



South West Region Retired Members' Branch

Dear UCU Member,

If you are coming up to retirement we recommend that you consider remaining a member of UCU and join the UCU South West Region Retired Members Branch. UCU now has an active Retired Members' Branch for every region. It gives you an opportunity to remain part of the union movement and be informed of issues of importance to retired members.

The South West region branch was formed in October 2012 and we hope to hold **branch meetings several times a year**. The venue is sometimes in **Exeter**, sometimes in **Bristol**. The meetings give you an opportunity to talk to other retired members from around the region.

We produced our first **newsletter** in Jan 2013. You can read branch newsletters on the UCU website: <https://www.ucu.org.uk/retiredmemberbranches>

If you are moving from the South West to another region, you can join their branch if it is more convenient. You can find all the branch contacts on the UCU website.

Retired members are entitled to most of the same benefits as other members. The branch has been active in supporting the campaigns of the union on issues such as the cuts and deterioration in pensions. The branch operates like a normal workplace branch and sends delegates to the UCU Regional Committee and UCU Annual Congress.

To change your membership to 'retired': email membership@ucu.org.uk tell them you are retiring and wish to join the South West Region Branch, add your home address and email and change your subscription.

Most importantly, please enter your home email address to assist with dissemination of information. Much of membership information now goes out by email within the branch and union. Branch newsletters will be sent out by email to you.

How to change your Subscriptions.

If you pay your subscriptions by Check Off from pay, your membership will lapse immediately that you retire because your subscription will not be paid. If you pay your subscription by Direct Debit your membership will be retained. Either way you should change your subscription to the retired rate which is <https://www.ucu.org.uk/whyjoin?detailid=1693#retatt>

We look forward to working with you in the near future and wish you a happy retirement.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information:

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