



**ABERDEEN SAFER
COMMUNITY TRUST**

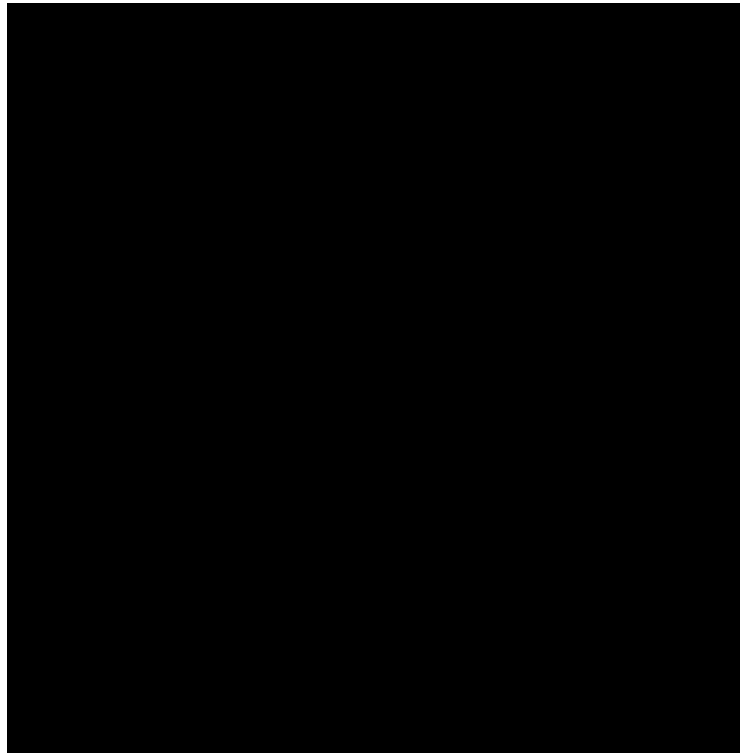
ABERDEEN SAFER COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

Annual Report 2009/2010



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/

A review of the year from the Chairman of our Executive Committee, Joe Mackie

After having been a trustee for two years, and involved with Aberdeen Safer Community Trust for considerably longer, it was a real honour and pleasure for me to take over as Chairman from Len Taylor in 2009. Before going further, I must pay tribute to Len for the leadership and vision he demonstrated whilst Chairman of the Trust.

In the Trust it has been a year of the greatest change I can remember since my involvement. We have had, as earlier mentioned, Len Taylor stepping down as Chairman, Doug Duthie retiring from the post of Chief Executive, a post which Doug undertook so admirably, conscientiously and with humour, over his 12 years in that role. Ian Paterson retired from his position as Chief Superintendent with Grampian Police who, as their representative to the Trust, has done a sterling job as a Trustee. I am pleased to say that Ian has continued as Trustee and we have also got Doug Duthie to join us as a Trustee.

With Doug's departure there was the need to appoint a Chief Executive and Emma Bellu is the worthy successor, Emma having been in the wings whilst Doug was Chief Executive. Emma's appointment has given us the opportunity to review the structure of the Trust so that we can ensure that it is set up to continue to provide the necessary service in the future that it has so successfully provided in the past.

In a time of recession, creating a safer community has been more challenging, and probably more necessary, at a time where there is less financial resource available for such projects. I and the Trustees are grateful to the support in kind and financial support provided by Aberdeen City Council.

There are exciting times ahead for the Trust as we continue to endeavour to roll out the Risk Ready Project, and we continue to be more involved in Neighbourhood Watch and the Aberdeen 50+ Festival.

Challenges and opportunities are ahead of us in abundance. As mentioned earlier, the successful development of Risk Ready is the major task, as is our involvement with all aspects of safety in the community for the City of Aberdeen and surrounding areas.

I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees in the forthcoming year.

Joe Mackie
Chairman

THE YEAR IN FOCUS/

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES/

Aberdeen Safer Community Trust is a charity whose vision is to make Aberdeen a safe, successful and happy place for everyone. Our mission is to advance safety, stop accidents and save lives.

Our projects and services range from grant giving and community talks to awards and fun team events – all designed to tackle accident prevention, public safety, crime prevention and a reduction in the fear of crime. We work closely with local agencies, such as the police, fire service and NHS to deliver community based, effective solutions dealing with issues from anti-social behaviour to safe driving.

- In the UK, more children die each year as a result of accidents than from illnesses such as Meningitis or Leukaemia
- In 2008, 37 people died in collisions on North East roads and many more were injured
- The cost of crime to each UK household is £5000 per year .

2009 – 2010 has been a year of considerable change, including a new Trust Chairman Joe Mackie, and a new Chief Executive Emma Bellu. Thanks to the solid foundations and hard work by Doug Duthie as Chief Executive and Len Taylor as past Chairman, who both retired their posts in September, the Trust was poised ready for new challenges. These changes have brought a new momentum to the Trust and have seen an expansion of our projects and services including the campaign launch to build Risk Ready, an experiential learning safety centre for the North East.

Our primary projects this year have focused on older people, children, vulnerable residents, young people recovering from chaotic lifestyles, and victims of domestic abuse. We also continued to make funding available for community safety grants to applicants. 2009/2010 saw a 12% increase in our grant giving totalling nearly £13,000 to the Aberdeen community. We will as always, monitor these grant supported projects to record the positive impact that Trust grants have for the people of Aberdeen.

