

**Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service  
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**APPEAL FOR RETAINED FIREFIGHTERS  
AT HONITON FIRE STATION**

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service is seeking to recruit retained firefighters in Honiton.

Group Manager Jim Holgate said: "We are now looking to employ additional Firefighters from the community. The role of the Fire and Rescue Service is continually evolving and our Firefighters do so much more than just attending fires. Firefighters also are expected to be proactive in the prevention of fire by providing advice and assistance to vulnerable members of the community.

"Retained Firefighters are people who live or work in the community and are able to respond to the fire station when required for an emergency. Full training is provided and Firefighters are paid an annual retaining fee as well as receiving payment for emergency call outs, pre-planned community safety work and weekly training."

Applicants must be at least 18 and physically fit. They would need to live or work within 5 minutes of the station at Dowell Street and need to be available between the hours of 0900 – 1800 Monday-Friday as a minimum. Cover at night and some weekends would also be of benefit.

Group Manager Holgate said that the job is both rewarding and at times demanding. I would appeal to anyone who is interested to contact us to find out more.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community - particularly those from groups who are under-represented in our Service. We are keen to increase the numbers of female and minority ethnic candidates.

Essential requirements for potential Firefighters are:

- live and/or work within 5 minutes travel time of the fire station
- at least 18 years of age
- physically fit

Anyone interested can get more information and request an application pack on the recruitment hotline telephone 01392 872331

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