



# Annual Report 2020/21

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# Chair Person's remarks



As Chair Person I am delighted to introduce the SCSN Annual Report for 2020/21 on behalf of the Board of Directors. Over the last year we have increased our Board membership which represents a number of organisations and local authorities representing our urban and mainly rural Scottish Local Authorities and continue to work to ensure our Directors represent our geographical communities across Scotland. I want to thank those Directors for their support over the last year.

Writing this during a period of time in which we have lived through a pandemic has allowed me to reflect on the challenges not only faced by SCSN but the wider community safety sector across Scotland. I want to thank Lorraine, Dawn, David, Josh, Dave and Sandra for their excellent work throughout the year to ensure that the network continued to operate. I'd also like to thank Hannah and Shona who have left the organisation for their contribution in the last year. We have a small team with a big reach and I am truly indebted to the work that they have done and will continue to do. Over the years Lorraine has worked with the staff team to be a more agile and flexible organisation which values our staff as individuals and I am delighted that SCSN are piloting a 4 day week to support our staff.

In preparing this statement I took the opportunity to look back at some of the activities that were undertaken in the past year. We continued to check in with our main contacts on a regular basis to better understand some of the prevalent issues around community safety and how our partners responded to and during the pandemic. We undertook work with our members in relation to the picture of antisocial behaviour in Scotland following an initial event in February 2020, we held workshops in relation to trauma informed practice in community safety and causation factors of unintentional injury in the home. Crucially there are two pieces of work which highlights the breadth and reach of the staff team. In December last year there was the launch of 'Experiences and Perceptions of Community Safety in Scotland', produced by Robyn Bailey, Social Researcher for the Scottish Government, commissioned by SCSN as part of the Scottish Government's analytical exchange programme and April in conjunction with MainStreet we delivered four projects that built on previous research into the emerging landscape and future opportunities for Community Safety. This work gives Lorraine, the staff team and the network a clear direction over the next year as well as being well placed to respond to any new and emerging community safety issues.

I also need to take the opportunity to thank our members and the Scottish Government for their continuing financial support in order for us to do the work as well as out many other supporters who provide us a listening ear and a platform to speak.

Ian Hanley Chair Person/Inverclyde Council.

# Some words from the SCSN Chief Officer



You can tell from the information given in this annual report that the Scottish Community Safety Network have had yet another very successful (and busy) year. Mulling over our contribution to community safety each year as I prepare my annual report piece is probably the time I get most satisfaction in my role. It's an important event in our calendar, a time of reflection, consistency, change and validation from our peers that our work is valued. Highlights for me include the critical pieces of research published through the year that give voice to how different people perceive community safety and outline the Scottish picture of Anti-Social behaviour. These pieces have given us a clear steer on our future work programme, which will include a focus on data use and analysis, a discussion on a pro-social approach and continuing our stance of prevention being better than cure.

The past 18 months have been significant for us and we will leave 21/22 changed. BuildBackBetter isn't good enough. BuildBetter is our aim. We want to support the build of a new society that focuses on reduction of poverty, creation of hope and opportunity and one that truly cares for each other in practical steps. We will work with partners to include people in making decisions that affect them, we will support community safety partnerships to enhance participation and prevention, we want to be part of something better... The Scottish Community Safety Network exists because poverty and inequality and deprivation exist. Let's work ourselves out of jobs.

We will take practical steps. Our work life/balance is shot to pieces, when your home is your workplace it's difficult to separate them out. We will pilot a 4 day working week during 2021 with a view to implementing in 2022. It's important to us to show that this way of working – valuing staff and assets – will work without any negative impact on what we do. We will evaluate this and share how we do in the hope that others join us. Our staff already have flexibility to work how, when and from where they do that best. A 4 day week will add value to this.

As usual, I must pay tribute to my colleagues and the SCSN board. They are outstanding! Thanks to our funders, members and supporters. I'm truly grateful.

2019/20 has been awful. My thoughts are with everyone who has lost, struggled and been in pain. But, I'm looking forward to a better future and I hope you are too.

With my love and care, Lorraine



# Annual Report Video

We like to do our Annual Reports a little bit differently, so this year, using new animation software we've purchased, we've produced an Annual Report video for Youtube and Social Media! The video communicates the big stuff of what we've been doing over this past very unusual year, with this accompanying document going into a bit more detail.



You can view the video on Youtube [here](#).

Please share far and wide on social media!

## Communications

16 Safety NETWORKS Newsletters & Bulletins published

6.5% increase in subscribers

New Community Safety Media Monitor launched, 8 published

New revamped website launched, with Home Safety Scotland section

64% increase in users  
50% increase in page views

Twitter

19% increase in followers & average weekly Reach

Facebook

5% increase in page 'Likes'  
8% increase in Reach

New LinkedIn page

12 videos published, including numerous 'SCSN Conversations with...'

# 2020/21 Highlights

## Research

- Experiences and Perceptions of Community Safety
- The Scottish Picture of Anti-Social Behaviour
- 3 surveys of CSP's to ascertain continuing community safety themes under Covid-19 and issues and future implications as well as our surveying of Elected Members and Community Councils around their experiences in their communities during lockdown.
- We hosted a Measuring What Matters webinar to recruit new participants to test the evaluation framework.
- We published our Annual Survey for 2020
- We commissioned research on our work streams - Partnership Work, Skills for Modern Partnerships, Championing Evidence and What Makes a Community Safe from Main St Consulting
- Held conversations with people and organisations who represent different groups in society to understand if the Community Safety Experiences Research is accurate, and to provide some solutions on how to reduce inequality of community safety experiences.

