

# NEWS FROM BRITISH STEEL BRANCH 403

Your Branch Committee met at the end of September in Crewe and also held the 2025 Branch Annual General Meeting. At the AGM, Tony Poynter was elected Vice-Chair, with particular responsibility for Policy and Guidance. A Committee Meeting followed, and possible Branch motions for the 2026 NFOP Conference were discussed and will be finalized at subsequent meetings. Another important topic was the transfer of British Steel pensions payments etc to Legal and General. Tony Poynter has written some observations / guidance on this matter, as follows:

## **BRITISH STEEL PENSION SCHEME (2018)**

Legal and General have now taken over the payments of British Steel Pensioners pensions. However, they have not sent out details of how your pension increase for tax year 2025/26 as been calculated and the increase of your contingent annual widow's / widower's pension.

I contacted Legal and General in April and they were very reluctant to give me a breakdown of my pension increase calculations and refused to let me speak to senior management. They said that you will receive details by post of the increase in your monthly pension at the end of April.

I persisted and I did obtain a breakdown of the elements of my pension increase for 2025/26 Tax Year and eventually I was given the new figure for my contingent annual widow's / widower's pension in writing.

Mike Donohue who was the British Steel Pension Scheme's Director in Glasgow is now Transitions Director based in Altrincham. I contacted Mike and his view was that there was no legal requirement for Legal and General to give us the breakdown of how your pension increase is calculated each year. He agreed that Legal and General should give you the increase in your widow's / widower's contingent pension and told me that if any pensioner wanted to know this figure he had arranged with Legal and General that they would give you that figure if you contact them.

You can contact them in Cardiff:

PHONE: 0345 766 0813

E MAIL: [payment.services@landg.com](mailto:payment.services@landg.com)

POST: PO Box 809 CARDIFF CF24 OYL

You need to state your Legal and General payment number which is on your P60 that you receive in April every year.

If you also want to know what your increased pension is each April and how it has been calculated, contact them on the above platforms.

**Membership Number:**

**Joint Membership Number:**

**Issue:**