

Amazon workers begin first ever UK strike ballot



Coventry Amazon workers are making history

Amazon workers at a Coventry warehouse will become the first in the UK to take part in a formal strike ballot.

Hundreds of workers will today begin voting on whether to walk out in anger over the company's 35 pence per hour pay offer.

The ballot closes on 19 October, with any industrial action likely to take place in November,



Amazon workers across the UK have staged informal protests in anger at a three per cent pay offer from the company.

Last September, Amazon reported paying £492m in tax the previous year – despite UK revenue soaring to £20.6billion in the pandemic.

Amanda Gearing, GMB Senior Organiser, said:



“These Amazon worker will be the first ever in the UK to take part in a formal strike ballot – they're making history.

“They're being offered 35p an hour during the worst cost of living crisis in a generation – and that's from a company worth more than £1 trillion.

“Understandably, they are furious.

“Amazon can afford to do better. It's not too late to avoid strike action; get round the table with GMB to improve the pay and conditions of workers.”

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