



# LETTER TO BRANCHES

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**To: ALL CWU BRANCHES**

Dear Colleagues

## **SOUTHPORT TRAGEDY - CWU BRANCH APPEAL**

As members may be aware (LTB 274/24), postal worker and CWU member David Stancombe from Southport Delivery Office lost his beautiful daughter Elsie Dot in the appalling attack in the town on Monday 29th July.

The funeral of Elsie Dot took place last Friday where hundreds gathered to celebrate the life of this amazing little girl. Postal workers from Southport created a convoy of red vehicles to show support for their colleague David Stancombe. The family wanted a colourful service to celebrate her life and for it to be 'Elsie's Special Day'. It was a very emotional day, especially when listening to the tributes from her parents, school friends and teachers. We continue to offer our support and deepest condolences to David and his family.

In consultation with David's branch, North Lancs & Cumbria, we have now launched a CWU branch appeal to help David and his family in memory of Elsie Dot. CWU Representatives will be meeting with David and his wife Jennifer in a couple of weeks to discuss how best to use any donations received.

If your branch would like to make a donation, please see below details:

<b>Account Name:</b>	CWU GENERAL FUND
<b>Account Number:</b>	33019822
<b>Sort Code:</b>	60-83-01
<b>Reference:</b>	Elsie Dot

We understand that many members may want to share this appeal with friends or family but due to financial restrictions, please do not share these bank details outside of the union as this appeal is only open to donations from CWU branches.

Thank you for your continuing solidarity and support in this tragic matter. If you have any questions, please contact the General Secretary's office at [jdunn@cwu.org](mailto:jdunn@cwu.org).

Yours Sincerely

*Dave Ward.*

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