

# #SpoonStrike #FFS410 #McStrike

4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Workers at JD Wetherspools will take part in strike action on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October alongside McDonald's, TGI Fridays and Uber Eats workers.

Wetherspools and McDonald's workers are striking for £10 an hour, union recognition and respect on the job.



Katie Southworth, 22, has worked in the Bright Helm Wetherspools for two years. She says:

*"You're serving alcohol to the public so you sometimes get verbally abused with rude language. Particularly as a woman, you get a lot of sexual slurs as well."*

*"A lot of the time, people say the work is unskilled and we should be paid accordingly, but we can't survive on those wages."*

*"My pay packet takes me month-to-month. I pay my bills but I can't save, I live in shared accommodation, there's no hope for me ever getting enough money to put down a deposit on somewhere or get a mortgage."*

Wetherspools employs over 37,000 people in nearly 1,000 outlets, which include pubs, Lloyds Bars and hotels. In the half-year to January 2018, it made a profit of £62 million, a 20.6 percent increase on the same period the year before. The company's impressive profits add to the employees' sense of being undervalued.

If you're tired of low pay, insecure work and lack of respect on the job...

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