

THE IN TOUCH

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AGM and Quarterly meeting Thursday 5th March 2026

To be held in

Gateshead Bowling Green Club, 10 Prince Consort Road, Gateshead NE8 1LS.
Commencing at **1:30pm**.

AGM AGENDA

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| 1 Minutes of the last AGM November 2024 | 4 Chairman / Secretary's report |
| 2 Apologies for Absence | 5 Finance Matters |
| 3 Election of Officers | 6 AOB-Future of the Branch |

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: Vacant
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Vacant

All officers and committee positions are vacant.

At a recent committee meeting on 16th February 2026, a full and frank discussion took place regarding the future of the branch and as all the present officers and committee will not be seeking re-election, there is doubt that the branch can continue in its present form.

Without a functioning committee the branch can no longer exist.

Without pre-empting the outcome of the AGM, we ask that you give serious consideration to its existence.

It would be helpful if anyone interested in taking up the positions, would advise the chairman prior to the AGM.

QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

1 Minutes of last Quarterly meeting
2 New members and Obituaries
3 Federation News

4 Speaker
5 Raffle
6 AOB

GUEST SPEAKER

A speaker has not been arranged for this meeting because it is not known how long the AGM meeting and discussion will last. However, if time permits there will be a quiz with prizes.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Since the November meeting we have lost two member Mr Arthur Gills who was well known to many of our members for his railway service and his magnificent painting skills.

Mr Bernard Ushaw who was a Driver at Tyne Yard and Newcastle also passed away.

We welcome two new members who joined us at the November meeting Mr George Hogg and Mr. David Lugsden.

NEWS OF COLLEAGUES

Although not one of our members Mr Tommy Wilson, duties clerk at Newcastle, who is known to several of our members, passed away in December 2025.