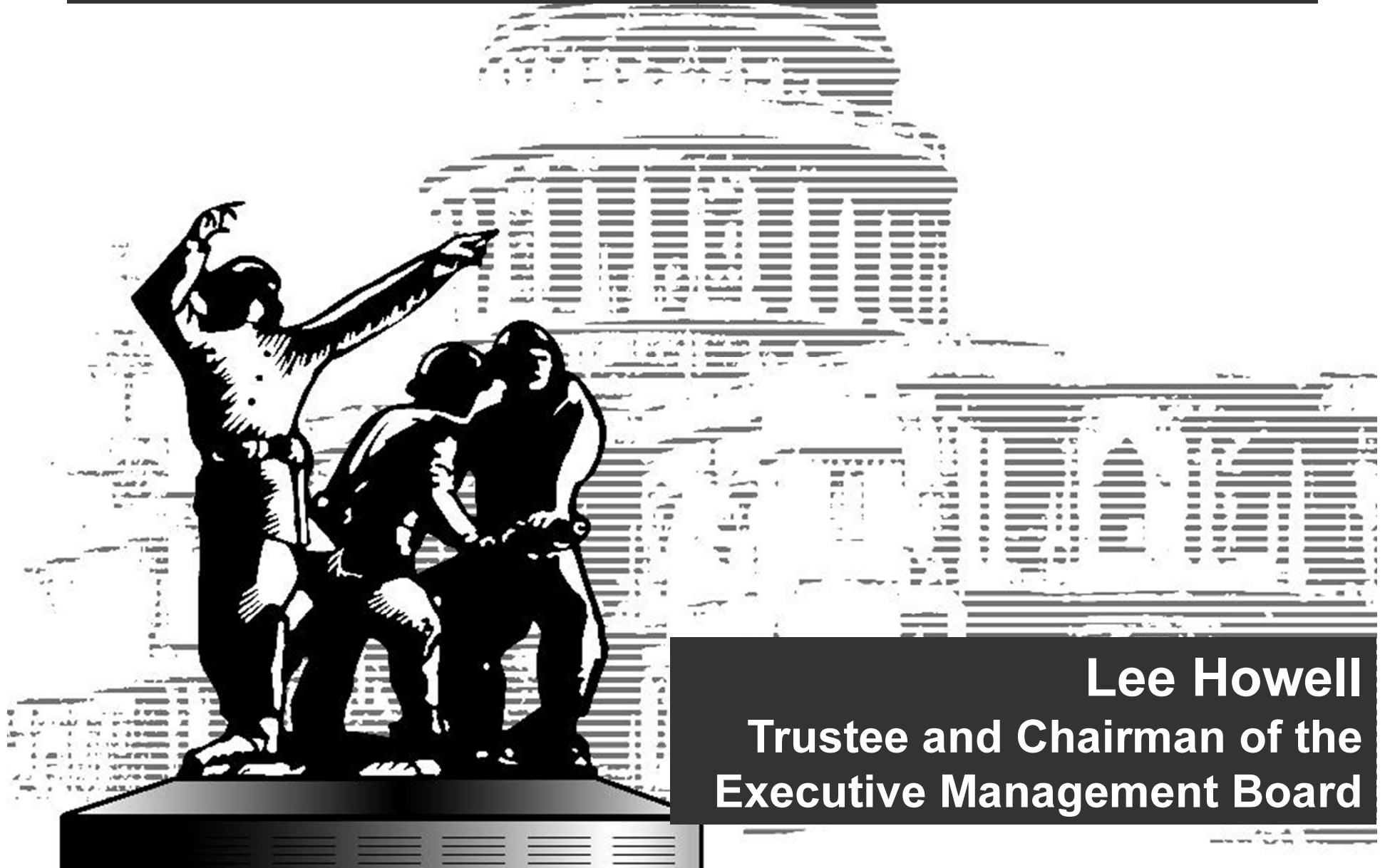


# Firefighters Memorial Charitable Trust



**Lee Howell**  
Trustee and Chairman of the  
Executive Management Board

- The **Firefighters Memorial Charitable Trust Fund** was established in 1990
- Best known for its work in establishing the **National Memorial** to firefighters killed on duty and the **International Service of Remembrance** held in London in September each year.
- Memorial originally intended to recognise the 'ultimate sacrifice' of firefighters killed during World War II but names of those who have been **killed on duty in peacetime** have been added.



- The Trust is also responsible for the **Chapel at the Fire Service College** and also the **Firefighter Memorial at the National Arboretum** in Staffordshire.
- The Chairman of the Trust, former Chief Fire Officer of London Gerry Clarkson, has written to each **Fire Authority seeking financial support** to maintain the memorial as there is no financial assistance received from the Government for this purpose (less than £500 p.a).

- **Greater Manchester, Hereford & Worcester, Leicestershire, Northumberland, Suffolk, Northern Ireland, Lancashire, Devon & Somerset** and **Tayside Fire Authority** have already confirmed their support which is most appreciated and I know **other Fire Authorities are in the process of doing so.**
- Discussions are currently taking place to further explore appropriate **memorials in Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.**

- **Every fire station in the UK** has been written to inviting firefighters to register as members of the Trust.
- The recent Fire Brigades Union report '**In the Line of Duty**' carried out by the Labour Research Department found that the most **comprehensive record of firefighters deaths** in the UK was that drawn up by The Firefighters Memorial Charitable Trust.

- Our Patron, **HRH the Princess Royal**, has supported an approach for a **Royal Charter** and it is hoped that this will be confirmed later this year and celebrations will coincide with the **20 year anniversary of the Trust**.
- In recent years, I have **personally seen** the support and respect that **elected members and firefighters** give to fallen colleagues and their families who attend the service of remembrance.

- I would like to **offer an invitation** to any elected member to attend the service to see for yourself the **professional manner** in which fallen colleagues and the Fire & Rescue Service are represented at this service.
- This years event will take place at **St Mary Le Bow, Cheapside, London** on the **13th September 2009**. For those who have not attended before, a **church service** of remembrance is conducted, followed by a **wreath laying** ceremony at the Firefighters Memorial in Sermon Lane, located near to St Paul's Cathedral.



- We also plan to hold the **Annual Service of Thanksgiving** at the Firefighters Monument at the **National Arboretum** in Staffordshire on Sunday the **26th April 2009**.



- This is a **Trust** established **by firefighters, for firefighters** and your continued support is very much appreciated and welcomed.
- If you would like **more information** on the work of the Trust, to make a donation or to get involved in any way, please contact me [lhowell@dsfire.gov.uk](mailto:lhowell@dsfire.gov.uk) anytime.
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Thank you

