

Shaping the Future of Our Association: Why Your MRA Needs You!

For nearly 30 years, the **Manx Retirement Association** has been a vital part of life on our Island. From our lively coffee mornings and competitive indoor bowling sessions to our insightful guest lectures and day trips, the MRA exists to keep us connected, active, and inspired.

But behind every newsletter, booking, and social lunch is a dedicated, hard-working **Management Committee**. To ensure our nearly 300-strong association continues to thrive, we are looking for enthusiastic members to step forward and take on two crucial roles within our leadership team.

Whether you are looking to put your professional skills to good use, stay mentally sharp, or give back to the community that gives us so much, we want to hear from you!

1. Membership Officer (Required: ASAP)

Are you a "people person" who loves making others feel welcome? We need a new **Membership Officer** to join us immediately.

- **The Role:** You will be the friendly first point of contact for new retirees joining the MRA. You will help to promote the MRA, process new applications, answer basic queries, and help issue welcome packs and membership cards.
- **The Ideal Fit:** Someone who is organized, enjoys chatting with people, and has access to a computer to manage our member lists.
- **Beneficial Skills:** An understanding or willingness to learn about using Facebook and other social media.

2. Association Treasurer (Required: From May of Next Year)

To ensure a smooth transition, we are planning ahead for the retirement of our current Treasurer, Jeff Campbell, at the next AGM.

- **The Role:** You will oversee the association's finances, track payments, manage our bank account, and prepare a straightforward report for our regular committee meetings and the annual AGM.
- **The Ideal Fit:** Someone with a background or comfort in basic accounting, bookkeeping, or spreadsheet management.

Why Volunteer With Us?

Our committee is an incredibly friendly, supportive group. We meet once every two months at our admin base to chat, plan, and guide the MRA's future direction. Taking on one of these roles won't take over your life, but it *will* ensure the activities we all love can keep running smoothly.

If you have a few hours to spare each month and want to play an active part in keeping the MRA vibrant and financially sound, **please get in touch with our Chairman, Jim Cottier (manxkotcha@gmail.com) today.**