

# Amazon Black Friday strikes begin as action spreads



GMB union has today [Tuesday] announced a strike ballot at Amazon's new flagship Birmingham fulfilment centre.

The vote begins as more than 1,000 Amazon workers in Coventry are set to down tools today as part of GMB Union's Black Friday industrial action at the retail giant.

Strike action will also take place at [Amazon Coventry on 8 and 9 November](#), as well as [Black Friday - 24 November](#).

**Rachel Fagan, GMB Organiser, said:**



“Today more than 1000 GMB members at Amazon will down tools and take to the picket line in the first day of strike action leading to Black Friday.

“This is an unprecedented and historic moment with low paid workers taking on one of the world’s most powerful corporations.

“This action will bring the total days lost at Amazon to strike action to nearly 30.

“Now we’re seeing industrial action snowballing with workers launching a new strike vote at Amazon Birmingham.

“With a winter of strike chaos looming, it’s time for Amazon bosses to urgently listen to their workers”.

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