## Informing

## Events

- Trauma Informed Practice conversation
- Scottish Picture of Anti-social behaviour Launch
- Measuring What Matters
- AGM conversation
- Experiences and Perceptions of Community Safety Launch

## Briefing Papers

- 7 Briefing Papers (Programme for Government 2021, The State of Our Social Fabric by Onward, and a summary of the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey 2018-19, The Scottish Health Survey 2019, The Scottish Crime Statistics 19/20 and the Scottish Household Survey 2019, The Prevention of Youth Violence Report)
- Wrote summaries for over 30 learning webinars and shared these with the sector every quarter.

## Championing

- Sat on Water Safety Scotland, Cross-party group on accident prevention and safety awareness and The Fireworks Review Group, the Control of Dangerous Dogs working group, the Road Framework Working Group, Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum, VAWG Network, Human Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy Group, Cross Party Group on Families affected by Imprisonment, Early and Effective Intervention Practitioners Forum
- We developed and published the SCSN Manifesto for the 2021 Scottish Parliamentary Elections which outlines key priorities for the upcoming year.

## Influencing

- Fireworks campaign with SPCA
- Partnered with Fearless to launch a new campaign about anti-social behaviour and call for a new dialogue on how we respond to ASB in Scotland.
- 7 Consultation Responses
- Pulled together a falls and frailty group to advocate for the impact of lockdown and ongoing Covid restrictions on frailty and unintentional injury.
- Contributed to the joint submission to the Parliament Equalities & Human Rights Committee COVID-19 inquiry, the work of the Independent Advisory Group overseeing policing of the emergency Coronavirus legislation and contributed to the Scottish Government's Covid19 analytical hub research in terms of community safety issues and how to understand the experiences and perceptions of community organisations too.
- We wrote to the Independent Advisory Group on new and emerging technologies in policing, regarding Police Scotland's Evaluation Report on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) to lay out our concerns.
- We released a statement in response to the latest publication on the shocking number of continuing drugs deaths in Scotland laying out our concerns and required areas for change
- We continued to provide support and advice to Safer Communities Wales as they grow - including one to one meetings with corresponding staff members

## Engaging

- As Covid-19 hit, we set up weekly BSC Partners meeting to look at ways to work together and keep each other informed
- We reconvened and reinvigorated the Home Safety Scotland group.
- Hosted 4 virtual CSP leads meeting during the year where we discussed the pandemic and community safety in their local areas. We held the last Partnership Analyst Forum in summer 2020.
- Set up and hosted a series of 5 UK nations and Ireland calls to talk about issues and share some experiences from Covid-19.
- Re-convened the BSC Executive Group since the beginning of the pandemic and discussed the BSC Action Plan



## Increased capacity

The SCSN team grew in 2020/21! We increased our capacity by creating two new National Development Officer roles (one focussed on Unintentional Harm and Injury) and a Development Manager role.

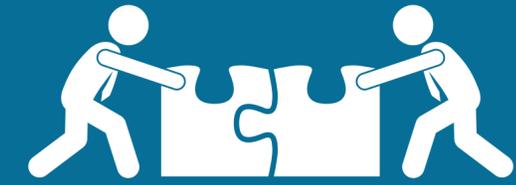
The Business Support Officer role became full time.



## Recognition



Lorraine Gillies, our Chief Officer was shortlisted in the 'Rising Chief Executive' Category of the Third Sector Awards.



## Partnership Work

We continued to develop partnership working with our host organisations/forums. We held a joint SCSN and Neighbourhood Scotland Board session in October to reflect the first year of partnership.

We've re-instituted quarterly themed Home Safety Scotland Forum meetings.



## Thank yous...

SCSN would like to say a major thank you to all of the partners and stakeholders we've worked with over the past year! In particular we'd like to thank the Building Safer Communities Partners for their insight and information sharing in weekly meetings over the past year. Our thanks also to the Scottish Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals for working with us on a joint fireworks campaign.

We'd particularly like to extend our gratitude to Main St Consulting Ltd, Evaluation Support Scotland, Stephanie Crisp and Margaret Callaghan for working together with us on a range of research pieces and events this year!

## Welcomes & fond farewells

There's been a lot of comings and goings at SCSN over the past year. We've grown our staff team, said goodbye to some well kent faces and seen new talent join our board!

We've welcomed Josh Box, Sandra Black and Dave Shea to the SCSN team over the past year, whilst saying a fond farewell to Hannah Dickson, who had previously been our longest serving staff member. We also said hello and goodbye to Shona Fleming, with Mariah Kelly also moving on to pastures new. We're so pleased to have our newbies, and wish those who've moved on the very best in all they do!

At Board level we've said goodbye to David Duncan, Cheryl Glen and Rona Gold, but gladly welcomed in Stephen Jack, Linda Jones, Jennifer McOmish and Karen Moir. We thank all of our previous board members for their time and expertise, and look forward to working with those who have joined us!

The Scottish Community Safety Network

Statement of Financial Activities  
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	10,125	250,000	260,125	221,088
Other trading activities	3	-	-	-	255
Investment income	4	31	-	31	35
Other income	5	4,000	-	4,000	3,000
<b>Total</b>		14,156	250,000	264,156	224,378
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Development, promotion and education of Community Safety practice		-	245,610	245,610	205,438
<b>NET INCOME</b>		14,156	4,390	18,546	18,940
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		83,638	6,148	89,786	70,846
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>97,794</u>	<u>10,538</u>	<u>108,332</u>	<u>89,786</u>