

# Merthyr drivers ballot for strike action



**Fed up GMB union members at Stagecoaches Merthyr Tydfil depot are balloting for strike action after the company walked away from the joint pay claim**

GMB union drivers and engineers based at Stagecoach's Merthyr Tydfil depot are balloting for strike action.

The ballot takes place after the company walked away from the 2021 pay talks declaring the unions demands as 'unaffordable' despite paying the rates at its Porth Depot, only 20 minutes down the road.

This years joint pay claim from GMB and sister union Unite the union, requested specifically for parity of rates across the 6 valleys depots.



The ballot opens today (Tuesday 2 August 2021) and runs for two weeks.

Unite is also consulting with members and considering balloting its members for industrial action in the next few weeks.

**Gareth Morgans, GMB organiser said:**

“It can’t be right that wearing the same uniform, driving the same buses you earn £1 less per hour than colleagues working 20 mins away at another depot.

“We think that the Porth rate should be the going rate for drivers and engineers at all 6 of stagecoaches depots across the valleys.

“Lets not forget that throughout the pandemic, it was the stagecoach drivers, not the stagecoach shareholders who were put at risk to keep our country ticking over – it’s time they get the fair treatment and reward they deserve.”

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