

**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 2019 to 31 October 2020**

**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  
Noel Glenn  
Michael McDaid  
Henry Gilmore  
Stephen Martin

**3. Additional Trustees during the period covered by this report**

Clifford Pritchard

**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**

- No such events were held due to restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic. These events were arranged to start on 28 March and 1 August 2020 but involve Associates and Observers working in relatively close proximity. The first lockdown was implemented on 23 March 2020 and subsequent restrictions also prevented this type of activity.

**7.2 Driving/riding skills for existing Full members and Associates**

- On 2 December 2019 the Group organised an Observer Training event for car and motorcyclist members.
- On 17 and 24 June 2020 the Group arranged a motorcyclist Observer training event under the social distancing requirement current at the time. Restrictions prevent car Observer training.

- On 29 July 2020 a slow riding skills evening was held for motorcycle members and associates at Myroe.

### 7.3 Activities to promote the work of the charity

- None, due to Coronavirus pandemic restrictions

### 7.4 National and Regional activities

- None, due to Coronavirus pandemic restrictions

## 8. Other related activities

On 27 January 2020 the Group arranged a social event at Room2Race, Ballymoney.

Motorcyclist members provided transport of PPE and similar goods to hospitals and pharmacies as part of the Volunteer Bikers Group in Northern Ireland.

## 9. Number of members

Existing members renewing or new Full members joining – 35

New Associate members joining via course purchase – 0

Associate / Full members carrying forward membership entitlement from earlier courses 16

## 10. Main achievements and public benefit

Test passes - 4 riders and 1 driver

Others ongoing but paused due to Coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

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

The first three months of the year were not affected by Coronavirus pandemic restrictions and a number of events for both Full Members and Associates were held. However restrictions were implemented before either of the year's planned courses were run and this has prevented new Associates joining the Group. Otherwise Group membership has been stable. The Committee has kept in communication with members through email, newsletters and WhatsApp to ensure that they are up to date with the current regulations and understand why the Group is not operating as normal. This means both a reduction in income but also a reduction in cost. There is some small risk in that Observers will have lost some experience due to restrictions and re-starting the programme will require additional effort.

## 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 2020 stands at £509.10 (adjusted for items not yet presented). This account is used to deal with all routine payments and receipts for the Group.

Overall expenditure was £804.12, which is £107.26 more than the overall income of £696.86 in this reporting year. There was less expenditure than last year due to Coronavirus pandemic restrictions resulting in fewer activities. Most expenditure related to running costs for the Group.

#### 13.2 Reserve account

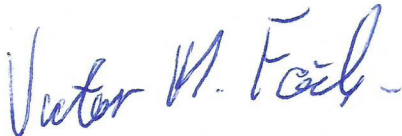
The reserve account is held to offset possible variations in subscriptions and provide for significant purchases and contingencies including, but not limited to:

- 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 2020 the charity had no funds materially in deficit.

### 15. Authorised Signature



Victor Fails  
Group Secretary  
21 March 2021