

COUNTY NEWS - URGENT

Dear Ladies

We are writing to you to inform you that, as a county, we are approaching a dire situation.

Six years ago, we had eight members of the Executive Committee. In October, we will be down to five. I have stayed on for an extra year as Captain because of a lack of volunteers, but I cannot commit to giving any more time. This letter is the last throw of the dice.

From October, we will be without an Assistant Secretary, a Vice Captain, a Welfare Officer, a team manager and we may need help with Junior competitions. Going forward, as people finish the term in their post, there will be even fewer members of the Executive Committee and wider team. The number on the Executive Committee will be down to two by October 2021.

Without filling these four positions for this coming year, things are going to be very difficult when it comes to running competitions, safeguarding and communicating to ladies within the association.

You will know that numerous times over the past five years, we have tried recruitment drives for volunteers to join the Association. We have met with the England Golf team and formulated an action plan. We have tried advertising on the website, personal approaches, written approaches, letters to Delegates and speeches promoting how enjoyable it is to work within County. We have also tried a pilot in which we have restructured some county roles, so that they are less onerous and shorter in duration.

If we have nobody to come forward to fill these roles soon, we will have no choice but to start looking at competitions which would have to be cut from the calendar for the year 2022. This could include The Bowmaker, the Over Seventies, The Silver Spring Challenge, The Foursomes and even the Johnstone Cup and Bronze and Silver Meetings.

It does not give us any pleasure to write this, but as you can see we are approaching a desperate situation. If we are to continue as an association, we really need some more help. None of us on the committee regrets the time commitment we have given. We have learned a lot, made friends and had a huge amount of fun.

If you have enjoyed playing golf within the county and would like to give something back, please contact Tracy Bryant or Kate Roberts (Incoming Captain).

Best wishes

The Executive Committee