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### **COOKHAM NEEDS YOU!**

Firefighters at Cookham fire station are looking for keen men and women to join them as retained (part-time) firefighters.

This exciting role will appeal to you if you relish a challenge, thrive on learning new skills and work well in a team. Firefighters need to be active, practically-minded and enjoy working in a variety of roles. You will need to have good interpersonal skills and be an effective communicator because you will be working with all sections of the community.

Retained firefighters need to live within three minutes or one mile of the fire station. If you work outside of the home, you will need to have a community-minded employer who will release you for firefighting duties. It is possible to arrange to provide day or night cover to fit in with your other commitments.

As a retained firefighter, you will receive comprehensive ongoing training throughout your career and will be working alongside full-time firefighters.

Watch Manager at Cookham, Michael Mintz, said: "The job is both rewarding and fulfilling, and it is great knowing that you have helped people. Often it is the reassurance and practical help that means as much to them as anything. Our job is not always about blue lights and sirens, it is about putting something back into the community and working with a great bunch of people.

"Cookham will soon have two new specialist off-road firefighting appliances, which will respond to incidents across Berkshire that a fire engine would have difficulty getting to, as well as attending all other incidents on the station ground. Firefighters from Cookham will also crew the new Incident Command Unit (ICU), so the training opportunities are varied to say the least!"

Testing events will be held in February and March. To find out more about the recruitment process and about working as a retained firefighter, please log on to the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service website at [www.rbfrs.co.uk](http://www.rbfrs.co.uk) and click on 'vacancies'. To request an application pack, email [recruitment@rbfrs.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@rbfrs.co.uk).

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