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SOUTH WEST BRANCH

## IHBC South West Branch & IHBC Branch Partnership

### *Historic Buildings Fire Protection and Regulations*

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Thursday 19 November 2026

Exeter Guildhall 203 High St, Exeter EX4 3EB

*NB: Programme subject to change*

10:00 for 10:30 start	<b>Arrival</b> Tea and coffee
10:30 - 11:15	<b>Overview of fires in historic buildings-</b> Threats to heritage buildings; fires in heritage buildings and rebuilding; weaknesses and fire spread; historic fire testing and solutions.
11:15 - 11:30	<b>Break</b> Tea / Coffee
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Legislation and guides.</b> Heritage background; heritage legislation; Codes of Practice; Fire Safety Order; Fire Risk Assessments; suppression systems.
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Cathedrals, churches, roofs and firefighting.</b> Statistics; collapse of stone vaulting; compressive strength of limestone; timber trusses; firefighting in cathedrals.
14:30 - 14:45	<b>Break</b> Tea / Coffee
14:45 - 15:45	Fire Doors: Types of historic doors; fire testing of doors; typical failures of doors; building a new copy of a medieval door.
15:45 - 16:00	<b>Q and A</b>