

NEWS

Issue 10 – Winter 2018

Road
Victims
Trust
Giving hope to rebuild lives

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Road Victims Trust newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for the support and genuine understanding that enables us to continue to provide our services across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

We are very grateful – Mark Turner, RVT Chief Executive

2018 Ball – Our Best Yet



A fabulous night was shared by around 220 people at November's RVT Annual Ball at the Park Hotel in Bedford.

It was really good to see so many of our friends enjoying themselves whilst raising over £18,000 for the Trust.

Huge thanks to all of our guests and sponsors on the night.

BIG Give!

We reached our target of £17,000 in donations and then The Big Give DOUBLED all donations giving RVT a final total of an outstanding £34,000!

Thank you to all of our supporters – you are amazing!



COMING UP IN 2019 . . .

**16 February –
ShireFit
Valentine's
Workout**

ShireFit
Wellingborough

**15 May – Luton &
District Electrical
Society 12th
Annual Charity
Golf Day**

Chesfield Downs
Golf Club
(See Page 5)

**8/9 June –
NightRider Cycling
Event**

London (See Page 4)

**29 June – RVT
Netball Tournament**
Hitchin (venue TBC)

**21 July– Virgin
Sports Asics
London 10k 2019**
London

NEW PATRON

We are delighted to welcome a new Patron to RVT, the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Nick Dean. RVT has a fantastic working relationship with the police officers and staff across Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and we are proud to work alongside them.



Nick started his career with Norfolk Constabulary at Kings Lynn in 1992. He was promoted to Sergeant and subsequently moved into an Inspector's role at Downham Market. This was when rural policing was at its height in the advent of the Tony Martin

case which attracted huge national media interest and Nick worked closely with Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire police forces in the pioneering Fens Project which looked at cross-border policing.

A Detective Inspector's post in Norwich City followed and then promotions to Chief inspector and Superintendent. In 2010 he became Head of CID as a Detective Superintendent.

Nick was promoted to Temporary Chief Superintendent in 2011 to head the County Policing Command and two years later was substantively promoted.

In June 2013 Nick took on the role of Temporary Assistant Chief Constable for Local Policing and in May 2016 was promoted to the substantive rank of Assistant Chief Constable. Nick took on the role of Temporary Deputy Chief Constable in October 2016 and was promoted to the substantive rank of Deputy Chief Constable in February 2017.

Nick was appointed Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary in September 2018.

New Ambassador



We have welcomed a new ambassador to the RVT, Claire Danks, whose daughter Lauren was killed by a drunk driver in 2016.

Although Thursday 10 November 2016 started like any other Thursday for the Danks family that evening their world was torn apart.

Claire recalls . . . 'As we sat on the sofa I remember my husband Robert saying

Lauren should be home soon from her new job but as time went on we knew something was wrong. Her mobile was off and we immediately became concerned. Robert drove off to look for her and I remember pacing up and down the living room. When Robert called to say Lauren had been in an accident my whole body filled with fear thinking she was on her way to the hospital but when Robert returned with the police I learn't that Lauren was dead. At this time, emotionally paralysed, our lives stopped.'

A drunk driver hit Lauren's car at over 100 miles per hour. The impact catapulted her off the road hitting a road sign and causing fatal injuries. The driver failed to stop and continued driving. He was sentenced to seven years in prison.



'It was our Liaison Officer who informed us that the RVT would contact us. Our Counsellor came to our home to support our family and continues to do so, every step of the way, week by week, through the court case, answering any of our questions. It's the one place there was no mask on and we could be honest about how we are. This helped us to understand the roller coaster of emotions. We often referred to being in a fog a confusion of madness, which we were assured it's a normal part of shock and grief. Not knowing how to continue the RVT have been a huge part in helping us as a family at the worst time. They have given us the tools to help rebuild a new life for our family together. I do believe this would not of been possible to do without the support from our Counsellor.

To be asked to be part of the RVT is an honour. To support the charity so they can go on supporting other families at the worst time of their life, to bring awareness of the dangers on the road in memory of our daughter Lauren.'

Partnership Fundraisers

Huge thanks go to Kempston Co-op and Ampthill Road Funeral Care for fundraising in partnership for RVT throughout the year – they raised a fabulous £3,739!

Thank you to all staff and customers for your support at these local stores. The amazing donation will help support so many local people.

