



Dear Member,

**Increase in Annual NARF Subscription from January 2021
New Payment Mandate for Deduction from Pension**

I am writing to advise you that with effect from the **1st January 2021**, it is intended to increase the annual subscription that you currently pay to NARF via your pension from a **total of £9.00 to £12.00**.

Although this increase may appear to be high, this the first increase to have been applied for approximately 15 years. As I am sure you will appreciate during this time the Associations costs both at National and Branch have risen year on year. Therefore, to ensure that expenditure does not exceed income it has become necessary to increase the subscriptions accordingly.

Some of the Benefits of the Association include:-

- Four newsletters per year, with information, news, items of interest, readers articles etc.
- Belonging to an organisation dedicated to working on your behalf.
- The Association is a member of the Public Services Pensioners Council, Age UK for England, Scotland and Cymru, The National Council of Ageing and The National Pensioners Convention.
- An excellent relationship and close working links with the Fire Fighters Charity.
- Advice on pensions, tax, benefits, etc.
- Discounted legal services to NARF Members and their immediate families, with Linder Myers Solicitors. See Services page.
- Keep in touch with old comrades and the Service.

A breakdown of the **proposed 2021 subscriptions** is provided as follows:-

National Subscription	£7.00
District Subscription	£0.25 <i>1</i>
Branch/Borough Subscription	<u>£4.75</u> (<i>Includes £0.75 Branch & £4.00 Borough</i>)
Total	<u>£12.00</u>

- 1. In the event that District does not require payment of 25p per member it is intended to ring fence this money and retain it as a reserve fund within the Branch Account to offset any future unforeseen expenditure*

With all of the changes that have taken place with regard to Data Protection and the fact that some of the original 'Payment Mandates' were signed a significant number of years ago it was considered appropriate to provide a new payment mandate, provided on the following page, for completion and return for the attention of the Branch Chair either by post or scan and return by email to the Erdington Office the details of which are as follows:-

Post: **National Association of Retired Firefighters
West Midlands Branch
Erdington Fire Station
Orphanage Road
Erdington
Birmingham B24 9HR**

Email: **retired.firefighters@wmfs.net**

J Littleton

John Littleton
Chair
NARF West Midlands Branch



**National Association of Retired Firefighters
Payment Mandate Deduction from Pension**

Full Name: _____

Pension Number: _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Address _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

NARF Borough: Birmingham: Coventry & Solihull; Sandwell & Dudley: Wolverhampton & Walsall *

**Delete as appropriate*

I authorise the Pensions/Payrolls Section of the West Midlands Fire & Rescue Service to deduct my annual NARF subscription from my pension. I agree to pay the new subscription of £12 as from January 2021. I also agree to pay any subsequent increases in the annual subscription advised to the Pensions/Payrolls Section by the Association providing that NARF has made me aware of any such future increase before they are implemented.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return by 31st March 2021