

## SPONSORS & EVENT FUNDRAISERS

Bedfordia Group	Anne and Mike McKeegan
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Edith Winifred Hall Trust	Alison Wood
Candis ~ Big Give	Extra Mile Challenges
The Ibbett Trust	Councillor Joan Kirby, North Herts Council
Charlotte Bettle (Concert)	Kiran and Raveen Bains
Pupils of Aston Middle School	John and Yolanda Ibbett
Hertfordshire County Councillors	Rotary Club of Kempston
Sheila Ibbett—The Big Breakfast	Bedford Rotaract
A.F. Parker	Dave Wooding, Twinwood Events Ltd
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Harpur Trust	Amphill Roundtable
Fairlands Valley Lodge	East Herts Health Inequality Fund
Caring Homes Group	The Kilroy family
Johnson Matthey for Oliver Pritchard	HBW Partnership
Mr and Mrs Draper for Ben Wesley	Mrs B L Robinson's Charitable Trust
Rotary Club of Berkhamsted Bulbourne	Pupils of Queensbury Academy
Bedfordshire Businesswomen	

And the many, many other individuals and groups who have contributed whatever they can either in time or money, by attending events or simply by putting money into collection boxes to help the Road Victims Trust provide its services to all those who needed support.

**THANK YOU ALL - WE COULD NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT YOUR GENEROSITY.**

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# ANNUAL REPORT



# 2012 / 2013

## ROAD VICTIMS TRUST VALUES

*The Road Victims Trust is a registered charity (1142336) that has operated in Bedfordshire since 1995 and Hertfordshire since 2010 to provide the following services to all residents of these two counties affected by fatal road collisions:*

- Regular, weekly, emotional and practical support for individuals and families in their homes or at our offices, for as long as it is useful*
- Space to express the whole range of feelings that come with the loss and horror following a fatal road collision*
- Time to discuss the repercussions of the collision that is a life changing event for all those involved*
- Information on the investigation, inquest and court hearings and preparation and support for inquests and hearings*
- Access to a list of suitably qualified lawyers who will provide a free initial consultation.*

*In addition we offer telephone support to enquiries from outside these two counties.*

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### COMMITTED GIVING

#### Can You Help?

We are committed to helping people affected by fatal road collisions.

**We really need your pledge too.....**

By making a small donation of only £2 a month you will make a real difference.

**Contact us for a Committed Giving Form**  
01234 843345 or [enquiries@rvtrust.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@rvtrust.co.uk)

### FRIENDS OF THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

The Friends of the Road Victims Trust exists to support the work of the Trust. This can be done in a number of ways from promoting the work of the Trust to a bucket collection at a Rugby ground!

***The Road Victims Trust does not receive any statutory funding. All costs are raised by grants, donations and fundraising events.***

### TRUSTEES

If you would like to join our team of trustees and help the continued Development and ongoing work of the Trust please contact:

Steve Ottaway, Chief Executive  
On 01234 853345 or [steveo@rvtrust.co.uk](mailto:steveo@rvtrust.co.uk)

***By joining the Friends of the RVT, you will be making a valuable contribution to supporting victims.***

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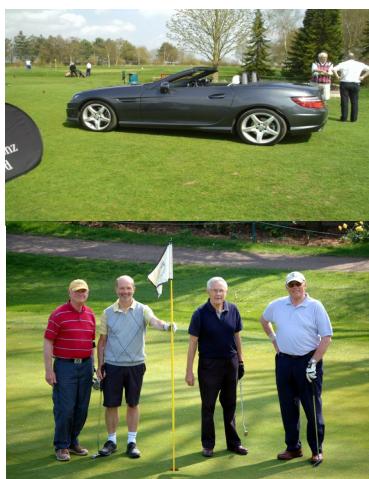
# SOME FUNDRAISING & EVENTS FROM 2012 / 2013

## *LADIES NIGHT OCTOBER 2012*

*Kindly hosted by the Swan Hotel, Bedford*

## *Christmas Quiz with Bedford Rotaract December 2012*

## *BEDS & COUNTY CHARITY GOLF DAY April 2013 organised with Kempston Rotary Club*



## *LUTON & DISTRICT ELECTRICAL SOCIETY CHARITY GOLF DAY AT MENTMORE IN MAY 2013*



## *CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT AT THE WHITE HORSE BEDFORD May 2013*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

*In my report last year I talked about a year of change well this year has seen even more change but one thing has remained constant—that being the quality of support provided to those in need by our wonderful staff and volunteers.*

*We have seen some changes in staff with Alison Panton joining us as Trust Administrator to replace Louise Stafford with Becky Atkins and Sarah Jones (two of our volunteers) becoming assistant coordinators to replace Ann Findlay-Wilson and to prepare for the expansion into Cambridgeshire.*