PARTNERSHIP LINKS/

This past year has seen ongoing partnerships continue and many new partnerships forged, helping the Trust in its endeavours for a safer city. Whilst relationships with Aberdeen City Council, Grampian Police and Aberdeen College continue and have grown and strengthened, exciting new links with organisations such as Printagraph, Carmelite, Bibby Offshore, Langstane and Aberdeen Asset Management have been instrumental in our ability to carry out our work. Other partnerships with organisations working towards the benefit of Aberdeen city have been just as fruitful and include Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations, Street Sport, Grampian Neighbourhood Watch Association, Aberdeen Community Safety Partnership, Aberdeen Charities Together, and the Scottish Police Services Association.

Given the financial pressures arising from the credit crunch, we are especially thankful for the continued assistance that all of our supporters have made available. Their understanding of the need for the vital services we offer and their commitment to the work of the Trust has been exceptional. We could not work without them.





FUNDS AND FUNDRAISING/

Our thanks go to once again to the Aberdeen City Council's Common Good Fund for providing funding towards our administration costs. This invaluable contribution allows us to concentrate our effort on projects and grant giving, providing a direct benefit to the community, and our continued operation would not be possible without this contribution.

This year saw the launch of our new fundraising event called CSI:Aberdeen, a fun and interactive mystery with participation from real forensic experts, doctors, and local crime author Bill Kirton. The event has proved massively popular with many original guests returning for the second event. Our thanks go to the many sponsors of the event without whom, such a successful evening would not have been possible.

Trust staff and committee members also took part in the Big Fun Run (Aberdeen) in October to raise further funds and I would like to say a big thank you to all those who took part and donated. The day was good fun and was great for building team spirit.

Our commitment to the Fundraising Standards Board continues, providing all donors with peace of mind, knowing that we maintain the highest standards and integrity in the field of fundraising.

DEVELOPMENTS/

In 2009 we were invited to take part in Grampian Safe Team with a view to taking on the running of the project from 2010. The Trust will be tasked with seeking efficiencies in the organisation and increasing media coverage and corporate sponsorship. Safe Team is the ultimate platform on which we can build Risk Ready and we are delighted to be a part of the hard working steering group who bring this event to life every year. This year we immensely enjoyed our greater participation and directly contributed to wider publicity for this potentially life saving event. We very much look forward to a successful handover to administration by the Trust in 2010.

GOVERNANCE/

The Board of Directors deserve our sincere thanks for their continued commitment, vision and the extensive knowledge they contribute to the Trust. It is with sadness that we see Mr Len Taylor retire not just from the post of Chairman but from the Trust Board itself. We wish him well in his new endeavours and are indebted to him for his steady leadership which saw the Trust through varied times. The Trust would also like to thank the City Chamberlain and her staff for the help in kind provided to the Trust. Similar appreciation is owed to Aberdeen College for its ongoing commitment to the Trust in allowing access to its facilities.

PEOPLE/

As Chief Executive I would like to thank staff and volunteers for their enduring hard work and dedication to the success of the Trust. We are very lucky to have talented and imaginative staff and volunteers who are passionate about helping to save lives by spreading the safety message throughout our communities.

Emma Bellu
Chief Executive

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING/

RISK READY CAMPAIGN LAUNCH EXECUTIVE BRIEFING/

2009 saw the launch of Aberdeen Safer Community Trust's £4 million fundraising drive for the construction of a new, state of the art safety centre in Aberdeen at an Executive Briefing held at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre on 21st April. The briefing attracted attendance from local business leaders, local and national politicians and senior members of the public services. Its aim was to highlight the need for the centre as well as the benefits it would bring to North East.

The event was headlined by Doug Duthie, Aberdeen Safer Community Trust Ltd Chief Executive, Howard Woodcock, Chief Executive, (now Chairman) of Bibby Offshore Ltd, Senior Accident and Emergency Consultant, John Hiscox and Trevor Eakin, Vice Chair of Spinal Injuries Scotland Charity.

Speaking at the event, Howard Woodcock endorsed the plans for Risk Ready and the benefits it would bring to businesses in the area. He called for the Health and Safety message to be taken beyond the workplace and into the everyday life of staff and their families.

Howard commented: "Whilst we can work hard to ensure the safety of employees in the workplace, we are currently limited in what we can do to encourage them to stay safe at home. In business terms, the impact is both human and financial. Lost working time, occupational and rehabilitation costs, the impact of bereavement on a victim's family and on other members of staff are just some of those considerations that must be given when we think about the importance of improving safety outwith the work place."

Speaking at the event, Doug Duthie said: "There is an acute need for a centre like this in the North East. Statistics show that in Scotland around 1000 people a day seek medical attention following an accident suffered in the 'safety' of their own homes and 37 people were killed and over 1400 injured on North East roads in 2008 alone. Our centre will allow visitors to learn valuable skills that will help prevent future accidents and ultimately save lives."

He added: "There is also a real fear of crime in the area and the safety centre will educate people to make the right choices in order to keep themselves safe. In addition it will inform younger people about the consequences of crime and how to avoid becoming involved in criminal activity."

