NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL
SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH

SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM GROUP
Website: http://www.syretfirefighters.uk

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

Agenda
Group Meeting 20th October 2026
Community Room, Fire Service Headquarters, 197 Eyre Street, Sheffield S1 3FG

1. Welcome by Chair and Valedictions:
The meeting paused for a 1 minute's silence in remembrance of the passing of our member Tony Hunter, aged 84 years on Tuesday 21 July 2026.

2. Members Present:
J Bower, D Butler, S Hobson, M Hurst, N Kind, M Mottram, T Mullins,
Guests:
No Guests

3. Apologies for Absence:
L Dodd, A Levick, H Wright

4. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:
Accepted as a true record Proposed S. Hobson Seconded M. Hurst

5. Accounts and Membership:

5.1 Membership:
Presently the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch has **264** paying members. (-1 on previous meeting).
As of 20/10/2026 The South Yorkshire Branch has **423** paying members and 3 Honorary Members. (-2 on previous meeting)

5.2 New Member
27/08/26 Mark Sambrook

6. Sheffield Group Account Balance 2026:

Branch Balance as of 20 January 2026	£1828.84
Bereavement Donations Since 1st January 2026	*£120.00
Other Expenditure	£0.00
Branch Balance as of 21 July 2026	1,708.84

* £30 donation to Firefighters Charity on behalf James Gibson not shown as cheque not cashed (See Agenda Item 7).

7. Firefighter charity change of donation address:

The Fire Fighters Charity have changed their postal address without informing us, and the cheque for Jim Gibson appears to have been lost. The Treasurer will not be submitting a replacement cheque

Old Address:
The Fire Fighters Charity
Belvedere House
Basing View
BASINGSTOKE
RG21 4HG

New Address:
Fire Fighters Charity
The Office
Marine Court
Fitzalan Road
Littlehampton
BN17 5NF

8. Agenda Item 8 – NARF Council Meeting 7th October (and Associated Papers)

Response from South Yorkshire Branch Treasurer was discussed at the meeting. Following an open discussion it was agreed that the Treasurer should present his paper to the District meeting on the 23rd October, and reinforce that the Sheffield and Rotherham Group were against changing the Association from a Not for Profit Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

9. Rotherham Red Plaque Memorial

24th October at 1pm memorial plaques will be unveiled by the FBU at Rotherham Fire Station in remembrance of:

Rotherham Police Fire Brigade Chief Constable John Pollard
Rotherham AFS Fireman Charles Busby
Rotherham NFS Leading Firefighter Enoch Leadbetter
Rotherham Fireman Dennis Thompson
Rotherham Fireman Patrick Dalton

Further plaques will be unveiled at various locations to:

Inspector Archie Cornish Sheffield Fire Brigade
Leading Fireman Jack Hazard Barnsley Division National Fire Service
Fireman Harold Parkinson Sheffield Division National Fire Service
Leading Fireman Leonard Harrison Sheffield Division National Fire Service
Fireman Harold Gannon Sheffield Division National Fire Service
Fireman Joseph Pardon Sheffield Division National Fire Service
Malcolm Rawnsley Sheffield Division National Fire Service
Fireman Bernard Ward West Riding Fire Service
Leading Fireman Ronald Brewer Doncaster Fire Brigade
Station Officer Michael Mee South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
Leading Fireman David Jackson South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

11. 30 Year Bar – Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

The Secretary informed the meeting that on reading the full Warrant that the wearing of the 30 and 40 years is granted to personnel who were in service at the time the royal warrant was issued, and is awarded not purchased.

12. Sheffield Fire Brigade Graves

The graves CFO Charles Pound has still to be cleared. However, the graves of CFO William Frost, and Inspector Archie Cornish, have now been cleared by Stuart Hobson and Nigel Kind.

13. Website Renewal

Approval was given to renew the South Yorkshire Website at total cost of £82.64

14. Any Other Business

15. Date and time of the Group Meeting:

It is suggested that the next group meeting is held in the Community Room, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Eyre Street, Sheffield, on Tuesday 19th January 2027, commencing at 7.30 pm.