



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL

SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM GROUP

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

Chair: Nigel Kind; Treasurer and Secretary: Ted Mullins

AGENDA

Group Meeting 20th January 2026

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

1. Welcome by Chair and Valedictions

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting, and informed the meeting that since our last meeting on 21 October, 2025 the following members have passed away:

Retired Firefighter Gerald Armitage (age and date of death not known)
Retired Firefighter, Derek (Daffy) Flower, aged 85 years, on Friday, 28 November 2025.

2. Members Present

John Bower, Bev Bridge, Stuart Hobson, Michael Hurst, Nigel Kind (Chair), Michael Mottram, Ted Mullins (Treasurer/Secretary).

3. Apologies for Absence

Harry Wright, and Alan Turton.

4. Red Plaque Remembrance Scheme – Alex Wilson FBU Brigade Organiser – South Yorkshire

Unfortunately due to a fire call Alex was unable to attend. However, the Chair went on to explain the ethos and purpose of the FBU Red Plaque Initiative.

5. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 21 October 2025, were read and accepted as a true record.

Propose: John Bower Seconded: Stuart Hobson

Matters arising:

The Secretary went on to explain the both he and the Chair attended the Barnsley and Doncaster Group Meeting, on the 3rd September 2025, and there was nothing to report, other than the meeting attracted similar numbers of members as ours.

6. Accounts and Membership

Current Membership

Presently the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch has **267** paying members.

As of 01/01/2026 The South Yorkshire Branch has **431** paying members and **3** Honorary Members.

Charity Donations

No Charity donations have been made in the current financial year (01/01/26 – 31/12/26)

New Members

There have been no new members since the last meeting.

Resignations

There have been no resignations since the last meeting.

Sheffield Group Account Balance 2025:

Branch Balance as of 01 January 2026	£1828.84
Bereavement Donations Since 1 st January 2026	£0.00
Other Expenditure in 2026	£0.00
Branch Balance as of 20 January 2026	<u>1,828.84</u>

7. Cheque Signatories

The Treasurer proposed that a third cheque signatory should be sought, and proposed that Stuart Hobson be an additional signatory. Stuart agreed to the proposal, and there were no objections.

Carried Unanimously.

8. Any other business

National Fire Service Memorial, Rettendon, Essex

The Chair of NARF Sheffield and Rotherham group is working hard to rectify the mistakes, on the memorial, and add any missing names of firefighters who served in the South Yorkshire Area.

Please see Appendix A for full details.

9. Date and time of the Group Meeting and AGM

It is proposed that the next group meeting, and annual general meeting will be held in the Community Room, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Eyre Street, Sheffield, on Tuesday 21st April 2026, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Appendix A

National Fire Service Memorial, Rettendon, Essex

The National Fire Service Memorial inaugurated in 2024 is a poignant tribute to the brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving their communities.

Whilst this memorial is impressive, and well thought out, there is a serious mistake in the matter of the South Yorkshire area remembrance plaques where the deceased firefighters from the South Yorkshire area simply carry the badge of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue instead of the badges of the brigades that personnel were serving in at the time of their death.

The Brigade Badges of the deceased should be:

- Dennis Thompson – Rotherham County Borough Fire Brigade
- Ronald Brewer – Doncaster Fire Brigade
- Paul Parkin – Sheffield Fire Brigade
- Colin Hill – Sheffield Fire Brigade
- Frank Mallinson – Sheffield Fire Brigade
- Robert Smith – Sheffield Fire Brigade
- John Pollard – Rotherham Police Fire Service
- Paul Crookes – South Yorkshire County Fire Service
- Norman Elliott – Auxiliary Fire Service
- David Jackson – (Recorded correctly as South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue)

However, the status of the following on the memorial wall are unknown:

- Archie Cornish – Sheffield Fire Brigade
- Charles William Busby – Rotherham Auxiliary Fire Service
- Stanley Slack – Auxiliary Fire Service
- Fredrick Parkes Spencer – Sheffield Fire Brigade
- John William Swaby – Sheffield Auxiliary Fire Service
- Arthur Moore – Auxiliary Fire Service
- Tom Stacy – Auxiliary Fire Service
- Alfred Garlick – Auxiliary Fire Service
- Albert Wallace – Auxiliary Fire Service
- Jack Hazard – National Fire Service
- Harold Parkinson – National Fire Service
- Harold Gannon – National Fire Service
- Joseph Pardon – National Fire Service
- Malcolm Rawnsley – National Fire Service
- Patrick Dalton – Rotherham County Borough Fire Brigade
- Bernard Ward – West Riding County Fire Service

Two unknowns on the memorial wall are:

Stanley Williams – Sheffield Auxiliary Fire Service

Enoch Leadbetter – Rotherham Division, National Fire Service