



Marian Gamble Shrieval Consort 2022-2023

Born in Coventry, Marian's family moved to Sheffield when she was a child. Marian began her working life studying Applied Physics at Sheffield Polytechnic and as part of her education worked at a magnet research laboratory where she made, what was at the time, the world's strongest rare-earth cobalt magnet!

Deciding that working in a laboratory wasn't what she wanted to do, and that she preferred working with people, she moved into HR and Staff Development, studying with the Open University, Sheffield Hallam University, and Leicester University, and obtaining membership of both the Institute of Personnel Management and the Institute of Training and Development. She has worked as a Personnel and Training Manager in local government, and in 1989 set up her own training and development consultancy. This involved her working with both the public and private sectors providing organisational and staff development programmes, for universities and government departments. During this time she also carried out a large number of assignments for what was then the DFEE working with senior managers, Awarding Bodies – such as the City and Guilds - and trade associations, advising on the introduction, design and assessment of NVQs. She also worked extensively with the DFEE assessing, costing, and approving vocational courses offered by colleges of further education. Her consultancy also worked with local government, business and educational establishments on equal opportunities and inclusion programmes. Her business also ran Job Clubs and Restart programmes, to help long-term unemployed into employment.

Family commitments ultimately lead her to gradually closing down her training and development company and moving on to managing the family engineering business - set up by her father in the 1960s - as well as working with her late husband in his IT Consultancy business. Since taking up retirement, 5 years ago, she has been running the family commercial property business, set up after the closure of the family engineering business. This property business rents out small commercial units mainly to new businesses. Marian provides pro bono support to assist many of these businesses in the day to day running of their companies, including offering advice and support in the setting up of accounting, hr and QA systems and procedures. She also supports local women's refuge.

She is Liveryman of the Glaziers, and is interested in history and music, but spends most of her spare time gardening, restoring furniture, and singing in a community choir.

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