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### **ASCOT NEEDS YOU!**

Firefighters at Ascot fire station are looking for enthusiastic 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 good interpersonal skills and know how to communicate effectively, as you will be working with all sections of the community.

Retained firefighters need to live or work within one mile or three minutes of the fire station in Station Hill, Ascot. 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.

**Ascot fire station is holding a retained firefighter recruitment event on Thursday 27 May from 12pm-7pm. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a retained firefighter, why not come along and talk to the firefighters about what the role entails.**

Dave Hawkins, Station Manager at Ascot fire station, said: "This is a great opportunity to get an insight into the people who give their time and enthusiasm to help the residents of Ascot when they need us the most, whether that's dealing with a fire or an incident on the roads. However, our job is not always about blue lights and sirens - it is also about putting something back into the community and working with a great bunch of people.

"We will make sure your visit is a rewarding experience, answering any questions you may have about Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, the special role we perform in serving the community and everything you need to know about the recruitment process. There's no need to book an appointment, just pop along to the fire station any time between 12pm and 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there."

**ENDS.**

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