

GMB BRANCH NEWS B44 BEDS COUNTY

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What's to come

08 March 2026 – *International Women's Day*

23 April 2026 – *B44 Branch Meeting (1800 via Teams)*

June 2026 – *GMB Congress*

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WELCOME TO THE NEW B44 BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the new & revived B44 branch newsletter, which will be issued every 3-4 months. The branch has been extremely busy since the retirement of the previous Branch Secretary, Martin Foster. Trudi Woodland, his previously seconded rep, took on the role. Given austerity and school & local government funding issues we expect more challenging circumstances. Remember you can call us for advice on any employment issue, not just to attend formal meetings. We can often help you nip things in the bud before they go formal.

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"Knowing what must be done does away with fear."

(Rosa Parks, Civil Rights Activist)

BRANCH EVENTS

This year the branch is supporting 'Women in the Workplace' watch out for details on our social media for these events:

- International Womens Day on 8 March 2026 and
- World Menopause Day on 18 October 2026



WHO'S WHO

Branch Secretary

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WHO ARE THE WORKPLACE ORGANISERS

These are the colleagues on the shop floor, to find your workplace rep please email Trudi Woodland.

Do you dislike injustice / unfairness's? have you thought about becoming a Workplace Rep for GMB? Please get in touch for further information

BRANCH MEETINGS

The branch meets quarterly via Teams for an early evening meeting. Members are always welcome to attend and further reminders will be sent out via our social media to let you know what is on the agenda and how to join. The next meeting is taking place on Thursday 23 April 2026 at 1800 via Microsoft Teams, please email dee.walker@gmbactivist.org.uk for a meeting link or further information – we hope you can join us!

We also run specific branch meetings when needed. We are happy to come to your workplace too.

BRANCH DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2026

Every year, branches have to set out a Development Plan for the year ahead. This includes a recruitment plan, schedule of branch meetings / activities / communications and relevant training to support the branch. The plan is signed off by the Regional Committee before the branch puts the plan into action. All branch members can contribute to this and all our work by attending branch meetings.

ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE?

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