

Laboratory appoint Rob Axe as general manager

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Provider of fire testing, inspection and certification services Warringtonfire has announced it appointed Rob Axe as the general manager of its fire testing laboratory in High Wycombe.

Mr Axe, who began his career as a technical officer at the High Wycombe laboratory, most recently held the role of technical manager for the company.

With over 15 years' experience in the field of fire resistance testing and passive fire protection systems, he is reported to be one of the industry's leading authorities on testing timber fire doors, penetration seals, cavity barriers, load bearing and non-load bearing wall systems and glazed screens.

In his new role, Mr Axe will assume responsibility for the company's testing team in High Wycombe, including recruitment, training and management; as well as developing the laboratory's on-site testing capabilities.

Since his appointment, he has recruited several new team members into varied roles and is currently scoping out the expansion of the laboratory's mid-scale furnace to accommodate penetration seal testing and increase overall testing capacity at the site.

Mr Axe said: "Having spent the majority of my career working at the High Wycombe laboratory, it is a real privilege to be appointed general manager for testing at the High Wycombe site. It is an incredibly dynamic time for the industry, as building product manufacturers adapt to the ever-evolving legislative landscape. I am looking forward to working closely with our customers to deliver best-in-class fire resistance testing, while also collaborating with our management team to evolve our own testing capabilities and capacity here in High Wycombe."

Director Leigh Hill said: “Rob brings with him a wealth of technical expertise alongside a deep understanding of our testing facilities here in High Wycombe. Our fire testing laboratory is set to play a pivotal role in our wider strategy for the built environment throughout 2024 and beyond, and we are delighted to have an individual of Rob’s calibre at the helm.”