The appeal has gained the support of NHS Scotland, the Police and Fire Services, Aberdeen City and Shire councils and a number of local businesses. Its supporters believe the centre will be an important asset to the North East and will not only save lives but will ultimately save vital public service resources. It will also serve as a centre of excellence for safety education throughout Scotland.

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Senior Accident and Emergency Consultant John Hiscox said: "We see hundreds of people at A&E as a result of simple preventable accidents at home and on the roads. As well as the distress to the victim and their families there is a real financial cost. Each fatal road accident alone costs our public services around £1.6 million pounds – that's £59.2 million using last years' statistics. If we can teach people to modify behaviour at home and on the roads, in the same way we do at work, we will reduce risk, improve our safety and therefore reduce the impact that accidents have on our communities and public services. The safety centre is badly needed and will be a valuable resource for the area."

As most of those familiar with the Trust already know, the centre will be named 'Risk Ready', housing a purpose built interactive village containing real life scenarios coupled with 21st century technology to provide an experiential way to learn about safety and citizenship for everyone across the North East of Scotland.

A specially produced DVD illustrating the vision for the centre was premiered at the launch, showing how visitors will be able to tour different zones in the village and explore potentially dangerous situations in a risk free environment to learn valuable real life lessons they can apply in their day to day lives.

The Trust still faces a significant challenge in reaching its £4 million target, but remain undaunted and excited about building the centre which will help prevent crime, accidental injury and death. Our thanks to Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre, AVC Media and Langstane for their invaluable support of this event.

More information, including the DVD, is available on the Trust website, www.absafe.org.uk. Alternatively, feel free to contact The Risk Ready team on 01224 637968 or development@absafe.org.uk.



CSI ABERDEEN/

CSI:Aberdeen is an exciting fundraising event, unique to Aberdeen Safer Community Trust. Fast paced with teamwork at its core, it's designed to give participants a taste of forensic investigation.

Groups of friends, family or work colleagues work together as highly trained CSI Investigators, collecting and following the evidence to solve the mystery. With valuable help from the Scottish Police Services Association, participants are able to take part in experiments, compare fingerprints and examine clues under a microscope in a forensic lab. For the budding Detective there are witnesses to interview, played by talented actors from local theatre group, Livewire, and a chance to test their powers of observation using virtual crime scene technology.

The event also highlights common dangers and plays a central role in fundraising for the charity's projects across the city focused upon building a safer, stronger Aberdeen.

The inaugural event took place on Wednesday 29th April as a platform to launch The Trusts' Risk Ready fundraising campaign. The Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre kindly provided the venue and delicious refreshments for the evening in support of the campaign and the event was sold out, attracting 12 teams from various organisations across the city.

The winning team came from Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce, who narrowly beat a team of retired Grampian Police detectives to the prize!

The unique nature of CSI:Aberdeen also helped the Trust attract a high level of media interest, including a spot on Reporting Scotland's 6pm national bulletin. This undoubtedly helped to highlight our quest for a safer community as well as our Risk Ready fundraising campaign, not only locally, but across the whole of Scotland.

The Trust held its second CSI:Aberdeen on 18th March this year at the Carmelite, whose generosity provided us with the delightful surroundings of their venue as well as appetising refreshments for our guests.

Building on the success of the inaugural event, The Trust was delighted to secure the talents of respected local crime author, Bill Kirton, who provided an intriguing mystery to form the core of the evening.

Once again, the event was sold out attracting 12 teams from major organisations in the North East, including, Printagraph, Aberdeen Harbour Board, A2B, and McCue and Porter.

As a result of the success of our second CSI:Aberdeen, the Trust was delighted to announce that it raised £2500. As well as intending to run another one in the first few months of 2011, the Trust has been approached about the possibility of running an exclusive CSI:Aberdeen for a high profile local company as a teambuilding event for its staff and clients.

It's clear that CSI:Aberdeen is already a success and has the potential to grow in the future. However, we could not run this without the help of those companies who provide vital sponsorship and support to ensure the event takes place:

Printagraph; Aberdeen Asset Management; Carmelite; Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre; Bill Kirton; Scottish Police Services Association; Grampian Police; NHS Grampian; Livewire Theatre Company; Langstane.

And our thanks go to the following companies for donating raffle prizes for the event:

Aberdeen Football Club, Anderson, Anderson and Brown, Annie Kenyon Architects, Jamieson and Carry, Malmaison, Marathon Oil UK, Ltd, McGinty's, and Northsound Radio.

Places for the next CSI:Aberdeen can be booked by contacting the Aberdeen Safer Community Trust office or by visiting our website at www.absafe.org.uk.



BEST FOOT FORWARD IN FUNDRAISING/

On July 7 2009 Howard Woodcock, chief executive of Bibby Offshore, completed the demanding 3 Peaks Challenge in a bid to raise funds for Aberdeen Safer Community Trust.

Howard completed the challenge, which involves climbing the three highest peaks in Yorkshire – Pen-y-ghent (691m), Whernside (728m), and Ingleborough (723m) – a total climb of over 5200 feet over a 26.5 mile course – in a respectable 9hours 56 minutes.

As a result of Howard's efforts, the Trust received over £1500 which had been raised in sponsorship of the event. On completing the challenge Howard gave his thanks to all those who had supported and sponsored his efforts and gave a little insight into his motivation for undertaking the challenge: "It really spurred me on, knowing that my chosen charity was going to benefit so much. Aberdeen Safer Community Trust is an incredibly worthy cause which has saved an astonishing amount of money for the Aberdeen economy as well as saving lives."



