

Trustees' Annual Report for  
North West Ulster Group of Advanced Motorists (IAM Group No 8159)  
(IAM NW Ulster Group)  
NI Charity (NIC) number 100303  
For the financial year 1 November 2018 to 31 October 2019

1. Principal address

Mr V Fails, 38 Fortsandel Avenue, Coleraine, BT52 1TL

2. Trustees' names (Current at issue of this report)

M Cathers

V Fails

Rodney Mackenzie

Philip Paul

Clifford Pritchard

Noel Glenn

3. Additional Trustees during the period covered by this report

Paul Regan

Helen Heron

4. Governing document

The Group is governed by its constitution.

5. Summary description of the purposes of the charity

The promotion and improvement of road safety particularly to improve the standards of driving and riding on the roads, by training drivers and/or riders (hereinafter referred to only as drivers) to take and pass the nationally recognised advanced driving test administered by the national charity – “The Institute of Advanced Motorists” – (hereinafter known as the IAM) and for those people to further their own training and become Observers, qualified by the IAM, to prepare other candidates (Associates) for the IAM advanced driving test.

6. Appointment of Trustees

All committee members are automatically appointed Trustees, no outside person or body appoints trustees.

7. Activities to further the purposes of the charity

7.1 Driving/riding skills for new Associate members

- 16 March 2019 - Course 51 - for 4 drivers, 7 motorcyclists (continuing the approach of one day instead of four evenings for the classroom sessions);
- 3 August 2018 – Course 52 – for 3 drivers, 1 motorcyclist;
- 1 October 2019 – Course 52A – for 3 motorcyclists

7.2 Driving/riding skills for existing Full members

- On 13 April 2019 the Group organised a Slow Riding skills day for motorcyclist members.

7.3 Activities to promote the work of the charity

- The Group presented a talk to Moyola U3A on 12 February 2019 to promote Advanced Driving and Riding.

7.4 National and Regional activities

- 1 November 2018 was the NI group Liaison Forum meeting for all IAM Groups in NI and was attended by members to discuss updates in processes for Observer training and Group administration.

### 8. Other related activities

On 4 December 2018 group members attended a social evening funded by themselves at Room2Race in Ballymoney

Members attended a First Aid refresher evening on 4 February 2019 at the Campsie Red Cross facility.

The Group visited Roads Policing, Maydown on 26 September 2019 to hear about Project EDWARD (European Day Without A Road Death).

Our visiting speaker on 30 October 2019 was a paramedic describing the work of the NI Air Ambulance service.

### 9. Number of members

Existing members renewing or new Full members joining – 34

New Associate members joining via course purchase – 17

Associate / Full members carrying forward membership entitlement from earlier courses 22

### 10. Main achievements and public benefit

Test passes - 7 riders and 4 drivers

Others ongoing into next reporting year as Associates joining for a course starting in August often take their test in the early part of the following reporting year.

As riders/drivers who have developed their skills in this way are able to manage and reduce the risk to themselves and to other road users of being involved in an RTC, with benefits to themselves and society as a whole. Achievement of a test pass recognises that they have met a national quality assured standard of driving/riding beyond that required for issue of a driving licence. Observers have demonstrated their commitment to maintain and improve on these standards by undertaking additional tests to a national quality assured standard, which at National level is a time-limited renewable qualification.

### 11. Risks

Group membership has stabilised during this year and the Committee has kept under review the operation of the Group regarding recruitment, training, activities and communication with members to encourage renewals as well as activities which include a social element that encourage members to remain with the Group.

### 12. Trustees' Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission NI's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance in carrying out the activities of the Group in the reporting year.

### 13. Review of end of year financial position

#### 13.1 Current account

The balance of the account at 31 October 2019 stands at £616.36 (adjusted for items not yet presented). This account is used to deal with all routine payments and receipts for the Group.

Overall expenditure was £970.93, which is £184.56 less than the overall income of £1 155.49 in this reporting year. There was less expenditure than last year due to not continuing the previous year's experimental rebate policy on course prices. Most expenditure related to running costs for the Group with the purchase of publicity materials.

#### 13.2 Reserve account

The reserve account is held to offset possible variations in subscriptions and provide for significant purchases and contingencies including, but not limited to:

- replacement of Group laptop (used for presentation of driving/riding course material, similar purposes at other Group events, and administration of the Group)
- replacement of the Group data projector (used for presentation of driving/riding course material and similar purposes at other Group events)
- purchase and replacement of banners, flags and other promotional materials.
- financing of course cost reductions at particular times or for particular groups of drivers/riders.

#### 14. Funds materially in deficit

As at 31 October 2019 the charity had no funds materially in deficit.

#### 15. Authorised Signature



Victor Fails  
Group Secretary  
30 August 2020