

# Workers win at Ministry of Defence Forge



**Workers at a forge are celebrating a massive pay win after bosses backed down at the 11th hour.**

GMB members at Somers Forge, in Halesowen, were set to go on strike today [15 February 2022].

It was to be the latest in a series of walkouts after the company offered a 4 per cent pay rise but refused to backdate it to the pay anniversary of April 2021.

Late last night bosses backed down and agreed to the workers' demand.

Somers Forge manufactures components for the defence industry and is a supplier to the MOD.



**Russell Farrington, GMB regional organiser said:**

“This is a massive win for these workers – they've flexed their industrial muscle and shown what can be achieved when workers stick together.

“This company pleaded poverty, but clearly had the cash to honour the pay anniversary.

“We applaud Somers Forge management for finally doing the right thing.”

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