OSCA AWARD PRESENTED TO YOUNG MEDIATOR/

Aberdeen Safer Community Trust's OSCA award recognises outstanding achievement in the field of community safety. The award is presented to a student of Aberdeen College who has demonstrated a significant contribution to improving safety and citizenship within their own or the college community. For its inaugural award in December 2009, the Trust was proud to receive a number of excellent nominations from entrants who have carried out projects designed to prevent injuries, anti-social behaviour and bullying; effect a reduction in crime and improve road safety.

The winner, Emma-Jane Henderson, is a young school leaver who came to Aberdeen College to study 'Introduction to Nursing'. Emma-Jane was nominated by her lecturers and her peers for her dedication to promoting equality and fairness. Despite experiencing bullying herself, Emma undertook a Prince's Trust course for promoting confidence and team building and became a mediator at Banff and Buchan College, helping those who found themselves in a similar situation.



Since transferring to Aberdeen College, Emma-Jane has supported a number of people where conflict has been evident, helping to alleviate the pressure and anxiety that this undoubtedly causes, making their educational experience a pleasant one. Emma-Jane said "Bullying affects the whole class and I am happy to do what I can to help."

ABERDEEN SAFER COMMUNITY TRUST PUTS THE BRAKES ON DANGER FOR TEENAGE CYCLISTS/

Aberdeen Safer Community Trust, supported by Halfords, ran an event on 7th October 2009 designed to help prevent serious accidents by teaching children in Aberdeen about safe cycling and their responsibilities as road users. It took place at the youth club at Jesmond Community Centre in the Bridge of Don, teaching the youngsters aged between 11 and 13 years old vital road safety skills.

Teenagers spend more time on their own or with friends on their bikes and on the road, whether they are out playing or cycling to and from school. Children in this age group are confident that they can cope with roads and traffic, however, distractions such as mobile phones and the temptation to take chances can often result in serious injury or tragedy and this age group is more at risk of being involved in a road accident than at any other time in their lives. This event taught the children the difference between riding and playing on a bicycle and included a quiz and the opportunity to work with the cycle experts from Halfords to have their bikes checked for roadworthiness; activities designed to help them stay safe on the roads, particularly during the winter months when the mornings and evenings are much darker.

Emma Bellu, Chief Executive of Aberdeen Safer Community Trust said: "Cycling is healthy, environmentally friendly and fun for children. However, it's important to emphasise that bikes are also vehicles that must be properly maintained to ensure the safety of the rider and other road users."

She added: "Experiential learning is always the most effective way to learn. By working with the Trust and the Halfords specialists, the children learned hands on how to identify any potential problems with their bicycles as well as simple steps they can take to maintain their bikes in tip top condition."

Scott MacArthur, Store Manager at Halfords based in Kittybrewster, Aberdeen said: "Halfords team of cycle specialists were on hand at the event to provide the very best service and advice to the children. We were pleased to be associated with the Aberdeen Safer Community Trust as we believe that education is a vital part of ensuring cycle safety for all ages and we always look forward to being able to support our local community."

HIGHLIGHT ON PROJECTS & SERVICES/

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED/

Our grant giving is designed to tackle accident prevention, public safety, crime prevention and a reduction in the fear of crime. We accept applications throughout the year and distribute our own grant funds and funds from the Community Safety Partnership. All initiatives are assessed after a year to evaluate their success and the positive impact on the community.

Grampian Safe Team

Contribution to the rental of site for Grampian Safe Team event.

Grampian Police School Liaison Department

Contribution to Schools Vandalism Awareness Trophy.

Crimestoppers

Contribution to delegate packs for Crime Conference.

Riverbank Primary School

Road markings for playground road safety training.

Transition Extreme

Contribution to 'Return to Northfield' project.

Aberdeen Street Pastors

Contribution to protective clothing for volunteers.

Grampian Police School Liaison Department

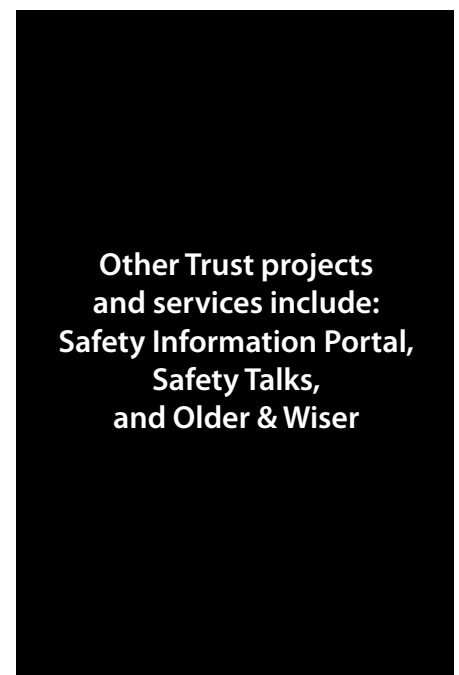
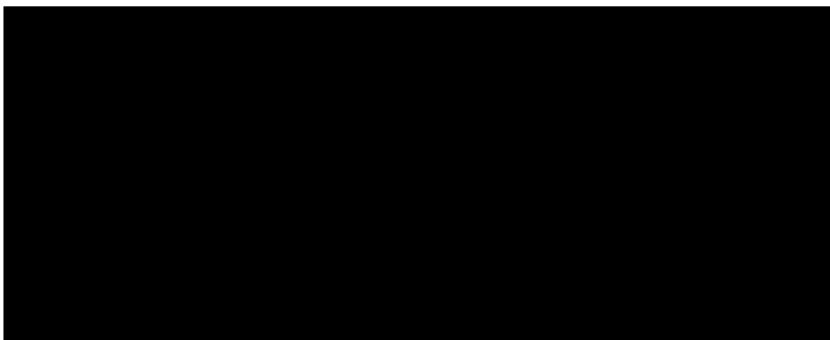
Contribution towards School Alcohol Awareness Trophy.

