

# Heatwave beer drought looms as Budweiser workers strike



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Budweiser workers will strike for 36 hours today [Saturday 16 July 2022] in a dispute over pay.

Staff at the beer giant's Salmesbury site will walk out in anger at a three per cent pay offer, which amounts to a real terms pay cut.

Bosses also threatened workers that they wouldn't be able to claim back pay if the deal was not agreed by 21 July.



Budweiser workers, who have already walked out several times in June over the pay dispute, will down tools for 36 hours from Saturday 16 July at 7pm until Monday 16 July at 7am – with a further 12 hour stoppage on Tuesday 19 July.



**Stephen Boden, GMB Organiser, said:**

"This strike is the last thing anyone wants – a beer drought in the middle of a heatwave is no one's idea of fun.

"But our members are being taken for a ride and it's not good enough.

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"GMB has tried to negotiate with Budweiser repeatedly, but they're not listening. Now they will have to deal with the consequences."

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