



**SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL
SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM GROUP**

Website: <http://www.syretfirefighters.uk>

Chair: Nigel Kind; Secretary/Treasurer: Ted Mullins

Group Meeting 21st July 2025

Fire Service Headquarters, 197 Eyre Street, Sheffield S1 3FG

1. Welcome by Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone present to the meeting, and asked if the members present could stand in a minutes silence in remembrance of retired firefighter Brian Maurice Webb 'Big Mo', aged 87 years, who passed away on Thursday 5 June 2025.

2. Members Present

Douglas Binnington, John Bower, Bev Bridge, Stuart Hobson, Mick Hurst, Nigel Kind (Chairman), Arthur Levick (Secretary), Michael Mottram, Ted Mullins (Treasurer), Christopher Lewis (Guest), Harry Wright (Honourary Member).

3. Apologies for Absence:

Brian Marsden

4. Minutes of the last Meeting and matters arising.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Arthur reported that meetings regarding the incident in the early 1970's regarding the naphthalene tanker at Effingham Street, Sheffield had been conclusive and the actions of the crews present had been recognised by the present Chief Fire Officer.

5. Accounts and Membership

Donations:

Mr B. M. Webb £30 to Rotherham Hospice.

New Members:

Mr J. Jenkinson (28/05/2025)

Mr Richard Beecher (08/06/2025)

Resignations:

Mr M. J. Dyson (27/05/2025)

Current Membership:

Presently the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch has **268** paying members.

As of 12/07/2025 The South Yorkshire Branch has **430** paying members and **3** Honorary Members.

Bank Account:

Our Virgin Money Account has now been closed, and our NARF South Yorkshire community bank account is now up and running. As long as we keep the monthly transactions below 10 per month we will be able to bank with the NatWest without bank charges. This transfer of account will mean an annual saving of £82.80 in standing charges, plus 30p for every automated credit, and 70p for every manual debit (cheques cashed).

Sheffield and Rotherham Balance 2025:

Branch Balance as of 21 January 2025	£1,827.41
Bereavement Donations Since 1 st January 2025	£180.00
Bank Charges from Virgin Money	£29.70
Branch Balance as of 15 th July 2025	1,617.71

6. Plaque Dedication Ceremony – Frank Mallinson:

On Thursday 7th August, at 1:00 pm, at Brown's Bar, Norfolk Street, there will be a memorial plaque dedication ceremony to Fireman Frank Mallinson of Sheffield Fire Brigade. The ceremony will be followed by a buffet in an adjacent room provided.

Frank was 28 years of age, and lived at Oldfield Avenue, Stannington, Sheffield with his wife and two children. He was seriously injured in an explosion and fire at the Little Mermaid Cafe', Norfolk Street, Sheffield, 7th August, 1968. He died of his burns and other injuries on 15th August in the Royal Hospital, Sheffield.

7. Any Other Business:

There was no other business.

8. Date, time and venue of the next meeting:

The next Group Meeting will be held at South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Eyre Street, Sheffield, on Tuesday 21st October 2025, commencing at 7.30 pm.

EJM 05/08/25