Grampian Police Domestic Abuse Liaison Unit

Contribution to the printing of 'End The Silence' leaflets.

Kaimhill Playfields Residence Association

Contribution towards community project reducing anti-social behaviour.



Other Trust projects
and services include:
Safety Information Portal,
Safety Talks,
and Older & Wiser

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/

Neighbourhood Watch is the largest voluntary community movement in the UK. It allows householders to take action to improve the safety of their communities and to have ownership of their own neighbourhoods.

Aberdeen Safer Community Trust has co-ordinated neighbourhood Watches in the city since 2006, working closely with both householders and the police. We encourage communication and information exchange between watches and community police officers, provide support for watches and help in the development of the neighbourhood watch movement across Aberdeen. All this helps householders in keeping their homes secure and their neighbourhoods safe.

This year saw the introduction of a national database for watch schemes ensuring liability cover for all registered schemes and improved contact lists. The Trust continues to support local schemes and promote Neighbourhood Watch as well as assisting interested residents to start new schemes. As a promotional tool, this year also saw Neighbourhood Watch as our Older & Wiser focus, to empower older residents to take ownership of their communities and improve the image of Neighbourhood Watch.

We continue to work closely with Grampian Police and Grampian Neighbourhood Watch association in building a strong Neighbourhood Watch community in the North East. We have held stands at community events promoting Neighbourhood Watch, distributed seasonal security campaign information and regularly updated co-ordinators with information about crimes in their area, as well as advising co-ordinators about how to report information to the police.

GETSAFE4WORK/

During 2009/10, Aberdeen Safer Community Trust developed its GetSafe4Work project designed to encourage Health and Safety awareness in people who have experienced barriers to work due to deprivation, previous substance misuse and other circumstances.

The half day course provides a basic but essential introduction to Health and Safety in the workplace including the roles and responsibilities of employer and employee and practical workshops on how to recognise potential hazards and how to deal with them.

The course teaches vital skills the participants can use to enhance their opportunities in obtaining employment or returning to the world of work. It also helps to promote awareness of their own personal safety in everyday life as well as of those around them.

The Trust is proud to work in partnership with Aberdeen Foyer's Progress2Work programme to deliver the course, working with people from all walks of life ranging from 16 to 45 years of age.

DOMESTIC ABUSE TOOLKIT/

With assistance from the Fairer Scotland Fund the Trust was able to begin work on a pilot scheme to assist victims of repeat crime. Although there are many types of crime where repeat victimisation is common, The Trust decided to focus on victims of domestic abuse, as the most common type of repeat victim and a priority vulnerable group as identified by both the Aberdeen Community Safety Partnership Strategic Priorities and Grampian NHS Chief Executive Directives.

Following a research project developed and undertaken by the Trust, a new 'toolkit' was created, designed to provide victims with vital sources of information and practical devices to help them to stay safe in or immediately following a crisis situation.

This innovative toolkit consists of a 24 page handbook, which includes useful information for victims whether they wish to stay or leave as well as a comprehensive list of organisations that are able to assist victims at any stage. In addition, it also contains practical devices such as various discreet security items that can be given to victims trying to stay safe in their own homes.

Working with Grampian Police and Grampian Women's Aid, these items are now being distributed in public places where victims can safely and discreetly access information that may very well save their lives. The toolkits are also available to take away for anyone who wishes to have the information at hand in their home.

We are very proud of the finished toolkit and sincerely hope that it will help many victims of domestic abuse to stay safe or to end their ordeal altogether.

Feedback from the project has been positive and it is hoped that the pilot can be developed for other types of repeat victims, such as Housebreaking victims, who are 12 times as likely to be targeted again in the following month and twice as likely six months later.

