



THE SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE RANGERS' ASSOCIATION

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SCRA AGM - We need you!

Dear SCRA Member,

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The SCRA EGM will be held during lunchtime of the SCRA training event being run on November 12th at Pollock Country Park. Full details are available on the website www.scra-online.co.uk. The EGM is required as the AGM arranged for April 2nd was cancelled due to a non-quorate attendance.

I am writing to ask for your support; SCRA needs its members to attend the EGM in order that we can gain your support for our actions over the next year, and to ensure that we are working on the projects that you, our members, want us to. We need to ensure that we have a quorate AGM or EGM each year to meet the constitution of the association as well as to provide you the opportunity to challenge the members of Council that run your association.

I am also writing to invite you, to consider becoming a member of SCRA Council. At each AGM, we elect members of the executive committee – Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary at the AGM, and we have two positions available here – Secretary and Vice Chair. We also elect members to Council, and have several spaces available on Council for willing volunteers to be elected to!

Being a member of SCRA Council does not need to take a great deal of time – we meet 5 or 6 times a year, and outside of these times, your commitment is whatever time you can afford. Councillors represent the views of the membership and help to direct the action of SCRA. Councillors have numerous opportunities open to them; opportunities that benefit them personally in terms of experiences, networking and professional development, and their employer in terms of keeping in the loop of national issues in Rangering. I would be delighted to discuss these opportunities with anyone that is interested.

Council is currently made up, in the most part, by Rangers employed in a local authority setting and we would particularly welcome input on Council from Rangers employed within a National Park setting, Private estate, charitable, or community based service, or other larger organisations such as Forestry Commission Scotland or the National Trust for Scotland, in order that we can embrace the interests of Rangers working within these contexts. SCRA is apolitical, and does not have any particular political persuasion.

We really do need the support of willing members to become members of Council in order to take the association forward, so please, do consider standing for Council. With the retrial of some members this year, we really do need some fresh ideas and new faces on Council!!

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information – I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing your nominations on the enclosed paperwork!

Yours Sincerely,

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Chair, Scottish Countryside Rangers' Association