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14th October 2025

TO: ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleague

**DES CARNEY – FORMER NATIONAL STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE
MEMBER/NATIONAL POSTAL CLEANERS REPRESENTATIVE – FUNERAL
ARRANGEMENTS**

It was very sad news last week to hear that Des Carney, former National Standing Orders Committee member and National Cleaners Representative, had passed away following a long illness. We now have details of the funeral arrangements and these are set out below:

Tuesday 28th October
10.00 am Service
St Josephs RC Church
Mary Street
Heywood
OL10 1EG

11.15 at Heywood Cemetery
Rochdale Road East
Heywood
OL10 1EG

Wake to be held at: Success to Plough Pub Bolton Road, Rochdale, OL11 3LW (10 Min Walk from Cemetery).

As can be seen from the many tributes on Facebook, Des was an outstanding and lifelong Trade Unionist who made a real difference to the lives of the members he passionately represented in Rochdale, the North West and Nationally.

He joined the GPO, as it was back then, in 1977 and went on to become a representative of nearly 50 years standing. During that time, he held numerous union positions at Branch, Divisional and National level where he went on to become a highly respected Cleaners Representative and member of both the Postal and General Standing Orders Committee.

In later years Des became a very strong advocate for our retired members and was a regular and very effective speaker at our conferences throughout his union career.

On behalf of the CWU, we offer our sincere condolences to Des's family and friends and we know he will be sorely missed by all those who knew him.

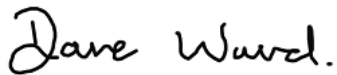
In so many different ways Des made a fantastic contribution to our union and he will always be remembered as a true comrade, great character and a stalwart of our organisation. Des was a thoroughly decent man and also a proud father and grandfather to a family he cherished. RIP Des Carney.

If anyone needs any further details or assistance with accommodation, please feel free to contact Gary Ingram or Saf Khan, see contact details below.

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Yours sincerely



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