

NEWS FROM SOUTHAMPTON BRANCH 309

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF SOUTHAMPTON BRANCH

It is with regret, that we have to bring to your attention, the possible closure of this Branch, due to not being able to elect new Officers to help with the continuous running of the Branch.

A General Branch Meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 10.00am at The Pirrie Park Bowling Club, 78a Wilton Crescent, Southampton, SO15 7QE. This meeting we will be discussing the future of the Southampton Branch. There will be 4 options to consider:

1. To continue as a Branch of NFOP, with new Officers to be appointed
2. Merger with another neighbouring Branch
3. Branch Closure and members transferred to the General Branch with remaining Branch funds being donated to either NFOP or to the NFOP Welfare Fund
4. Becoming a Social Branch with a named person available to liaise with NFOP Head Office. Branch accounts will be closed and money transferred to the Branch Support Fund.

There will also be a member of the National Executive Committee in attendance at this meeting to offer their support and guidance.

If any member is prepared to volunteer to take an active part on the Committee by becoming a Branch Officer, which may enable the Branch to continue, please attend this meeting and show your support.

It is your Branch and your decisions count, so please make every effort to attend to discuss the future of the Southampton Branch.

Members will be updated in regards to the outcome of this meeting with the December 2025 flyer sheet that accompanies their magazine.

Jim Motherwell
Branch Treasurer