Pictured, left to right, are: Sarah Francis, Pauline Abram, Lisa Deason, Mark Turner, RVT Chief Executive, and Wendy Francis



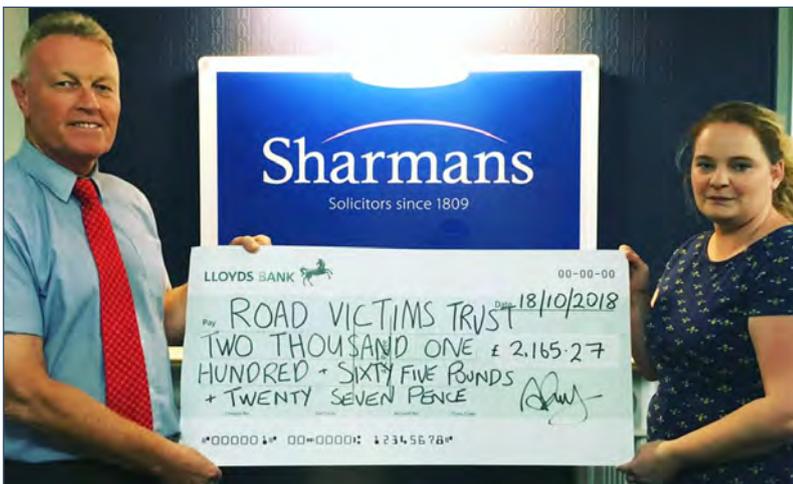
Our supporters were again wonderful during 2018



The very well supported **Afternoon Tea** events raised a total of £2,710.66. *Thank you to everyone who held or attended one – we are looking forward to this year's already!*

We were honoured to be selected as the benefitting charity of **Hitchin Fireworks 2018**. With a huge attendance from people of Hitchin and surrounding areas we were able to raise awareness of the Trust and raised £971.

Amazing support from Hitchin Fireworks, all of the sponsors on the night and, of course, the Hitchin community!



Thank you to Sharmans Solicitors and all those who attended the annual **Sharmans Charity Golf Day** at Pavenham Golf Club. This event raised a staggering £2,165.27 for the RVT. We are very grateful for the continued support and wonderful generosity. *Pictured is Steve Williamson, Partner at Sharmans presenting a cheque to RVT Fundraiser, Clair Bradley.*

Waitrose

Thank you to **Waitrose** stores in Amphill and Ely for selecting RVT for the Green Token scheme in stores. The Ely store raised £451 during November and Amphill £268 during December.

Sainsburys Charity of the Year



We continue to enjoy a fabulous year as **Sainsbury's Fairfield Park** charity of the year. We have talked with so many customers and raised a huge amount of awareness along the way. Over £2,000 has been raised for RVT so far.

Our final fundraising session in store will be from Thursday 2 May to Saturday 4 May. If you have a little time to spare to volunteer on these dates please contact: clairb@rvtrust.co.uk



SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to all our friends and supporters who attended the Road Victims Trust Remembrance services in Bedford and Cambridge in November. They were very well attended and both moving and thought provoking.

Tanya Huckle addressing the assembled congregation at Bedford.



At Cambridge, Police and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite is shown with the wonderful Cambridgeshire Police Cadets.

Pictured (below) at our Bedford service are, left to right, RVT Trustee Clifton Ibbett OBE, Bishop of Bedford Richard Atkinson, RVT Chair of Trustees Lyn Hesse, RVT Chief Executive Mark Turner, Lord Lieutenant Helen Nellis, Deputy Chief Fire Officer Andrew Hopkinson and Assistant Chief Constable Paul Fullwood.



8/9 June
2019
www.nightrider.org.uk

London NIGHTRIDER

Do something amazing for charity...on your bike!
A fun filled cycle challenge around
London at night
50km and 100km routes

Fundraising Partner: Mechanical Partner: Organised by:

We still have paid places available in this fabulous event.

Please contact: clairb@tvtrust.co.uk for further information or to sign up!

LUTON & DISTRICT ELECTRICAL SOCIETY

12th Charity Golf Day

Chesfield Downs Golf Club

Gravelly, Hitchin SG4 7EQ

Wednesday 15th May 2019

**On behalf of the Road Victims Trust
(Reg Charity No: 1142236)**

Bacon Rolls and Coffee on Arrival

18 Holes with a shot gun start at 11.30am

Dinner with Prize Presentation and Raffle

25 Teams of Four @ £280

Dinner available for non players

Open to invitation

**To secure a team – Make a donation – Offer suitable prizes
or for further information, call Paul Jones**

Tel: 07836 656356



**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT**

