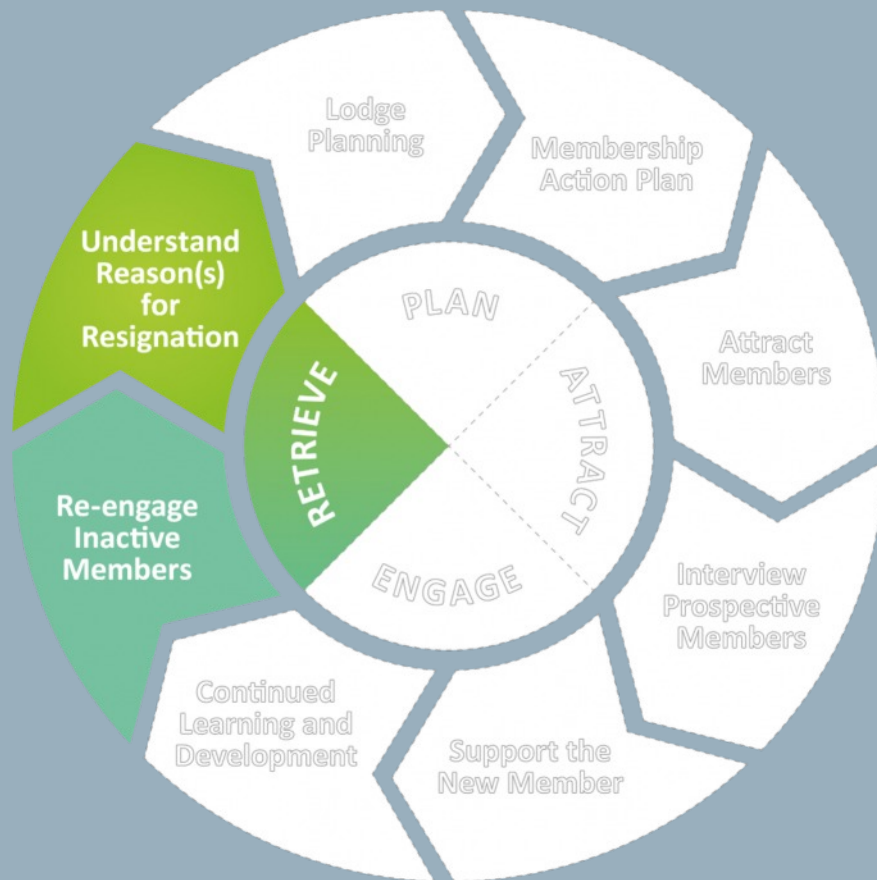




Wiltshire Freemasons

Engage | Encourage | Educate

Member Moving



2025



Integrity



Friendship



Respect



Service

Assist the member who is moving outside of the Province?



Attracting new members as we all know is an important aspect of the Membership Officer's role within the Province. A task that is less well known and appreciated is the that of assisting a member who for many reasons may be leaving the area covered by the Province and moving further afield.

As a Province with strong connections to the military, especially the army It won't surprise you that Wiltshire has a great deal of knowledge and experience in supporting our members who serve in the Armed Forces and who are liable to be posted or deployed, often at short notice and with little if any knowledge of how to connect with the membership team of the area they are moving to. However, it's not just the military who are required to move with their job.

The Province has employers who are not just national companies but also international, plus Swindon is the centre for the seven research organisations under the umbrella of UK Research and Innovation. While staff from organisations and companies are given first class support in finding somewhere to live, advice on schools, doctors, dentists, churches and even the location of local leisure facilities, there isn't any help to find the nearest Masonic Hall. That's where the membership team comes in.

The other tier of movers are those who are retiring and moving to be closer to family members, and some who are downsizing and relocating to a part of the country they have always promised themselves would become their 'forever home' and their last move.

Whichever group is involved the Provincial Membership Team is committed to work with individual Brethren and their Lodge to make sure the transition from A to B in terms of finding a new Masonic home is as seamless as possible.

Wiltshire has adopted what it believes is a simple approach to the Member Move Process and I commend it to you as a sound method to employ.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Reid

SIX STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MOVE....

Step 1. Inform the Secretary.

If you're moving or you know a member is moving - tell your Lodge Secretary.

Step 2. Start the Member Moving Process.

Once the Lodge Secretary is informed that a Brother is moving, explain what the Member Moving Process is and ask the member for permission to start the Member Moving Process.

Step 3. Use the online form to kick start the Member Moving Process.

The Member Moving Process is started by filling out an online form.

Step 4. Send the form to the Provincial Membership Officer.

The online Member Moving Process form is sent by a single click of the 'submit' button to the Provincial Membership Officer.

Step 5. The Member Moving Process form is assessed.

The Provincial Membership Officer assesses the form and forwards it to his opposite number in the receiving Province.

Step 6. The receiving Provincial Membership Officer takes over.

The receiving Provincial Membership Officer allocates the 'moving' member to a Lodge in the Province.



WILTSHIRE FREEMASONS



This booklet is one of a series produced and published by the Provincial Learning and Development Team as part of the MEMBERS' PATHWAY programme.

Each of the booklets is designed to help a Freemason understand the important step he has taken, and to answer a few of the many questions he may be asking about the ceremony he has experienced or Freemasonry in general. It does not claim or intend to be the definitive or absolute answer to every question. Freemasonry being a progressive science offers its members the opportunity to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

The series of booklets also include GUIDANCE NOTES for Officers of the Lodge. The guidance reflect the wishes of the Provincial Grand Master and it is hoped that Lodge Officers will actively support the practical tips and hints contained in the notes.

Errors and omissions are inevitable. If you spot a mistake or consider something of importance has been missed out, please contact the editor comms@wiltshirefreemasons.org.uk