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Dear Colleagues,

Royal Mail / Dimensions Uniform 'Roadshow' Workplace Visits 2024/25

Further to LTB 088/24 (Letter To Branches), which sought to update Branches and members in terms of the ongoing developments surrounding uniform matters in Royal Mail following the rollout of the new 'performance' uniform range some 3 years ago.

Branches may recall that one of the developments outlined in this LTB was the intention of Royal Mail to restart the uniform Roadshow events, which were a major opportunity and avenue for direct feedback from members on new uniform items, and which played a major role in terms of the current uniform design.

Accordingly, Royal Mail have now informed the Outdoor Department that they intend to relaunch their uniform Roadshow this September, along with their uniform supplier Dimensions. Set out below are the planned locations for these Roadshows, noting however that several dates still need to be confirmed by Royal Mail:

 St Albans DO 	12 th September	 Wimbledon DO 	Date TBC
 Luton DO 	13 th September	 Bromley PDO 	Date TBC
 Basingstoke DO 	3 rd October	 Newton Abbot DO 	Date TBC
 Debden DO 	11 th October	 Colchester DO 	Date TBC
 Southend MPU 	Date TBC	Exeter DO	Date TBC
 Dartford DO 	Date TBC	 Croydon DO 	Date TBC
 Harrogate DO 	Date TBC	 Southwark & Rotherhithe DO 	Date TBC

Alongside this, Representatives will recall that Royal Mail had a uniform stand at this year's CWU Annual Conference, where a number of new prototype garments were displayed for feedback from Branch delegates. Based on this feedback, new garments, as well as alterations to existing items, are now currently in production. These planned Roadshows will further allow members to give direct feedback into these ongoing changes and the future uniform range.

From the outset, these Roadshow events have proven to be very successful and largely welcomed by members in previous years. In addition to offering details on the current uniform range and addressing particular individual questions and enquiries, they also aim to give members more information on such issues as self-ordering of uniforms, returning unwanted items or the process for orders which are over the individuals members uniform allocation.

In setting out this list of workplace visits, it can be confirmed that a number of the abovementioned locations have been nominated by CWU Reps and Royal Mail have confirmed that further consideration will be given to any additional visit requests made. Therefore, if Branches wish to request a Uniform Roadshow visit for a particular workplace, they are invited to do so by writing into the Outdoor Department.

Any enquiries to the content of this LTB or further requests for Uniform Roadshow visits to a workplace, should be directed to the Outdoor Department, reference 500, email address: <u>Pharacz@cwu.org</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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