

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Community Area Boards asked to support recruitment of Retained fire fighters

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service relies on 'on-call' firefighters to provide 24 hour cover in areas including Amesbury, Tisbury, Mere, Westbury, Pewsey, Wilton and Ludgershall.

However, it is proving increasingly difficult to maintain day cover at these stations - retained fire fighters need to be able to respond to a pager and arrive at their fire station quickly so they need to live or work within easy reach of a fire station. This is very much a daytime problem, people can feel confident that their local fire station is fully crewed at night

When these shortfalls occur WFRS has to consider re-deploying full time personnel from shift stations, but there are rarely enough resources to go around so stations occasionally go "off the run"

Retained firefighters get paid a retainer and an hourly rate equivalent to their wholetime colleagues when training or dealing with emergencies

Being a retained firefighter may suit at-home mums and dads, self employed and shift workers who can fit their day cover hours around work, school and childcare arrangements.

Keeping our Communities safe from fire and other emergencies is your Fire and Rescue Services' number one priority CABs are asked to support this initiative in order to protect our publics' safety .

For further information please telephone 01380 731144 or visit our website www.wiltsfire.gov.uk and view the link to recruitment; or drop into your local fire station on a 'drill night' -

Amesbury Wednesday evening commencing at 7.15pm

Ludgershall Wednesday evening commencing at 7pm