warwick Castle

We are proud to partner with [Warwick Castle](#) to offer our members this quality discount. Experience 1,100 years of Great British history in one of England's finest medieval fortresses. Experience the fun of real history on a visit to Warwick Castle! Warwick Castle is one of the most exciting historic locations in Europe, set in the heart of Shakespeare's England with over 1,100 years of fascinating architecture and amazing views in 64 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds.



### Save up to 40% at Shrek's Adventure! London

We are proud to partner with [Shrek's Adventure](#) to offer our members this quality discount. Join the search to find Shrek! A brilliantly bonkers interactive and immersive walkthrough experience, where the whole family can journey through Far Far Away as the stars of the show. See, hear, touch and smell the adventure by exploring 12 fairytale themed live shows, collecting the special ingredients that you will need in order to find Shrek and make it home safely!



## Discount at Haven Holidays

Your perfect UK break. Haven offer the perfect base for your short break or holiday. When you join us on a Haven holiday, all our award-winning family holiday parks will give you the warmest welcome possible. We've made sure each of our 37 parks is on or near the coast, so the sound of the sea's never too far away. From under 5s getaways to dog friendly holidays and couples' retreats, we cater for everyone here at Haven. With over 100 indoor and outdoor activities to choose from at Haven, we have something suitable for the whole family, whatever your age or ability. All of our parks have great facilities and entertainment for all the kids – big ones and little ones. There's plenty to keep everyone busy. You'll find plenty of time to be together on your chosen Haven UK holiday.



## Up to 40% off at LEGOLAND Discovery Centre

We are proud to partner with the [LEGOLAND Discovery Centre](#) to offer all of our members this quality discount. For a super fun family day out visit one of a LEGOLAND Discovery centre – the ultimate indoor LEGO® playground. In Birmingham you can enjoy a 4D Cinema, two rides, a build and test zone to improve all of your LEGO building skills, as well as a LEGO cafe to sit back and enjoy after a day of building. In Manchester you can enjoy three LEGO® rides, 11 LEGO® play zones, a 4D cinema AND the opportunity to become a NINJA with the awesome LEGO® NINJAGO® City Adventure!

## PRIVILEGE PURCHASE CLUB

### Privilege Purchase Club Discounts

Introducing the Hotpoint [Privilege Purchase Club](#) offering exclusive pricing on over 850 different appliances including four great brands to choose from, Kitchenaid, Whirlpool, Hotpoint & Indesit. Products range from washing machines, refrigeration, cookers and dishwashers to Hotpoint's Small Domestic Appliance range. Some appliances are already pre-discounted and in addition we offer at least an **extra 15% off** using their monthly voucher code, displayed on the homepage.





## 20% off Crown Paints

We are proud to partner with Crown Paints to offer all GMB members and their friends and family a 20% discount. With over 150 stores nationwide you're never too far away from your local Crown Decorating Centre to grab your discount. For more information about Crown Paints check out their website [here](#).

## Save on Glasses and Eye Tests at Vision Express



Built on a passion for the optical profession and a drive for unparalleled customer service, Vision Express take vision seriously. With coverage across the UK in over 600 stores, including selected Tesco Extra Stores.

- Free eye test, including digital retinal photography, upon purchase of complete glasses over £50
- Current national offer (e.g. 2 for 1 designer glasses) or save £30 on complete glasses
- 3-month's supply of soft disposable contact lenses when joining our contact lens Direct Debit scheme (Complete Contact Care) – terms and conditions apply
- 10% off non-prescription sunglasses
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- We'll allow a friend or family member to benefit from every one of these discounts as well, so let those closest to you receive the expert eye care they deserve.



## Funky Pigeon 20% discount

GMB is proud to partner with [Funky Pigeon](#) to offer all of our members this 20% discount on their products.



## Hermes 10% discount

Need to send a parcel? As one of the UK's largest parcel delivery companies, Hermes offer a range of flexible, affordable & convenient delivery options. As 'The Parcel People', they know every parcel you send means a lot, which is why they mean a lot to Hermes too. So it's no surprise they're trusted to deliver over a million parcels in the UK every day, 7 days a week! With over 90% of you living within 2 miles of one of their 4,700 drop off locations, whatever it is you're sending, Hermes have you covered. With prices starting from as little as £2.26, you'll also get full tracking included as standard. GMB is proud to partner with [Hermes](#) to offer all of our members this 10% discount on their services.



Proven Lost Luggage Protection

## TRACE ME Lost Luggage Protection Discount

We are proud to partner with [TRACE ME Luggage Tracker](#) to offer all of our members this discount.

