



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL

SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM GROUP

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

Chair: Nigel Kind; Treasurer/Temp Secretary: Ted Mullins

Minutes

Group Meeting 21st April 2026

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

1. Welcome by Chair and Valedictions:

The chair welcomed everybody to the meeting, and asked members to stand in a minutes silence in remembrance of:

Stuart Burgin, aged 83 years, passed away on Friday, 9 January 2026
Alan Buckley, aged 72 years, passed away on Sunday, 15 March 2026
Paul Denman, aged 69 years, passed away on Sunday, 29 March 2026

2. Members Present:

Bev Bridge, John Bower, Nigel Kind, Michael Mottram, Ted Mullins

Guests:

Alex Wilson, Harry Wright

3. Apologies for Absence:

Douglas Binnington, Les Dodd, Alan Turton

4. Fire Brigades Union Red Plaque Initiative

Alex Wilson the FBU South Yorkshire Organiser briefed the meeting fully about the purpose and objectives of the Fire Brigades Union initiative to commemorate fallen firefighters by affixing red plaques commemorating each firefighter. The next red plaque will be dedicated on Friday 5th June 2026 for Sheffield City Fire Brigade Fireman Colin Hill, at Heeley City Farm, Richards Rd, Heeley, Sheffield S2 3DT, commencing at 1:00 pm.

Colin was 39 years old, and had served as a Full Time Auxiliary Fire Service Sergeant at the time of the Sheffield Blitz. He lost his life on the 5 June 1950, during the rescue of a cat from a tree at the rear of 88 Albert Road, Sheffield.

5. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:

The cost of the website for 2026 has now been resolved. The hosting service has cost £67.68, and the Domain Renewal was £11.94 . Total cost £79.62.

Minutes accepted as a true record:

Proposed: John Bower

Seconded: Bev Bridge

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6. Accounts and Membership:

6.1 Membership:

Presently the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch has 263 paying members.

As of 23/03/2026 The South Yorkshire Branch has 423 paying members and 3 Honorary Members.

6.2 New Member - Mr Mark Heaton March 2026

7. Sheffield Group Account Balance 2025:

Branch Balance as of 20 January 2026	£1828.84
Bereavement Donations Since 1 st January 2025	£90.00
Other Expenditure	£0.00
Branch Balance as of 21 January 2025	<hr/> 1,738.84

8. Memorials and Plinths – Open Discussion

The locations of memorial plaques for Paul Crookes, and Dave Jackson were discussed at length.

The Chair informed the meeting that the plinths for Colin Hill and Mick Mee were now in situ at Heeley City Farm and Barnsley Fire Station respectively. Also, discussions have commenced with SYFR Premises Section regarding the siting of memorial plaques in the recently created Memorial Garden at the Training Centre.

9. Any other business:

7.1 Colin Hill Plaque Dedication

On Friday 5th June 2026 there will be a Red Plaque Commemoration Service for Sheffield City Fire Brigade Fireman Colin Hill, at Heeley City Farm, Richards Rd, Heeley, Sheffield S2 3DT, commencing at 1:00 pm. Colin was 39 years old, and had previously served as a Full Time Auxiliary Fire Service Sergeant at the time of the Sheffield Blitz. he lost his life on the 5 June 1950, during the rescue of a cat from a tree at the rear of 88 Albert Road, Sheffield.

7.2 Service Medals

It was suggested that the branch may wish to consider that it may be appropriate for service medals to be worn at all funerals and plaque dedication services. To be discussed at the next meeting.

7.3 30 Year Bar - Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

It was asked if the branch wished to challenge the decision that this bar could only be worn by the those in service at the time the warrant was issued. To be discussed at the next meeting.

7.4 Fire Service Graves

Discussion took place regarding the restoration of the graves of CFO Charles Pound, CFO William Frost, and Inspector Archie Cornish, all of which had fallen into disrepair. Alex offered to find if he could inspire some of his watch to help with the restoration of CFO Pounds Grave.

9. Date and time of the Group Meeting:

The next group meeting will be held in the Community Room, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Eyre Street, Sheffield, on Tuesday 21st July 2026, commencing at 7.30 pm.

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