



# JUSTICE FOR THE SHREWSBURY PICKETS

After the Building Workers' National Strike of 1972 a number of Trade Unionists were tried for activities relating to the dispute. 24 were convicted, in a hostile act perpetrated by the Government to criminalise picketing. A number of these men were given severe prison sentences. The harshest being those imposed on Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson: the "Shrewsbury 2". Des died as a direct result of the treatment meted out to him during his lengthy incarceration.

Successive Governments, both Tory and Labour, have remained unresponsive to the calls for these perverse judgements to be set aside, and for the men to be cleared. The campaign for justice was given new impetus in 2006 because of new information coming to light of secret files on the case.

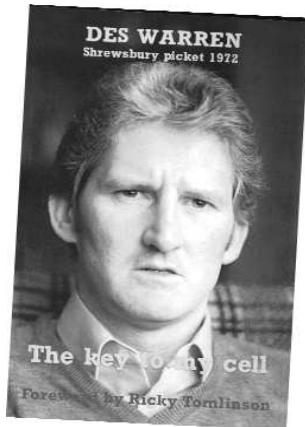
The campaign is calling for a Public Inquiry to expose the role of successive governments and the secret services in the events surrounding this important time in labour history.



**The Justice for the Shrewsbury Pickets Campaign** aims to expose the state conspiracy that surrounds the 'Shrewsbury' trials. We demand:

- a Public Inquiry**
- exposure of MI5 involvement**
- release of secret evidence**

The jailing of these pickets was used as a warning to other workers. As the recession deepens, workers will be forced into struggle to defend jobs, wages and services. How will the State react this time, and what will our leaders do?



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Foreword by Ricky Tomlinson

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