



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL

### SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM GROUP

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

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

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#### Minutes

#### Group Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

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

**1. Welcome by Chair and Valedictions:**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and I those present to stand for 1 minute in remembrance Sheffield and Rotherham Group Member Jim Gibson who died 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026, aged 71

**2. Members Present:**

Bev Bridge, Nigel Kind, Stuart Hobson, Mick Hurst, Michael Mottram, Ted Mullins

**3. Apologies for Absence:**

Les Dodd

**4. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:**

NK Updated the meeting on the progress of the SYFR outdoor memorial at Central Training Centre, which all felt were quite unimpressive. Furthermore, the memorial to our fallen colleagues would be open to vandalism and the elements.

After further discussion, it was decided that the original suggestion for 28 brick size memorial plaques to be mounted on an indoor wall in the foyer at CTC, was more fitting and appropriate.

**5. FBU Red Plaque Update**

**5.1 Fireman Colin Hill Red Plaque - Sheffield City Fire Brigade**

Colin's red plaque was dedicated on Friday 5th June 2026, at Heeley City Farm, Richards Rd, Heeley, Sheffield.

**5.2 Fireman Paul Crookes Red Plaque – South Yorkshire County Fire Service**

Paul's red plaque was dedicated at a quiet ceremony on Wednesday 10th June 2026, at Birley Moor Fire Station, Moor Valley, Sheffield.

**5.3 Station Officer Michael Clive Mee, George Medal - South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue**

Micks plinth is in place and Alex is liaising with the family to arrange a suitable plaque dedication date.

#### **5.4 Leading Firefighter David Jackson - - South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue**

Permission has been given to mount a memorial plaque high up on the outside of the former Division Street Fire Station, General Office wall.

#### **5.5 Leading Fireman Ronald Brewer - - Doncaster Fire Brigade**

*Ronald's memorial plaque to be affixed to the current Doncaster Fire Station, on Leicester Avenue, Doncaster.*

#### **5.6 Inspector Archie Cornish – Sheffield Fire Brigade**

*Permission has been granted to place a memorial plaque on the preserved frontage of the former Royal Hospital, (Mount Zion Building), Westfield Terrace, Sheffield.*

### **6. Accounts and Membership:**

#### **6.1 Membership:**

Presently the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch has 264 paying members.

As of 21/07/2026 The South Yorkshire Branch has 425 paying members and 3 Honorary Members.

#### **6.2 New Members**

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| 29/05/26 | Paul Bragger  |
| 29/05/26 | Stephen Jones |

### **7. Sheffield Group Account Balance 2025:**

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| Branch Balance as of 20 January 2026                     | £1828.84 |
| Bereavement Donations Since 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025 | £120.00  |
| Other Expenditure                                        | £0.00    |
| Branch Balance as of 21 July 2025                        | 1,708.84 |

### **8. Service Medals**

It was greed by all those present that the wearing of service medals at ceremonies was an individual choice.

### **9 30 and 40 Year Bar – Long Service and Good Conduct Medal**

In March 2022, the Royal Warrant was updated by Queen Elizabeth II to grant clasps to officers who completed a further 10 and 20 years of long service post award of the medal. This change reflected the longer service of Fire and Rescue Service Officers following pension changes and sought to recognise their extended service. The two clasps are in cupro-nickel, and bear one of the inscriptions below:

- 'Long Service, 30 Years'
- 'Long Service, 40 Years'

TM was asked to seek clarity regarding the addition of the bar for members who retired prior to 2022. Copy of Royal Warrant attached at Appendix 'B' to these minutes

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1 Ex CFO/Inspector Graves at Crookes cemetery** – Superintendent William Frost's gravestone cross cannot be re-erected due to health and concerns but we do have permission to tidy up the site. Permission has also been granted to clear Archie Cornish's grave of the heather covering it, and SH volunteered to work with NK to clear off the grave.

**11. 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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2026, commencing at 7.30 pm.