*In preparation for our expansion we have also recruited additional Trustees and appointed Lady Susan Acland as a Patron in recognition of her hard work in securing the support necessary to make the expansion possible. You will find a full list of Trustees and Patrons on page 7 of this report. My thanks to all of them for their time, effort and support.*

*The last change I want to mention is the very sad loss of Sheila Ibbett in December. Sheila was a staunch supporter of the Trust from the outset and will be much missed by all who knew her. Everyone connected with the Trust is determined to continue to serve those who need us in the way Sheila would have wanted us to.*

*Steve Ottaway*

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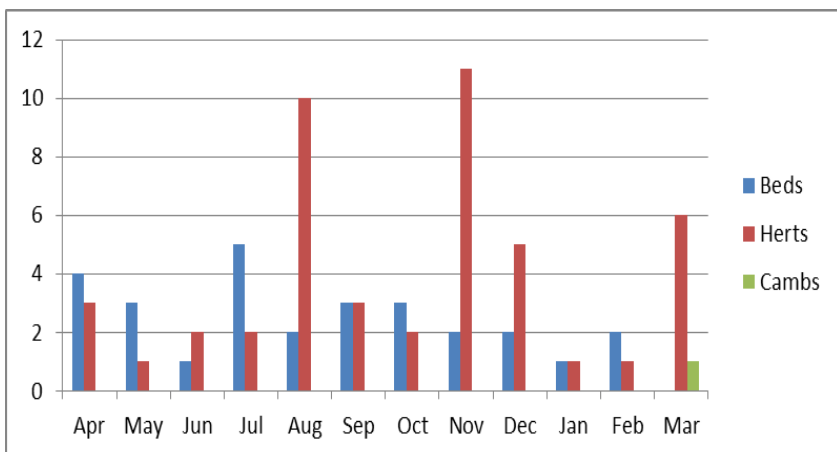
## COORDINATORS REVIEW

### Coordinators Review of 2012/13

As this year ends we complete our 17th year of working in Bedfordshire, the second full year in Hertfordshire and are finalising preparations for an April 2013 start to service provision in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Whilst road deaths continue to fall unfortunately demand for our services continues to grow as shown in the following table.

Referrals in Year	Beds	Herts	Other	Total no of referrals	No of clients supported
Year 2009/10	37	1		38	63
Year 2010/11	21	1		22	80
Year 2011/12	21	46	3	70	137
Year 2012/13	23	45	8	76	154

The chart below shows the number of referrals for the year in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and the one Cambridgeshire referral that was received just before the official start date in April.



## INCOME & EXPENDITURE

### DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2012 TO 31ST MARCH 2013

	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Donations and government agencies	152,782	
Fund raising	13,439	
Committed giving	2,654	
Gift aid tax refund	13,376	
Gala concert surplus	4,032	
Bank interest	62	
		186,345
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
Salaries	122,158	
Social security	11,520	
Support services	2,980	
Temporary staff	145	
Rent and rates	9,959	
Cleaning	679	
Electricity	1,107	
Hire of equipment	5,864	
Conferences and courses	3,193	
Travel	13,611	
Advertising and promotion	1,875	
Household and catering	62	
Legal and professional	3,568	
Accountancy	630	
Repairs and renewals	304	
Postage	1,455	
Telephone	2,818	
Computer and internet services	5,746	
Printing and stationery	3,353	
Insurance	2,192	
Sundry expenses	324	
		193,543

NET DEFICIT

(7,198)

### BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2013

Notes

		£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	6	3,717
Cash at Bank and in hand		78,523
		82,240
<b>CREDITORS</b>		
Amounts falling due within one year	7	6,534
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		75,706
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		75,706
<b>RESERVE</b>		
Cambridge reserve	8	31,682
Income and expenditure account	8	44,024
		75,706
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## TREASURERS REPORT 2012/ 2013

Our income in the year decreased from that in the preceding year by £41,000. Of this £26,000 was the reduction in grant from the Ministry of Justice and the bulk of the balance was due to our failure to get sufficient support for our Gala Concert which was cancelled at a late stage. Rigid control of costs ensured that we only incurred a deficit of £7,000. We were well supported by Candis and others through the Big Give and also by Hertfordshire County Council through its locality budget scheme as well as funding from Trusts and individuals who arranged a diverse range of fundraising events.

With support from Cambridgeshire Police we undertook recruitment of volunteers in order to set up an extension of the service in Cambridgeshire and this went live on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

We are grateful for all of those individuals and organisations who supported us in any way whether with time or financial commitment. Without loyal supporters we cannot function. Without loyal staff we would be ineffective, that we certainly are not.

