



Hundreds of long-service workers strike at Spitfire company over pay

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Hundreds of long-service workers will go on strike today at a famous spitfire company in a dispute over pay.

More than 200 long-service workers have voted overwhelmingly to strike at GKN Sankey in Telford after months of attacks on their onslaught on redundancy packages and pay.

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Workers on the picket line will be wearing their England football shirts in honour of the Three Lions’ quarter final win over Ukraine on Saturday night.

GKN, a wheel manufacturing company which made RAF Spitfires during World War 2, has repeatedly refused to negotiate with GMB, the recognised trade union.



More strike dates are set to be announced if the dispute isn't resolved.

Stuart Harrison, Regional Organiser said:

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"These workers have a combined experience of four thousand years but are having their futures threatened.

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