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The Ibbett Trust	John and Yolanda Ibbett
The Britannic Ensemble	Dave Wooding, Twinwood Events Ltd
The Wixamtree Trust	Johnson Matthey
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Oakley Joggers	Swimathon Team 2013
Dunstable & District Orbital Club	St Albans Roundtable
Harpur Trust	Robinson Hall LLP
The Freemasons' Grand Lodge	Children in Need
The Dunwich Dynamo Team	

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 -YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

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ANNUAL REPORT



2013 / 2014

ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

The Road Victims Trust is a registered charity (1142336) that has operated in Bedfordshire since 1995, Hertfordshire since 2010 and Cambridgeshire since 2013 to provide the following services to all residents of these three 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 three 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

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!

TRUSTEES

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

Mark Turner, Chief Executive
On 01234 853345 or markt@rvtrust.co.uk

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

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS

April 2013—March 2014

Service of Remembrance for Road
Traffic Victims November 2013
Complemented by The Britannic
Ensemble



Swimathon Team who raised over
£1,000 for the Road Victims Trust
November 2013



Quiz held at Bedfordshire
Police HQ December 2013



The Dunwich Dynamos
Raised £524.00
By just doing a
Bike ride in
August 2013.



Luton & Electrical Charity Golf
Day May 2013 raised over
£2,000



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The past 12 months has again seen another period of change for the Road Victims Trust, but yet again there has been no diminution in the quality of support provided to those affected by road death across the three counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

March 2014 saw the Trust complete 12 months of service across Cambridgeshire, following our expansion the previous year. I am delighted to report that the staff and volunteers have coped magnificently with the increased workloads that have come their way.

The year saw us complete a rigorous assessment programme in order to be considered for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. We were all thrilled that the ability of our wonderful Volunteers was rightfully recognised in June 2014 when it was announced that the Trust was to receive the Award. Although falling outside of this reporting year, the Award is a fitting tribute to the work and dedication of our Counselling Volunteers over the course of so many years.

This year we have had to face many challenges, and the longer term issues of funding continue to test our resilience and purpose. The migration of funding arrangements from the Ministry of Justice over to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) was always likely to be complex. I am delighted to report that we have received financial support from the PCC's across 3 counties and we will continue to build on these relationships in the coming 12 months.

Finally, I would like to pay my thanks to Steve Ottaway who stepped down as Chief Executive in May this year, after 3 years with the Trust. The quality of his leadership and vision has left the Trust on firm foundations and myself, staff and Trustees are all hugely grateful to him.

Mark Turner

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COORDINATORS REVIEW

April 13 to March 14 - Coordinators report

Including a service for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough road collision victims from the start of this year necessitated changes in working practices for the service to run smoothly across the three counties. In July we centralised the Coordinator team in Kempston retaining a counselling room in Hitchin. In autumn 2013 we ran back to back Counselling Volunteer training courses in Huntingdon and Welwyn Garden City to boost the geographical cover across 'our patch'. As the year came to an end we realised how familiar the towns and villages of our new county were becoming! The table below shows the increase in collision referrals as we moved from one to three counties.

Collision Referrals	Beds	Herts	Cambs	Other	Total
Year 2010/11	21	1			22
Year 2011/12	21	46		3	70
Year 2012/13	23	45		8	76
Year 2013/14	18	46	31	1	96

Every referral we receive is for us a tragedy unfolding, of lives and families changed forever, but also represents a chance for us to offer our service that will make a difference to those affected.

I have a very strong family and friends support network but realised early on that some of the trauma I have experienced could only be spoken about to someone outside my family. I was able to talk about the most distressing aspects of my darling brother's death and after my last session I felt a weight lift off me as I had been able to voice some of the most difficult things for me.

Mrs S. Hertfordshire

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

	Year Ended 31.3.14 £	£	Period 1.4.12 to 31.3.13 £	£
Incoming Resources				
Donations and government				
Agencies	238,493		152,782	
Fund raising	22,417		13,439	
Committed giving	2,465		2,654	
Gift aid tax refund	10,318		13,376	
Gala concert surplus	-		4,032	
Bank interest	<u>180</u>		<u>62</u>	
		273,873		186,345
Resources Expended				
Salaries	135,557		122,158	
Social security	12,132		11,520	
Support services	3,250		2,980	
Temporary staff	-		145	
Rent and rates	5,011		9,959	
Cleaning	592		679	
Electricity	2,342		1,107	
Hire of equipment	4,899		5,864	
Conferences and courses	3,966		3,193	
Travel	23,651		13,611	
Advertising and promotion	5,027		1,875	
Household and catering	-		62	
Legal and professional	5,681		3,568	
Accountancy	600		630	
Repairs and renewals	2,085		304	
Postage	1,138		1,455	
Telephone	3,750		2,818	
Computer and internet services	6,529		5,746	
Printing and stationery	2,555		3,353	
Insurance	1,914		2,192	
Sundry expenses	<u>1,779</u>		<u>324</u>	
		<u>222,458</u>		<u>193,543</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>51,415</u>		<u>(7,198)</u>

BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2014

	31.3.14 £	31.3.13 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	1,288	3,717
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>135,908</u>	<u>78,523</u>
	137,196	82,240
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>10,076</u>	<u>6,534</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>127,120</u>	<u>75,706</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT RESERVES		
Cambridge reserve		31,682
Income and expenditure account	<u>127,120</u>	<u>44,024</u>
	<u>127,120</u>	<u>75,706</u>

TREASURERS REPORT 2013/ 2014

Despite my pessimistic forecast 12 months ago, we generated a substantial surplus of £51,415 in the year. This was almost entirely due to funding from statutory bodies in connection with the start of the service in Cambridgeshire and its continuation into 2014 and beyond.

We continued to be supported by our regular sources of income and once again the Big Give link with Candis and others generated over 23% of our income. The Herts County Council locality budget scheme continued to provide focused support in specific areas

Our costs rose by £29,000, almost entirely due to the initial costs of the Cambridgeshire service.

We wish to thank all those who supported us in any way, through donations, fundraising or by giving time to us. Without that support our task would be much harder.

We are forging close working relationships with the Police and Crime Commissioners across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, and I am delighted to report that we have received funding from them for the period October 1st through until the end of March 2015. We are optimistic that this working relationship will be maintained and built upon as we strive to give the very best levels of support to those affected by road death.

Robert Panton
Trustee and Treasurer

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COORDINATORS REVIEW

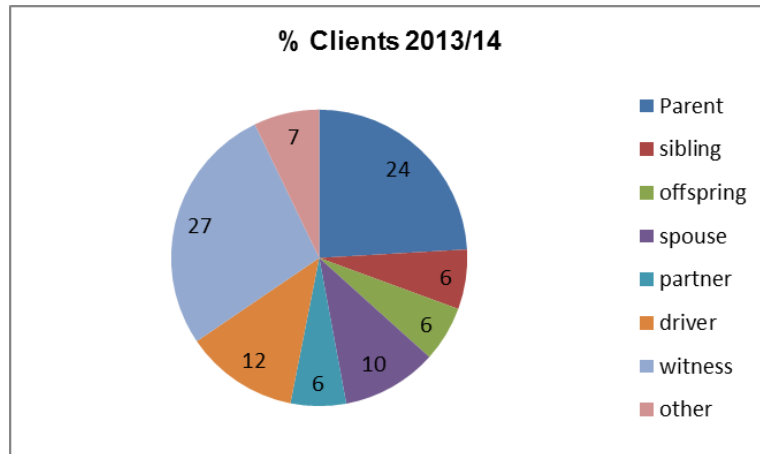
Each fatality has its own profile that determines the number of individuals or families that might benefit from the support we offer. From one fatality we can have between one and thirty offers of support to make. The chart below shows the increase in the number of clients supported over the last four years as we widened the availability of support to people affected by fatal road collisions.



The mix of those we support and how they are linked to the collision varies slightly each year but consistently the majority of the long term work we do is with bereaved family members and those whose child has died represent the largest group (24%). While witnesses to a collision were 27% of the clients we supported, this work is usually of a short term nature.

COORDINATORS REVIEW

The different groups we work with are shown below.



The support service team

This year saw the departure of Rose, a respected and much loved colleague who had worked for the Trust for all but two years of its existence. We continue to miss her knowledge, experience and sense of humour! Michelle joined in February as an Assistant Coordinator and in the autumn 12 new Counselling Volunteers successfully completed their training.

The Coordinator team would not be able to offer such a comprehensive service to those affected by serious and fatal road collisions without the goodwill, commitment and dedication of our Counselling Volunteers.

The Coordinator Team - Frances, Becky, Sarah and Michelle

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 - Chartered Secretary (Treasurer)

Martyn Bradish - Chartered Accountant

Professor Les Ebdon - Government Advisor

Lyn Hesse - Road Safety Officer

Clifton Ibbett - Businessman

Hannah Clarke - Solicitor

Pat Whittome - Retired Technology, Training & Development Manager

Paul Jones - Managing Director of an Electrical Company

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 Dagleish, Medical Research Council

Chief Constable Simon Parr, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

H M Coroner David S Morris SW Cambridgeshire

Barrister Tim Sharpe, Temple Garden Chambers

Lady Sue Acland, Former client