

LONDON ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017

My second year as Chairman has been a very significant and rewarding one, celebrating as we have our centenary. This considerable landmark was commemorated by a wonderful conference and civic reception hosted by the Corporation of London and our President James Cracknell OBE, at the Guildhall in January, and many of you were among the near 200 guests who attended. This proved to be a very successful event and was well received by the attendees.

I wish to record my thanks to the Corporation, and the members and officers who worked alongside our friends at Stennik to deliver this successful and appropriate occasion, both in the run-up and on the day.

Following on from this, I was honoured to attend, along with other colleagues from the Council, a garden party at Buckingham Palace in May to mark the centenary of RoSPA. RoSPA has its origins in the London Safety First Council, which was the original name of the LRSC, and so with this link in mind it was a true honour to be introduced to the Duke of York, with whom I discussed his thoughts on cycling in London.

This year has not solely been about looking back, indeed, we have made great progress with our new initiative of elected member training in road safety, with the introductory module being available for members to gain a greater understanding of how they can contribute to our work of road casualty reduction. We are working towards a suite of modules, each dealing with a specific road user group. The support of Transport for London in this project is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to a new partnership with Dynamic Advertising that will see us enter a three-year agreement to project manage Two Wheels London, an initiative aimed at working to reduce motorcycle casualties.

Our quarterly meetings have been well supported by our Members and we have extended some of these meetings to allow an in-depth focus on issues such as Community RoadWatch, In Car Safety Seats, School gate safety, Driver Improvement courses and 20 mph limits in London.

I would like to take this opportunity of extending our grateful thanks to the Corporation of London for its generous patronage and support in providing us with meeting rooms for our quarterly meetings, and to TfL for kindly undertaking to host this Annual General Meeting for a third year and for their confidence in the Council to deliver its aims of reducing needless casualties on our streets. I thank the team at Stennik for their tremendous assistance with our website and Keltic Clothing who support this resource as a sponsor.

Finally, I would like to give my warmest thanks to the members of the various committees, the Executive, the Business and the Projects sub-committees who have met regularly throughout the year to discuss and take forward the business of the Council. It has been encouraging to see new councillors taking key positions on our sub-committees. In particular, I would like to add my personal thanks to Debbie Huckle who chairs the Business Committee, to our Treasurer Cllr. Val Clark and to James Parker our Executive Officer for all their continuing support to myself as Chair.

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