OUR SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS/

Our deepest thanks to those who supported us in 2009/2010

ASCT VOLUNTEERS 2009- 2010/

Moira McCulloch
Natasha Kent
Becky Pickles
Jackie Horsburgh
Lewis MacDonald
Robert Murray
Dave MacFarlane

ASCT PLACEMENT STUDENTS 2009- 2010/

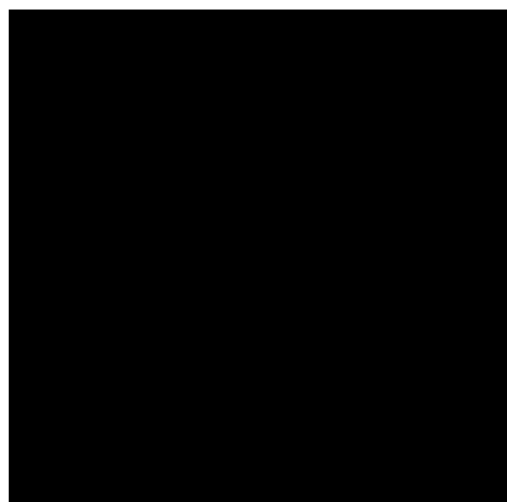
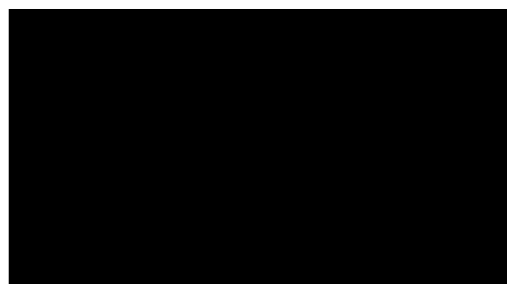
Nayomi Walker
Lina Kotseva
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ASCT FUNDRAISERS 2009- 2010/

Howard Woodcock – The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge
Team Absafe – Fun Run

SUPPORTERS/

- Aberdeen Asset Management
- Aberdeen Charities Together
- Aberdeen City Council
- Aberdeen College
- Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre
- Aberdeen Football Club
- Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce
- Alexander Collie Over 55's Group
- Anderson, Anderson & Brown
- Annie Kenyon Architects
- AVC Media
- Awards for All (Lottery)
- Bibby Offshore
- Bridge of Don Women's Discussion Group
- Carmelite
- Doug Duthie
- Energising Aberdeen
- Fraserburgh Golf Club
- Grampian Police
- Home Start Devon
- Hospital Retirement Group
- Jamieson & Carry
- Langstane
- Malmaison
- Mannofield Pastoral Group
- Marathon Oil UK Ltd
- McGinty's
- National Federation of PO & BT Pensioners
- Northsound Radio
- NSPCC
- Printagraph
- Rotary Club of Fraserburgh
- Scottish Enterprise Grampian
- Scottish Police Services Authority
- St Andrews Society



LOBBYING FERGUS EWING & ALEX SALMOND/

Holyrood Minister given lessons from Aberdeen pupils

Last year saw Trust staff carry out a successful lobbying campaign. The campaign resulted in chief executive, Emma Bellu and development manager, Fiona Watson, securing a meeting with senior civil servants in the Justice Department of the Scottish Government. Most exciting of all was a visit to one of the Trust's grant projects by Community Safety Minister, Fergus Ewing, MSP.

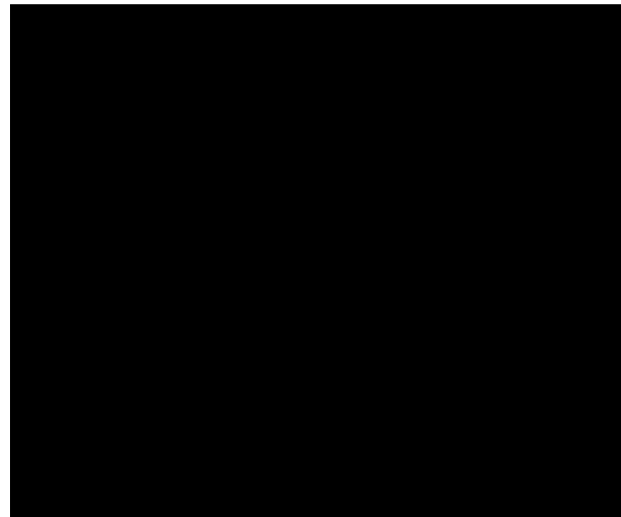
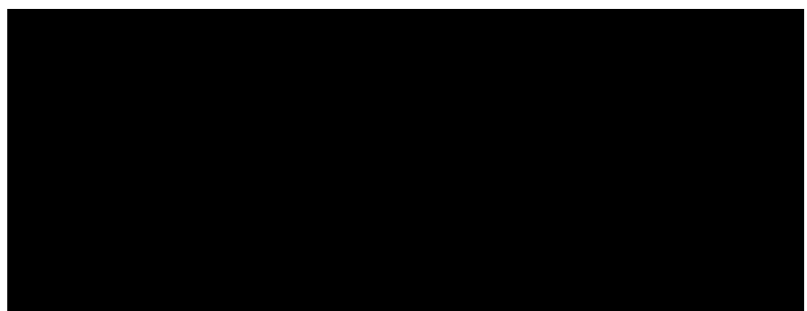
In November, youngsters gave Fergus Ewing MSP a lesson on road safety after staff at Riverbank School decided to take matters into their own hands when 8 year-old pupil Myles Ross was hit by a car. Teacher Linda McKinlay turned to Aberdeen Safer Community Trust for help, with a project designed to ensure that the 247 Tillydrone pupils always remember to Stop, Look and Listen.

The Trust provided funding for the school to turn their playground into a 'virtual road' by painting road markings and adding some street furniture. These surroundings enable the teachers to carry out interactive lessons, where the children can learn about road safety in a realistic but safe environment.

The Trust not only wants to improve the safety and wellbeing of Tillydrone youngsters but hopes to expand these types of projects with its Risk Ready scheme where whole communities throughout Grampian can be brought together to learn about staying safe in a controlled environment.