Every year over 1 million bags go missing at airports globally, and are never returned to their owners. [TRACE ME Smart ID](#) luggage tag helps prevent that happening to you. It is compatible with baggage handling systems and works at virtually all airports and airlines around the world. It's secure, anonymous and provides you with complete peace of mind when you travel. No moving parts or batteries, always works where RFID, GSM or GPS signals are compromised. If your bag doesn't arrive, TRACE ME prevents it being lost forever and accelerates its return. You can get 40% off when you purchase TRACE ME Smart ID packs

## 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**



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INSURANCE from the heart

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For your member discount go to  
**LV.com/GMB**  
or call 0800 756 8343

**MOTORBIKE INSURANCE** 0800 032 0636  
**CARAVAN INSURANCE** 0800 028 5816  
**CLASSIC CAR INSURANCE** 0800 028 5760

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LIVERPOOL VICTORIA

## 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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INSURANCE from the heart

**MULTI CAR COVER**  
Add up to 6 cars and 12 drivers on one policy



**WE'RE electrifying**  
INSURANCE

**NEW ELECTRIC CAR INSURANCE**  
\* Recovery if you run out of charge at the UK. Cables and wall boxes covered as standard.

For your member discount go to  
**LV.com/GMB**  
or call 0800 756 8343

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# Social Media

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



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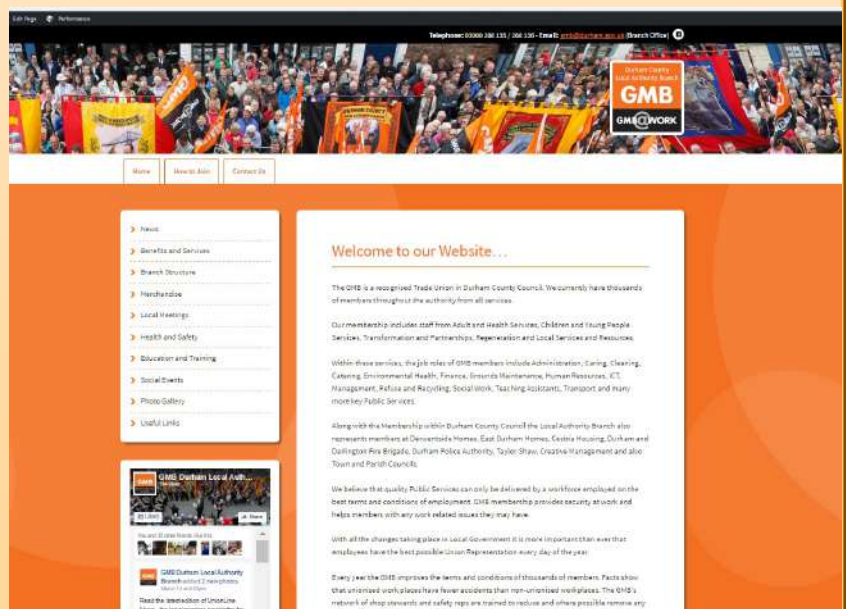
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**Or visit our branch  
website**

[www.durhamgmb.info](http://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



## **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

### **GMB Bulletins**

**Please note: up-to-the minute information for members is posted on-**

**Remember — You're better off in the GMB**



# Application Form (Direct Debit)

**GMB****UNION**

**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](mailto:info@gmb.org.uk) or visit our website: [www.gmb.org.uk](http://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 Mr Mrs Ms Mx	Date of Birth <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <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 the Direct Debit.

<b>Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit</b>		
Please fill in the form and send back to FREEPOST GMB		Service User Number 9 7 4 3 2 0
Name & full postal address of Bank/Building Society		
To the Manager of Address: <input type="text"/>	Bank/Building Society Postcode <input type="text"/>	
Name(s) of account holder(s) <input type="text"/>		
Account number <input type="text"/>	Sort code <input type="text"/>	
Reference (FOR GMB USE ONLY) <input type="text"/>		
Signature(s) 		Date <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Instruction 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 & if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.		
Banks/Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account.		

**PAYMENT DATE.** Please select a payment date.

If you are paid monthly ☐ 1st\* ☐ 8th\* ☐ 15th\* ☐ 22nd\* ☐ Last day of the month\* OR if you are paid 4 weekly ☐ 1st Friday ☐ 2nd Friday ☐ 3rd Friday ☐ 4th Friday  
\* or next working day

**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 

Date

**Welcome to the GMB Union family!**

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outlet

Membership  
number

Join  
date

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Forename <input type="text"/>		Home address <input type="text"/>	Work address <input type="text"/>
Surname <input type="text"/>			
Title Ms Miss Mr Mx	Date of Birth <input type="text"/>	Postcode <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 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 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)



Date

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