

Hartlepool metal workers earn big win after historic strike



Dozens of Hartlepool metal workers have won a big pay rise after a historic strike.

More than 50 staff at Expanded Metal Company walked out for six days last week – the first strike at the company in more than 100 years – in anger at a proposed real terms pay cut.

Now they have won a pay rise of 7.5 per cent, as well as a £600 lump sum and improved sick pay.

Paul Clark, GMB Organiser, said:

“This is an amazing victory for these members and their families.



“Strike action is always our last resort to resolve any dispute.

“These GMB members have shown you will not win unless you are prepared to fight.

“I am immensely proud of these workers who stood strong for six days on the picket line and gave up their wages to make a stand against a pay offer which fell way short of their aspirations.

“By doing so they put pressure on their employer, forcing their hand in to making an improved offer that members deemed as acceptable.”

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