Emma Bellu, chief executive of Aberdeen Safer Community Trust, said: "Fergus Ewing has seen how Riverbank School has managed to hit home the importance of road safety to pupils in a fun way, where hopefully it will become second nature. Aberdeen Safer Community Trust aims to go further by bringing whole communities and different safety projects together at the village."

Mr Ewing commented: "The Scottish Government takes road safety very seriously and is committed to making





the roads safer for all users. Good progress has been made in recent years in cutting road casualties but more needs to be done to address safety on our rural roads.

“Initiatives such as this road layout in Riverbank School can help educate the pupils about the dangers on our roads in a safe environment and help prevent further accidents such as happened to Myles Ross. The plans by Aberdeen Safer Community Trust to build a Risk Ready scheme in the area will help promote road safety, home safety and personal safety and help to make Aberdeen a safer place, reducing crime and improving the quality of life for all residents and visitors in the North East of Scotland.”

After the safety demonstration from Myles and the other pupils, chief executive Emma Bellu took Mr Ewing to meet with senior representatives from the police, fire and rescue, local authorities and NHS from the Grampian region, who are backing the Risk Ready scheme to learn more about how the interactive village will promote road safety, home safety, personal safety and citizenship issues. We would like to thank Mr Ewing for taking the time to meet with us, for his interest in the Trust and its projects, and for his enthusiasm for building the Risk Ready centre in Aberdeen.

First Minister backs Risk Ready

2009 ended on a high for Aberdeen Safer Community Trust with senior Trust staff being invited to meet with First Minister, Alex Salmond at his constituency surgery in Methlick on 18th December. Mr Salmond had heard about our Risk Ready project and fund raising campaign from Community Safety Minister, Fergus Ewing, MSP after his visit to a Trust funded road safety project at Riverbank School in Tillydrone.

Mr Salmond was keen to offer his support for the campaign and gave his endorsement to the project to build the safety centre. The meeting was extremely successful and Mr Salmond was as helpful as he was informative. He has since offered his support and advice in a number of areas in an effort to help the Trust develop projects that will ultimately be delivered from Risk Ready.

We offer our sincere thanks to Mr Salmond and look forward to a continued successful relationship between himself and the Trust.

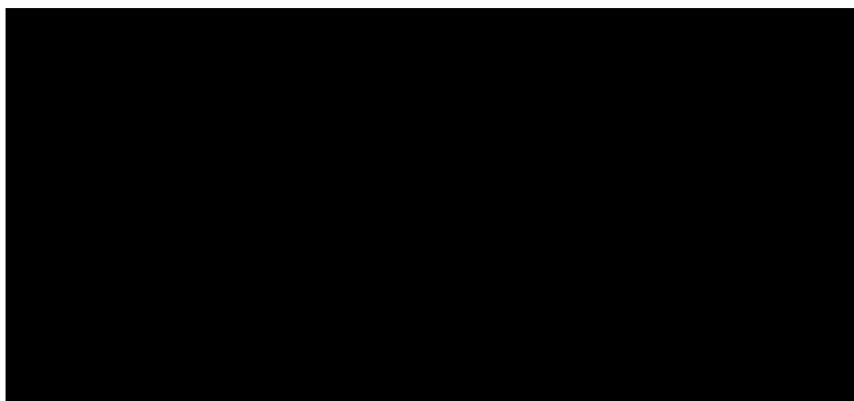
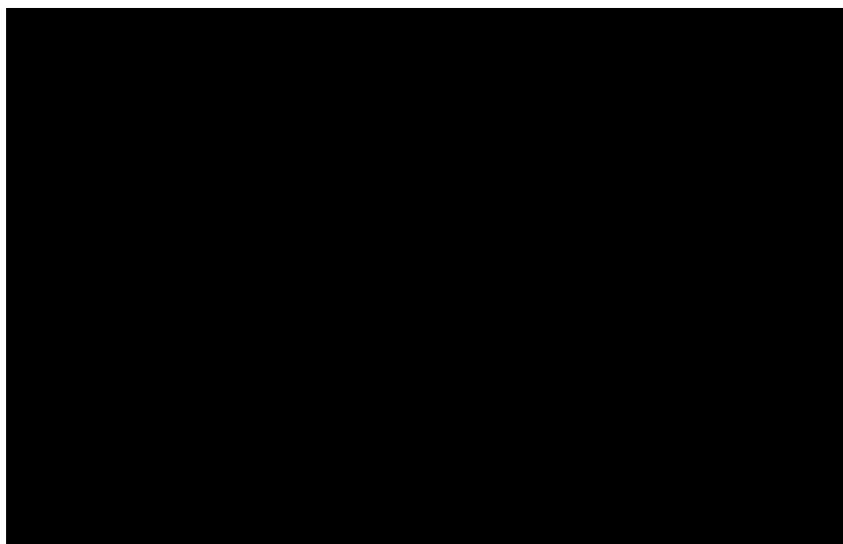


FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2009-2010/

For the period ended 31 March 2010

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2010 £	Restricted funds 2010 £	Total funds 2010 £	Total funds 2009 £
INCOMING RESOURCES/					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2		135,639	135,639	153,022
Investment income	3	413	0	413	2,603
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		413	135,052	136,052	155,625
RESOURCES EXPENDED/					
Costs of generating voluntary income	4	0	17,269	17,269	41,242
Charitable activities	4	0	122,218	122,218	78,951
Governance costs	4	0	2,076	2,076	2,359
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		0	141,590	141,590	122,552
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS FOR PERIOD	6	£413	-£5,951	-£5,538	£33,073
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1st APRIL 2009		£2,603	£30,470	£33,073	-
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 31st MARCH 2010		£3,016	£24,519	£27,535	£33,073

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources, and resources expended, derive from continuing activities. A full financial report is available at the Trust Office for inspection at any time.



