

British Metals
Recycling Association:
**Run by members
for members**



The British Metals Recycling Association (**BMRA**) is the trade association representing the £7 billion UK metal recycling sector.

The **BMRA** keeps members informed about upcoming issues and regulations, while helping them overcome problems and challenges related to running a metal recycling business.

The **BMRA** represents over 270 organisations that trade and process over 10 million tonnes of ferrous and non-ferrous metals every year,

including: steel, aluminium and copper. It is made up of businesses of all sizes, including small family owned businesses and large international companies.

Member activities include collecting, sorting, shearing, baling, shredding, media separation, as well as re-use, casting, and fabrication. Members recycle a wide range of products, such as end-of-life vehicles, packaging, batteries, domestic appliances, building materials and electronic goods.

Metals recycling, a unique supply chain

The **BMRA** has been representing metal recyclers for over 100 years. It has members of varying sizes and differing needs.

Its key objectives are to safeguard the metals recycling industry and support all members across the entire supply chain.

UK Metals Recycling Industry supply chain



To ensure we maintain a representative picture of the industry, thereby enabling us to set the priorities for the **BMRA**, we regularly consult with the Board and our Committees, which are: the Legislative and Policy; Health and Safety; VAT; and, Membership and Communications. Each committee comprises representatives from companies, large and small, from across the **BMRA** membership.

An effective voice for the metals recycling industry in the UK

Recognising the needs of the industry as a whole, the **BMRA** doesn't focus on any one issue. We have close working relationships with key stakeholders in Government among others, ensuring the voices of **BMRA** members are heard in the UK:

- Home Office
- Defra
- Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BEIS)
- Environment Agency
- Local Authorities
- Police Services (inc. BTP)
- Health and Safety Executive

We also have close working relationships with the European Recycling Industries Confederation (EuRIC) and the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR), to ensure members' interests are represented on the European and international stage. This is extremely important when you consider that 80% of scrap metal is exported from the UK, supporting the majority of the UK supply chain.



Technical, regulatory and business support and updates

The **BMRA** can give members advice on technical, regulatory and environmental issues, including the Scrap Metals Dealers Act 2013, Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015, Fire Preventions Plans, metal theft, permit compliance, paperwork, and much more.

Members can access an employment and business telephone helpline for free advice on issues such as tax, VAT, PAYE, payroll, employment and HR matters.

Via **BMRA** bulletins, printed magazine *Scrapbook*, and various training seminars, members can keep up-to-date with all manner of issues that may affect their business. There is also a host of information on the members' only area of the **BMRA** website.

Meet other BMRA members

The Summer AGM and Golf Day and the **BMRA** Annual Dinner offer members a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends and build new business relationships. Further networking opportunities are available throughout the year. The **BMRA** is a partner of the MRE/CARS event held at Stoneleigh every two years.



Key **BMRA** activities:

- **Enforcement:** We will continue to push Government to fund the enforcement of all regulations and to tackle metal theft and cash-paying yards once and for all.
- **The Good Work Plan:** Significant changes to employment law and HR practices will be taking effect in April 2020. **BMRA** members can access a free telephone helpline for advice.
- **Definition of 'recycling':** Current methods of processing could be designated 'sorting' and NOT 'recycling', therefore members risk losing the ability to achieve 'end-of-waste' status and, for example, claim PRN revenue on recovered packaging. We continue to lobby the OECD and UN to stop this.
- **Training:** A new electric/hybrid ELV course will be available for all members, along with courses on the new training portal. Further training opportunities will be available throughout the year.
- **Brexit:** Our close working relationships mean we can support you no matter what type of Brexit we face.
- **VAT Fraud:** With a new VAT Committee established, we will highlight inconsistent actions taken against members unfairly implicated in VAT fraud and offer advice and support.
- **Promotion of members:** We will continue to promote **BMRA** members via the website 'Recycler Directory' and social

media. Members can send in their own news for *Scrapbook*, *FRAGments* and the website.

- **Health and Safety:** The updated Health and Safety manual will be available and free to all members of the **BMRA**. This manual is metal recycling-specific and provides invaluable advice and best practice. *(Available as a PDF only).*
- **Waste classifications:**
 - The sector must demonstrate that **Metal Shredder Residue is not hazardous**, ensuring your current business models remain viable and for non-metallic residues to continue to find a home.
 - We will continue work on the classification of **ELV- and WEEE-derived plastics** and the threat that certain metal elements in alloys may render those alloys hazardous (e.g. cobalt in steel, lead in aluminium alloys and silver in copper alloys).
- **The future of metals recycling:** We will continue to work towards a **Level 5 apprenticeship** to accompany the Level 2 Metal Recycling General Operative apprenticeship, as well as continuing the successful **Young British Metals Recyclers** initiative.



The first cohort of the Metal Recycling General Operative apprenticeship

ON AVERAGE, **BMRA** MEMBERS SAVE UP TO **30%** ON INSURANCE WITH BESPOKE RECYCLING POLICY WORDING. THIS IS EXCLUSIVE TO **BMRA** MEMBERS.

80% OF THE TOP 50 RECYCLERS IN THE UK (BY VALUE) ARE **BMRA** MEMBERS

THE **BMRA** RECEIVE **1,000s** OF CALLS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC EVERY YEAR LOOKING FOR A LOCAL SCRAP YARD. WE REFER THEM TO THE RECYCLER DIRECTORY ON OUR WEBSITE, WHICH LISTS ALL **BMRA** MEMBERS.

90% OF THE UK'S SCRAP IS HANDLED BY **BMRA** MEMBER COMPANIES

80% OF ALL METAL TAKEN TO SCRAP YARDS IN THE UK IS **EXPORTED**

Our members say...

Being a member of our industry's trade association means that, as a company, we have a voice when it comes to influencing important regulations and governmental policies. It is much harder, if not impossible, for individual companies to bring about change.

Recycling Lives

Together, as members of the **BMRA**, we can support the innovation of new metal recycling techniques and lobby stakeholders to keep the UK at the forefront of the profitable world recycling industry.

Mellor Metals

The **BMRA** are a valuable contributor of insight in our industry and offer wise counsel to anyone who seeks it. They work tirelessly to raise awareness and promote responsible recycling and provide a platform for industry professionals to come together to share their experience and network.

SWM & Waste Recycling Ltd

How to join?

BMRA membership is open to metal recycling companies, which have been in business for at least two years with correct and valid licences and permits.

Prospective members need to complete an application form and submit a tonnage declaration along with two references, who should be existing members where possible.

The application form can be downloaded from the **BMRA** website: www.recyclemetals.org/why-join.html

Or you can email: admin@recyclemetals.org
or call: **01480 455249**

The cost of membership depends on your declared tonnage, which should be your company's total annual ferrous and non-ferrous recycling amounts combined.



BMRA celebrating
100 Years in Metals Recycling
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