

Report of the Individual Members Secretary for the 2026 AGM of the
National Association of Retired Fire Service Personnel (NARF)

The end of 2025 and start of 2026 has been quite a busy time for several reasons.

The Association was advised that unfortunately three branches (Kirklees, Calderdale and Huddersfield) would be closing at the end of 2025.

These closures affected 160 members all of whom were written to and invited to continue their affiliation with NARF by becoming Individual Members.

To date the response has been very positive with over 50 people continuing with their membership and those from whom I am yet to hear will shortly be receiving follow up correspondence.

I have previously reported that some members subscriptions have remained outstanding for over two years and despite writing to them on several occasions no response has been received.

Following discussions with the Membership Secretary the decision was taken that with no response to the final letter that these members details would be removed from the database until any further communication is received from them.

Thanks to members keeping their contact details up to date the number of letters and magazines being returned has dropped significantly.

The new NARF website has generated interest from retired fire service personnel to become Individual Members which is encouraging – all have been contacted via email and those who are yet to respond are being followed up.

Taking account of the new members and those members we have been advised have sadly passed away or that have been removed from the database the number of Individual Members currently stands at 575.