THE YEAR AHEAD/

The next year will continue to bring change and challenges, new projects and expanded services as well as more familiar events like CSI:Aberdeen and Older and Wiser.

Our newest challenge will be the delivery of Safe Team 2011. Whilst currently a partner, we are already in the process of taking on the administration and development of the Grampian Safe Team event, a local multi-agency project that delivers hands-on safety education to P7 pupils. This is a major step forward towards the Risk Ready project as it is in essence a smaller, simpler version. Through this project we will be developing the scenarios that will ultimately make up the safety centre, continuing to build the evidence of safety education's effectiveness, creating partnerships with local business that believe in safety as a culture and as always, most importantly, delivering vital education and information that will ultimately save lives.

We are excited about the forthcoming year and look forward to continuing to expand Older & Wiser into the community, developing Neighbourhood Watch as an ever more effective crime prevention force, building on our successful CSI events making safety fun, and continuing with the campaign to build Risk Ready.

Emma Bellu
Chief Executive



FUNDING + TRUST = SAFER AND STRONGER/

Over the years the Trust has given grants to many groups and organisations, helping our communities become safer and stronger. The organisations we have helped include:

Aberdeen Allotments & Gardens Society	Cove Youth Project	Live Wire Productions	Samaritans
Aberdeen Association of Social Services	Crimestoppers	Marchburn Neighbourhood Watch	Satrosphere
Acc Social Work Community Placement Team	Crown Street Alcohol Centre	Mastrick Youth Café	Seaton Community Action Group
Aberdeen Community Mediation Project	Cults & Bieldside Neighbourhood Watch Association	Middlefield Community Project	Seaton Community Enterprise
Aberdeen Cyrenians	Cultural Exchange (Aberdeen) Ltd	Middlefield Mums and Tots Group	Seaton Community Project
Aberdeen Home Safety Committee	Cummings Park Community Centre	Multi-Ethnic Aberdeen Limited (MEAL)	Seaton Community Sports Group
Aberdeen N.E. Neighbourhood Watch	Danestone Church Youth Group	Music 4U	Seaton Summer Playscheme
Aberdeen North P.H.A.B.	East End Under 13'S Football Team	North East Scotland Credit Union	S.T.A.R.
Aberdeen Scotland Africa Link	Elmfield Terrace Neighbourhood Watch	Northfield Community Education Centre	South Aberdeen Crime Prevention Panel
Aberdeen Womens Aid	Enough is Enough	Northfield Multi-Agency Team	Sunnybank Academics Football Club
Aberdeen Womens Centre	First	Northfield United Free Church	Sunnybank After School Programme
Aberdeen YMCA	Frogghall Youth Project	Our Lady of Aberdeen RC Church	Sunnybank/Frogghall Drugs Action Group
Action for Children at Tullos	Give Kids a Chance	Over 50s Walking Group	Sunnybank Nature Club
Advocacy Service Aberdeen	Good News Ministries/ Skateaberdeen.Com	Pillar Aberdeen	Ter Action Group
Albyn House Health & Leisure Group	Grampian Police	Powis Community Project	'The Buzz' Working Group
Alcohol Advisory and Counselling Service	Grampian Racial Equality Council	Printfield Community Project	The Green Box Project
Bank O'Dee Youth Football Club	Grampian's Safe Team	Provost Hogg's Tenants Association	Tillydrone Buddy Scheme
Bizzikid Ltd	Grampian Youth Darts	PTA St Machar Primary School	Tillydrone Community Council
Blue Horizon Youth Project	Greenfern Shop Forum	Raeden Neighbourhood Watch	Tillydrone Community Group
Bon Accord Befrienders Service	Hanover Girls Group	The Reading Bus	Tilly Youth Project
Bridge of Don Youth Club	Home Safety Aberdeen	Residential Group	Torry Community Council
Careers Scotland Inclusiveness Project	Inchgarth Community Centre	Woodend Crescent	Torry Youth Cafe Steering Group
Cathedral Church of St Machar	Instant Neighbour Charity Aberdeen	Rosemount Square Tenants Group	Torry Youth Project
Charleston School	Inspire	Royal Mail	Transition Extreme Sports Ltd
Children 1st	Kaimhill Community Centre	Station House Media Unit	Victim Support Aberdeen
Choi Kwang Do	Kids In Condition	St Aubins Project	Walker Road Sports Club
Community Link Children's Charity	Kincorth Shopping Arcade Retailers Group	St George's Tillydrone	Women Against Domestic Violence
	Linksfield Youth Cafe Planning Group	St Machar Mums For Music	Woodside After School Club
		St Machar Parent Support Project	Woodside Wanderers
		St Ninians Church of Scotland	

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