

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 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.

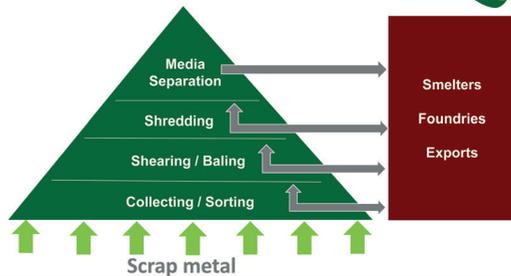
Member activities include collecting, sorting, shearing, baling, shredding, media separation, as well as re-use, casting, and fabrication. Members recycle a wide range of products, such as end-of-life vehicles, packaging, batteries, domestic appliances, building materials and electronic goods.

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.

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.

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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 every two years.



Key BMRA activities:

- **Lobbying Government:** **BMRA** continues to lobby for more favourable policies for the metal recycling industry, with a view to securing greater government recognition of the industry's contribution to the circular economy and net zero ambitions.

- **Scrap metal fires:**



BMRA continues to lobby and raise awareness about the dangers of fires at scrap metal and waste sites, caused by flammable/combustible material,

particularly lithium/lithium-ion batteries. In addition, **BMRA** is working to develop sector-specific Fire Prevention Plan (FPP) guidance to help guide companies through the FPP process.

- **Waste classifications:**

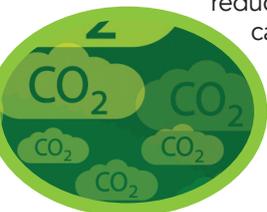
The sector continues to face many challenges as an increasing number of wastes come under scrutiny.

BMRA continues to work on the waste classification and POPs status of these wastes and seeks to ensure they can continue to be treated appropriately and recycled wherever possible.

- **Net Zero:**

We will continue to curate a range of materials to ensure members are in the most informed position possible to reduce their business' carbon emissions.

We will also be keeping members abreast of government-



supported funding opportunities to support decarbonisation and energy efficiency projects.

- **Health and Safety:**

BMRA has a suite of Health and Safety products, exclusively for **BMRA** members. Our manual is metal recycling-specific and provides invaluable advice and best practice guidance. The manual is complemented by posters for metal recycling yards to highlight key risks.

- **Metal crime:**

We will continue to work with enforcement bodies and to sit on working groups tasked with tackling metal crime, including the NPCC Working Group on Metal Theft, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Metal, Stone and Heritage Crime and the Regulated Business Forum.

- **The future of metals recycling:**

We have a sector-specific apprenticeship, which will future-proof the industry. For SMEs in particular, apprenticeships are a very cost-effective way to employ and train employees with the Government funding 95% of the training costs. Plus, we also have our successful Young British Metals Recyclers group.



The first cohort of the Metal Recycling General Operative apprenticeship

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

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.



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