

# FBS West Midlands Winter Meeting



On the Saturday 10th November 2018, FBS West Midlands held the first of their winter meeting under The Society's new structure, and it was a 'somewhat different', though very successful and fascinating full day meeting.

The day began with a visit to the premises of Babcock, International Group, Walsall, formerly S MacNeillie & Son, who deliver the design, manufacture and support of customised vehicles and protective solutions for a variety of customers.

This location was followed by visiting West Midland Fire Service's fire station at Bloxwich with their 2005 Dennis Sabre and Aldridge with their 67 registered Volvo FL, which went on the run a couple of days before Christmas 2017. Also available at Aldridge were other Dennis Sabres and a T registered ERF HP.

Next was a necessarily brief stop to Walsall to view the aerial, as the crews here were off to our final destination at Willenhall, a late addition to our programme.

Here we viewed the two Walsall pumps, Willenhall's Volvo pump which went on the run in summer 2018, MAN Prime Mover and pod before retiring to the community room to discuss potential visits for 2019 and view a presentation on the National Visit to North Wales and some unusual fire appliances in the Balkans.