

Westbury - Trades Union Membership



The origins of trade unions can be traced back to 18th century Britain, where the rapid expansion of industrial society then taking place, drew women, children, rural workers and immigrants into the work force in large numbers and in new roles. This pool of unskilled and semi-skilled labour spontaneously organised in fits and starts throughout its beginnings, and would later be an important arena for the development of trade unions. Trade unions have sometimes been seen as the successors to the guilds of medieval Europe, though the relationship between the two is disputed, as the masters

The first attempts at setting up a national general union were made in the 1820s and 30s. The National Association for the Protection of Labour was established in 1830 by John Doherty, after an apparently unsuccessful attempt to create a similar national presence with the National Union of Cotton-Spinners. The Association quickly enrolled approximately 150 unions, consisting mostly of textile

More permanent trade unions were established from the 1850's, better resourced but often as radical.

Recent historical research puts forward the view that trade unions are part of a broader movement of benefit societies, which includes medieval guilds, Freemasons, Oddfellows, Friendly Societies, and

Date of Admission		Surname	Given Names	Date of Birth		Age at Entry	Name of Union	Trade	Number of Years in	Union Branch and No.	Company Employed By	Union Exclusion		Status at Entry	Date of Marriage		Date of Death		Place of Death	Notes
Year	Date			Year	Date							Year	Date		Year	Date	Reason for Exclusion	Year		
1919	30-Mar	Abrahams	Robert E.	1891		28	National Union of Railwaymen	Porter		Westbury	Great Western Railway									
1925	05-Jul	Abrahams	Robert E.			34	National Union of Railwaymen	Checker		Westbury	Great Western Railway									
1927	25-Dec	Abrahams	Robert E.	1891		36	National Union of Railwaymen	Goods Checker		Westbury	Great Western Railway									
1918	29-May	Adlam	William	1872		46	National Union of Railwaymen	Plate Layer		Westbury	Great Western Railway									
1919	26-Jan	Alford	E.	1885		34	National Union of Railwaymen	Porter		Westbury	Great Western Railway									
1917	01-Dec	Alford	John			43	National Union of Railwaymen	Plate Layer		Westbury	Great Western Railway									
1913	13-Sep	Alfords	J.	1852		61	National Union of Railwaymen	Plate Layer		Westbury	Great Western Railway									
1917	01-Jul	Algar	Arthur Geogre	1899		18	National Union of Railwaymen	Tube Cleaner		Westbury	Great Western Railway									
1928		Algar	Arthur Geogre	1899		29	National Union of Railwaymen	Boleermakers Mate		Westbury	Great Western Railway									
1917	04-Nov	Player	Tom	1864		53	National Union of Railwaymen	Carman		Westbury	Great Western Railway									