

No. 193/26

7th July 2026

TO: ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleague,

Election of National Representative Positions – 2026

- **CWU Retired Members Committee (2026-2028)**

The NEC has agreed the 2026 election arrangements for the National positions listed above.

Accordingly, please find attached the Nomination Form and Regulations.

Nomination

Although Branches can nominate as many candidates as they wish, candidates must have the nomination of their own Branch.

Nominations must have been approved by a properly constituted Branch Meeting.

Dispatch and Return of Nomination Forms to CWU HQ

Nomination forms will be sent to branches electronically (attached to this LTB) and branches should return completed nomination forms to elections@cwu.org

Nomination forms will need to be returned by the advertised closing date to be included in the list of candidates

Dispatch and Return of Ballot Papers

The respective constituency based ballot papers will be sent by email direct to branches at the email address which we hold on file. Branches should return the completed ballot papers by email to the advertised CWU election email address elections@cwu.org Notification will be sent to branches confirming receipt of the ballot paper. It will be the responsibility of the branch to ensure that the ballot papers are returned to the correct email address.

To be included in the ballot, ballot papers will need to be returned by the advertised closing date and time and be received to the advertised email address.

Election Timetable and Term of Office

The elections timetable for the above will be as follows:

- **Nominations Open :** **9 July 2026**
- **Nominations Close :** **30 July (14.00)**
- **Despatch Ballot Papers :** **6 August 2026**
- **Ballot Closes:** **27 August 2026 (14.00)**

Branches will wish to note that the term of office for the 2026 Retired Members Committee will run from 28 August 2026 for a 2 year period.

Any enquiries regarding this Letter to Branches should be sent by email to lparrett@cwu.org or by telephone on 0208 971 7222.

Yours sincerely,

D Ward
General Secretary



Election Regulations

Regulations governing the procedures for elections for the following CWU National Representative position(s):

- ***CWU RETIRED MEMBERS COMMITTEE (2026-2028)***

1. These regulations have been approved by the CWU National Executive Council and shall govern the procedures for the National Representative positions listed in the attached appendix which form part these regulations.
2. In the elections to be conducted under these procedures, branch entitlements to nominate candidates for each election and branch entitlements to vote in each election are detailed in the attached appendices.
3. Nomination forms shall be circulated to branches prior to the opening date for nominations. Branches wishing to nominate candidates shall be required to return the appropriate completed Nomination Forms by email to elections@cwu.org to be received by **14:00 on 30 July 2026**. It is the responsibility of branches to ensure that nomination forms have been received at CWU HQ. Any nominations received after this date will be deemed ineligible.
4. The election arrangements shall be as follows:
 - a) Although Branches can nominate as many candidates as they wish, candidates must have the nomination of their own branch.
 - b) Nominations must have been approved by a properly constituted Branch meeting.
 - c) Branches shall be entitled to nominate as many candidates as there are positions to be filled.
 - d) Branches shall return the completed ballot papers by the advertised closing date on the ballot paper to elections@cwu.org. It is the responsibility of branches to ensure that ballot papers have been received at CWU HQ. Any ballot papers received after the advertised date will not be included in the count. Branch voting figures to be used will be the branch membership figures available at the time of producing the respective ballot paper.
5. The published ballot results will include the number of votes cast for each candidate, the number of ballot papers issued, the number of ballot papers returned and the spoilt ballot papers received.

Dave Ward
General Secretary
June 2026



Appendices

CWU RETIRED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Retired Members Committee

There shall be a Retired Members Committee which shall consist of 2 members of the NEC who shall be the Vice President of the NEC and the Retired Members Sector Member of the NEC, and 12 Retired Members elected biennially from nominations which may be received from any Branch of the Union on the following basis; 2 from Wales, 2 from Northern Ireland, 2 from Scotland and 6 from England. If a vacancy arises during the year it shall be filled by the highest placed runner up in the most recent ballot.

CANDIDATE'S CONSENT & BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

I agree to accept the nomination for the position of;

RETIRED MEMBERS COMMITTEE 2026

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and wish to submit the following biographical details:

Name: _____ Job Title: _____

Date commenced employment relevant to CWU membership: _____

Date Joined CWU: _____

UNION RECORD/OTHER RELEVANT SERVICE TO THE UNION AND LABOUR MOVEMENT (up to a **MAXIMUM** of 100 words) This should include information on positions held in Branch, Region, Section etc **together with appropriate dates** and information on representation at conferences, TUC, UNI, any education and training relevant to this election, previous membership of other trade unions, membership of political parties, and any other **BIOGRAPHICAL** detail that you wish to be included.

*The biographical details should be emailed to elections@cwu.org however all candidates **must** return the signed candidates consent and biographical details form by email to the above email address.*

Candidate's Signature: _____

Candidate Contact Details:

Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

PLEASE CAREFULLY CHECK ALL DETAILS BEFORE RETURNING BY EMAIL TO elections@cwu.org BY 14:00 ON 30th July 2026

Name of Branch..... Branch No.....

NOMINATIONS FOR CWU RETIRED MEMBERS COMMITTEE - 2026

2 Retired Members living in Wales

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

2 Retired Members living in Northern Ireland

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

2 Retired Members living in Scotland

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

6 Retired Members living in England

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

We certify that the nominations shown on this form are in accordance with the ballot regulations and were made at a Branch meeting held on:

Date.....Time.....

Venue.....

Signed.....
Chairperson of the meeting

Signed.....
Secretary of the meeting

This form must be returned
BY EMAIL TO
elections@cwu.org
by 14:00 on 30 July 2026

Please Note: IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT BRANCHES ACCURATELY COMPLETE THE ABOVE SECTION – FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE NOMINATION BEING DECLARED INELIGIBLE