The change to a system of funding by Police and Crime Commissioners from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 brings a substantial uncertainty to our operation. There are no indications of bridging funding gaps and our expenditure in 2013/2014 will substantially exceed our income which means eating into our reserves.

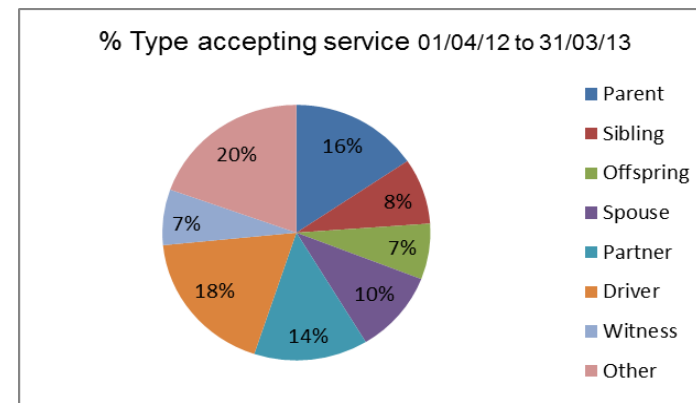
***Robert Panton***  
Trustee and Treasurer

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## COORDINATORS REVIEW

This chart highlights the unpredictable nature of the rise and fall in fatal collisions during a year. This year the peaks in August and November stretched the service to accommodate all those who wanted to take up the support offered. It is careful planning along with the hard work and goodwill of our Counselling Volunteers that make such peaks manageable.

Who have we supported this year?



The composition of our client base changes year to year depending on who is bereaved or affected by a collision. We aim to support all those who need the service for as long as it is useful, offering home visits, telephone and more recently email contact.

### Development and change

We ran the first training course in Cambridgeshire as the year came to a close and now have five Counselling Volunteers working in the county. A second Cambridgeshire course will be run during Autumn 2013 along with a Hertfordshire course, both being needed to build or maintain the required number and geographical spread for each county. Both courses will include Bedfordshire trainees.

## COORDINATORS REVIEW

Additional Counselling Volunteers were not the only change for the service provision team as Anne Findlay-Wilson left and Becky Atkins and Sarah Jones were recruited from the volunteer group to Coordinator posts. We can approach 2013/14 and the additional area of operation with more depth and flexibility in the team.

The project to develop our capacity to work with children and young people was given a boost by a bespoke Child Bereavement UK training day for both Counselling Volunteers and Coordinators. This will be followed up next year by a workshop taking an in-depth look at working with family groups. These events while informative and educational also give the whole support team a chance to get together. Meeting up in the bimonthly support group meetings and at training days is so important when we spend so much time working independently outside the organisation's hub.

We took part in a Beds and Herts Family Liaison Officer training day this year and have been invited to present at the three counties joint initial training course for the Family Liaison Officers starting next year. It is good to be able to meet face to face some of the officers we usually only speak to or email!

As the development and change becomes part of who we are and how we work we are looking forward to welcoming more Counselling Volunteers to the Road Victims Trust to work alongside those already in place who give so much to both the Trust and the Trust clients. Without our hardworking, committed volunteers we would not be able to provide such a comprehensive, professional service to the victims of serious road collisions.

*The Coordinator Team - Rose, Frances, Becky and Sarah*

## TRUSTEES AND PATRONS

### Trustees:

As with any charity the Road Victims Trust relies on its Trustees to ensure that the appropriate policies, procedures and resources are put in place to allow our staff and volunteers to deliver the service to clients. In addition they hold the Chief Executive to account for the use of those resources to ensure that they are being used in the most efficient and effective manner to support clients. Our Trustees bring a wide range of skills and experience to bear as well as providing a good geographical spread of the areas we cover to ensure our service meets the needs of all the communities we serve.

Ian Pears - Solicitor (Chair since November 2012)

Robert Panton - Company secretary (Treasurer)

Martyn Bradish - Chartered Accountant

Tom Carroll - Retired Chief Fire Officer

Professor Les Ebdon - Government advisor

Lyn Hesse - Road Safety Officer

Clifton Ibbett - Businessman

Hannah Clarke - Solicitor

Pat Whittome - Retired Technology, Training & Development Manager

### Patrons and Advisors:

The Trust is able to call upon the services of a number of distinguished individuals for specialist advice and support, each of whom brings in-depth knowledge of their area of expertise to inform and shape the service we offer to ensure that it continues to provide the best possible support.

Viscount Jan Simon, House of Lords

Dr. Tim Dalgleish, Medical Research Council

Chief Constable Simon Parr, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

H M Coroner David S Morris Esq, Bedfordshire and S W Cambridgeshire

Barrister Tim Sharpe, Temple Garden Chambers

Lady Sue Acland, Former client