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## Action Special

### What a day!



*A rather wet  
Bill  
Greenshields  
on the picket  
line in Derby!*

**They honked, they waved, they gave words of encouragement.** Nevertheless the rains fell on the (righteous?) pickets, – then the weather dried up for two well attended rallies in Chesterfield and Derby. Over 100 schools were closed completely or partially and around 400 members gathered for the rallies and the meetings afterwards.

**The meetings** were addressed by speakers from the University and Colleges Union, UNISON, PCS and, of course, the National President of the NUT, our very own Bill Greenshields. The Derby meeting was also addressed by the NAS/UWT Executive member, Dave Wilkinson.

**All spoke of the necessity for the public sector workforce to act together** to persuade government to review its 2% policy. Bill spoke eloquently on the effects of yet another down turn in teachers' salaries on the recruitment and retention of teachers. We cannot allow this to happen again. The future of the children and the education service is too important. Around half of recruits are already leaving the profession within five years. Where will the experienced teachers of the future come from? The campaign must go on! The NUT will continue to lead the way.

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### So what next?

The ballot, quite expressly, only asked your opinion on a one day national strike in protest at the unfair pay imposition recommended by the STRB. The Union has already asked the Chair of STRB to request a remit to look again at the 2006-8 pay assessment given that the inflation rate has exceeded 3.25% for the second year running. This was, of course, part of the original package but the Secretary refused to allow a review last year. We anticipate a similar response this time, but given the 'listening' agenda following the local elections, perhaps all this will change.

The National Executive meets this week and is likely to begin a survey of members' views of further campaigning. It is really important that members respond to this in large numbers. There may be calls for further action of various sorts, but you will be balloted if that is the case.

In Derbyshire the strike had significant effect – see over for details. Unfortunately Derbyshire County Council has seen fit to suspend the NUT from official negotiation and consultation meetings. We are told that the NUT is in dispute with the local authority. Clearly we are not. Our dispute is with the government. Our Regional Secretary is making representations about this and the other unions are likely not to attend meetings as an act of solidarity.



*It is with great sadness that we express our condolences to Mary, Stephen and Kate on the death of **Steve Sinnott**, our General Secretary. He will be sorely missed. Many tributes have been paid to him and his contribution to the education scene will be long remembered. He was a great friend of Derbyshire teachers See Condolence book on [www.teachers.org.uk](http://www.teachers.org.uk)*

## What a turnout! You were magnificent!

Despite predictions otherwise there was a huge turnout nationally and locally and members clearly showed their view. We had good attendances at the Chesterfield and Derby rallies and rousing speeches were given by National President, Bill Greenshields and speakers from UNISON, PCS, UCU and NAS/UWT

The LA published a list of 88 schools affected by the action – mainly either partially or fully closed – some had strikers who weren't involved that day. We have added some missing names but if your school was affected and isn't listed, please let us know ASAP on 01629 585086. We need an accurate breakdown.

### Primary

Abercrombie Primary ,  
All Saints Primary, Glossop  
Ashbourne Hill Top I and N  
Ashbrook Junior School  
Aston on Trent Primary  
Bradwell Juniors  
Bramley Vale Primary  
School  
Brimington Manor I and N  
Brookfield Primary  
Buxton Infant School  
Buxton Junior School  
Castle View Primary  
Christ the King  
Clowne Infant and Nursery  
Clowne Junior School  
Coppice Primary  
Cotmanhay Junior School  
Creswell CE I and N School  
Croft Infant School  
Dovedale Pimary, Long  
Eaton  
Draycott Community School  
Dronfield Infant School  
Duckmanton Primary  
Duke of Norfolk's Primary  
Edale  
Elton CE Primary School  
Etwall Primary School  
Fairfield Infant and Nursery  
Fritchley CE Primary  
School  
Great Longstone primary  
Hadfield Nursery School  
Heanor Langley Infants  
Holmgate Primary  
Howitt Primary, Heanor  
Immaculate Conception  
Kensington Juniors

Lenthall I and N, Dronfield  
Leys Junior School  
Marsh Lane Primary  
Marston Montgomery  
Primary  
Mary Swanwick Primary  
Model Village Primary  
Monyash CE Primary  
School  
New Mills Primary  
Newbold C of E Primary  
Old Hall Juniors, Brampton  
Park I and N School  
Park Junior School, Swad  
Pottery Primary, Belper  
Repton Primary  
Ripley Infant School  
Rosliston CE Primary,  
Scargill C of E Primary  
Shirland Primary School  
Somercotes Infant School  
St Andrew's Dronfield  
St Elizabeth's School,  
Belper  
St Giles Primary, Killamarsh  
St John Primary Belper  
St Joseph's Steavely  
St Oswalds C of E Infant  
Staveley Juniors  
Stenson Fields Primary  
Stretton Handley Primary  
Tansley Primary School  
The Green Infant School,  
The Meadows Primary  
School  
Tintwistle CE Primary  
School  
Westhouses  
William Rhodes Primary  
Woodthorpe Primary

### Secondary

Aldercar  
Belper School  
Bennerley School  
Bolsover School  
Buxton Community School  
Deincourt  
Ecclesbourne  
Frederick Gent  
Friesland School,  
Sandiacre  
Hasland Hall  
Heritage  
Heanor Gate College  
Highfields Matlock  
Hope Valley College  
Ilkeston School  
John Flamstead School  
John Port School  
Kirk Hallam Community Coll  
Long Eaton Secondary  
School  
Mortimer Wilson Secondary  
Newbold  
Queen Elizabeth's  
Grammar  
Shirebrook School  
Tupton Hall  
William Allitt  
Wilsthorpe

### Special

Alfreton Park  
Brackenfield Special School  
Holbrook Centre for Autism,

## What next?

The Union's National Executive will carefully review the campaign so far and decide what is next on the agenda. You will be consulted on further moves. Make sure that your voice is heard. This is the 'end of the beginning'. The campaign must go on. It is essential to the future of the education service that government take notice of us.