

North Down & Ards Road Safety Committee

Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC102409

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2018

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Officers & Advisors

Trustees

Yvonne Ross	Secretary	Appointed AGM 19-Apr-2018
Terry Malcolm	Chairman	Appointed AGM 19-Apr-2018
Helen Watson	Treasurer	Appointed AGM 19-Apr-2018

Treasurer

Trevor McKeown Retired AGM 19-Apr-2018

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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2018.

North Down & Ards Road Safety Committee is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC102409.

Governance

The Charity is governed by its Constitution.

Trustees & recruitment

Trustees are appointed from within the local community with suitable experience & expertise that will assist the charity.

Charitable purposes

To promote Road Safety in North Down & Ards and environs. To investigate road traffic risks and make appropriate recommendations. To disseminate publicity on safety for all road users. To take such action as is relevant to the achievement of these objects. Promote the education of the public on road accident prevention. Co-operate with Statutory bodies and other organisations in the promotion of schemes for road accident prevention and casualty reduction.

Public Benefits

The Objective of North Down & Ards Road Safety Committee is the advancement of education of the public in the North Down & Ards area in relation to road safety, to reduce casualties and the prevention of road traffic collisions, and for any other charitable purpose or activity permitted by law. The direct public benefits which flow from this purpose are to increase the public knowledge and awareness of road safety and to assist in improvements to the road user's behaviour and driving skills that will in turn contribute to a reduction in casualties on our roads and the prevention of traffic collisions. There is no harm arising from the purpose that has been set out above. No individual within the organisation or any other organisation to gain any private benefit from the purposes of the charity or the work it carries out.

Main activities to further its purposes for the public benefit

North Down & Ards Road Safety Committee is a voluntary information and support organisation which develops road safety strategy and provides information to the public. We provide information to both statutory and voluntary organisations on better ways of adopting a means in the reduction of those killed and seriously injured on our roads. We also provide competitions and educational programmes on road safety to schools, community groups and statutory organisations.

Main achievements in the year

They can be summarised as follows:-

The deployment of Speed Indicator Device (SID) and hand-held Speed Indicator (SID-J) remained one of the main items of committee work – used over 60 times throughout the borough area. Locations determined by requests from general public, councillors, Transport NI and PSNI – concentrating on areas at highest risk of speeding (i.e. around schools, etc).

In addition SID was displayed at many events for public education and a new SID purchased.

The committee also had meetings with Community Groups, Youth organisations, Older Groups and schools in the area.

We were invited to participate in many events including Greyabbey Car & Motorbike Show, Glenlola Young Driver event (providing marshals & prizes), Local heat & Finals of Schools Road Safety Quiz, PSNI Bikesafe and Translink Safety Event. The Committee again won their category at the Annual Road Safety Awards. We were invited to give a presentation to Councillors, PSNI and all PCSP's in the province regarding the purchase, safety requirements, insurance, and deployment of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) on public roads.

Another major activity was identifying and reporting many road safety hazards e.g. overgrown signs & pavements, safety barriers, flooding, repainting road markings, low bridges, etc and co-operating with the authorities to ensure successful remedies and improved sight-lines.

Various attempts by the statutory authorities were required to correct signage at the recently repaired low bridge at Clandeboye Estate, and also phasing of traffic lights in Holywood. These were closely monitored by the Committee.

Frequent reporting to local newspapers in addition to coverage on social media ensured that the general public were aware of all the road safety items covered in their area.

Consultations with PSNI, Transport NI and local councillors ensured that they were fully informed of all road safety problems in the borough. Funding for all the above - provided by Ards & North Down PCSP - required full monitoring and reporting on a regular basis.

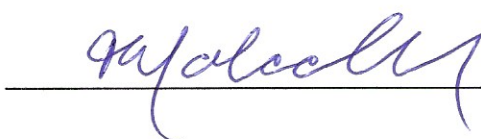
Review of the charity's financial position

The charity had a small surplus for the year of £77.54 compared to last year's surplus of £388.71. Cash reserves rose this year to £546.15, which the Charity considers enough to meet its current needs. There are no funds deficient, nor are there any debts due.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 4th September 2018 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Yvonne Ross (Secretary)



Terry Malcolm (Chairman)