



GMB Northants Community Branch
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Summary of the branch meeting held on 2nd December 20

Reps Report forms had been sent out again. A further four had replied, that makes five altogether. Two reps have attended meetings which leaves seven we haven't heard from. There are also accompanying reps who we haven't heard from although it is easier to track what they have been doing. We will look at it again next year.

[Hope Not Hate](#) had been unable to supply a speaker for the informal meeting in December. Jean A, labour lead on the new [North Northants unitary authority](#) will attend an informal meeting in January. Date to be decided.

It was agreed to make a donation to the [UNHCR Winter Appeal](#) and to purchase raffle tickets for the [Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign](#).

We will send a delegate to [Wortley Hall](#) annual shareholders meeting on April 18th.

A task force has been set up to look into the changes that must be made following the investigation into sexual abuse in the GMB. This region will send three members, there will also be an independent expert and three staff members.

The government has pulled the plug on the Union Learning Fund (surprise, surprise) it was agreed that the union should find the funds to keep it going.

The 2021 diaries are due but there has been a delay. Distribution in the present circumstances will be problematical.

The letter to new members has been sent out. We have 2016 members, 21 new starts and 35 leavers.

The secretary had emailed the secretary of GMB Leicestershire about the trial membership renewal scheme his branch had started but had received no reply. It was agreed that we should start our own initiative. The secretary will look into it.

The branch finances remain healthy

Social Media Report: Newsletter openings were up at 35%. Website and social media activity remained unchanged.

Members continue to be represented under difficult circumstances

The change to unitary wasn't going great. Rachelle is dealing with TUPE transfers although this isn't affecting our members in schools. Direct employees may have their pay dates changed and there is a move to going over to on line payslips. Which cause major problems for some of our members who aren't computer savvy and may not be able to access their payslips. Birmingham region are trying to pinch our members. The new north authority will be adopting the [Dying to Work](#) scheme. Maggie said that it had been agreed that there would be no mayor for the new authority. April 1st is set to be the change day to the new authorities.