

Paul Broomhead



Retired Local Authority Fire Officer
(1978–2008)

Presently self-employed Fire Safety
Consultant (2009 – to present)

Chairman of the West Yorkshire
Magistrates Bench

Paul was born and educated in Shipley, he attended The Albert Road Infants and Junior schools in Saltaire Village before attending The Salt Grammar School in Baildon. After finishing school, Paul became a student at Bradford College, so he could then attend Huddersfield University.

He left school at 17 years turning his back on university (although he would attend later in life) with the following three aims in life:

That by the age of 50, he would own his own house.

That by the age of 50, he would own a nice car.

That by the age of 50, he would be retired.

Paul has been asked on many occasions why the Fire Service at the age of 19 when most new recruits in those days came from the trades of the forces. Simple answer, inspired by his Grandfather who had served as a Fireman. It was his stories that Paul would listen to whilst sitting around the kitchen fire at his grand- parents. Plus, the service supported my craving to work and succeed. From the age of 11 Paul had always worked whether it be delivering newspapers, milk, serving petrol or working in local shops on an evening and at weekends, but never to the detriment of his studies.

Whilst in the Fire Service Paul had many role models to study and admire which again drove him on to succeed through the ranks until his retirement.

At 50 year of age, Paul set himself new goals.

It may sound nice to have retired at 50 but for Paul he was too young, he still needed a challenge. So, he started developing his own business as self-employed Fire Safety Consultant.



At the same time, he kept his links with the community – via the Magistracy. Past Chairman of the Magistrates Training and Development Committee. Past Deputy Bench Chairman of the former Bradford and Keighley Bench. Presently the first elected Bench Chairman of the new West Yorkshire Magistrates bench.

The long- term goal for Paul is to retire at 60 and travel.

Paul has always been driven by the desire to work and achieve and a firm believer in self- discipline, believing that all people need a role model or preferably several to succeed. Some of his role models he has never met, often people he has admired through the media.

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