



# Annual Report 2018-19

*Keeping Orkney Safe  
for Future Generations*

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## Chairman's Report

Our year began with huge support from the public as tokens poured into Tesco's Bags of Help scheme and we were fortunate to be awarded the top prize of £4,000.

Through partnership working, we gained office accommodation, courtesy of Scottish Fire and Rescue Services. This has proven to be of immense value to us and we are grateful for their support.

Many local and national business have donated in-kind goods or cash throughout the year with some staff having volunteered at events in support of our cause.

Steven and Maur Kirkness's exciting Rust2Rome challenge gave us considerable publicity coverage whilst also raising valuable funds during their trip from Orkney to Rome.

Our AGM saw an encouraging number of the public turn out. Our guest speakers, Ian and Janet Davidge, co-founders, Shetland's Dogs Against Drugs gave a very interesting and informative overview of their charity and how it contributes to Shetland life. Ian, and his team, continue to give us support and advice when required.

Our week in the Blue Door proved, once again, to be well supported with many kind donations of clothes, crockery, bric-a-brac and baking being received and sold on. We were delighted to have received such a good response which led to us raising £3,387 during our week.

We went out to advert for our Handler and Development Officer posts and were delighted to welcome Kevin Moar as Orkney's first Drugs Detection Dog Handler and Janette Mackie as our newly appointed Development Officer. Kevin, originally from Orkney, brought with him over 27 years' experience of Royal Air Force Policing predominately working within the Military Working Dog specialisations. Janette came with experience in administration, finance and a successful fundraising background.

Our "An ODD Night Oot" Variety Concert organised by Gwenda Shearer went down a storm and saw a packed house in the Orkney Theatre. The performers, Orkney Rocks, Just Dance Orkney, Iona McLeod, Kirkwall City Pipe Band and Shogun compered by Dave Gray entertained us well. Again, local businesses supported us with raffle prizes and Police Scotland Youth Volunteers assisted us with front of house arrangements.

Throughout the year, we've worked closely with Police Scotland Youth Volunteers. They, along with Youth Scotland Volunteers and our Emergency Service partners did us proud in raising our profile at their Emergency Services Fun Day. The funds raised through this event and other PSYV activity amounted to a £2,500 cheque being received towards our funds.

Another boost for us was through the efforts of the small team at Nationwide Kirkwall who helped raise almost £10,000 for the charity over a three-month period. Included in this, they secured a £5,000 donation through Nationwide's employee funding programme, where Nationwide employees can apply for funding on behalf of the charities they volunteer or fundraise for.

We took part in this year's Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) and saw a good turnout of students from KGS and Stromness Academy attended our stand. It gave us a great opportunity to meet and discuss drug awareness and answer the many questions about our charity.

Thanks to Board Members, staff, the general public and businesses for their continued and valued support.

I hope this gives a flavour of our year's activity, including the support locally from the community and businesses. I now look forward to our team delivering our objectives over the coming year and contributing towards *"Keeping Orkney Safe for Future Generations"*.



Andrew Drever

Chairman, Orkney Drugs Dog






## About Orkney Drugs Dog

During 2018/19 we successfully recruited our Dog Handler, Kevin Moar, who spent his first few months searching nationally for a suitable drug detection dog. Once found, his efforts will be focussed on training requirements in preparation for making inroads to becoming operational in reducing the supply and consumption of illegal and harmful drugs in Orkney, thereby protecting the health and wellbeing of the wider community.

We were successful in being awarded OADP's Commissioned Services contract which allowed us to appoint our Development Officer, Janette Mackie. Janette is responsible for organisation's office administration and leading on local and national fundraising.

### **Our Vision 'Keeping Orkney Safe for Future Generations**

#### **Our Objectives**

-  *Contribute to the reduction of the supply of controlled drugs coming into Orkney by the provision of a trained drugs dog or dogs.*
-  *Help to prevent access to harmful drugs for the health benefit of the people of Orkney and neighboring local authority areas.*
-  *Increase public knowledge and educate the community as to the extent of drug misuse, it's damaging effects on individuals, families, society in general and the economy.*

To meet these objectives, we are working with the public, business and community planning partners.

We will provide a service for our community by keeping our Dog Handler and Dog operational whilst providing a high profile and visible deterrent to those involved in substance misuse or contemplating becoming involved in this illegal and harmful activity

#### **Education**

We are at the planning stage for visiting our nurseries, schools, college and community groups where we intend to increase knowledge and educate the community as to the extent of drug misuse, its damaging effects on individuals, families, and society in general.

We are committed to a multi-agency approach to ensure those in need get the support they require and we will signpost individuals and families to relevant support agencies within Orkney.

Our Dog Handler will be responsible for delivering drug misuse education and awareness to our schools, college and wider community and groups.

We participated in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative at KGS and Stromness Academy where we met with students interested in our organisation.



#### **Partnership Working**

We have progressed our working partnerships and have built solid relationships with Orkney Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, Orkney Alcohol Counselling and Advisory Service, Voluntary Action Orkney, Orkney Islands Council's departments of Education and Community and Learning Development along with many third sector organisations. We will continue to foster opportunities for community involvement and develop a strong partnership approach.

We are pleased to have been supported by Police Services Youth Volunteers (PSYV) and to have worked jointly on fundraising events. Their support has been hugely appreciated.

In addition, we are progressing our working agreements to support Police Scotland in local detection activity. We intend to be a visible deterrent to local residents and visitors coming in to the islands. We intend to assist with licensed premises checks, carrying out street walks and to encourage businesses and organisations in complying with their alcohol and drug policies. Through these measures, we aim to ensure that Orkney will continue to be the place to enjoy an exceptional quality of life, a fulfilling career and a sustainable lifestyle.

We take this opportunity to thank all of our partners for their continued financial and personnel support.

## **Friends of Orkney Drugs Dog and New Committee Members Wanted**

We have vacancies on our Board of Trustees and would like to hear from anyone with an interest in ensuring our aims and objectives are met.

The chance to make a valuable contribution to our committee, working with other like-minded individuals, setting strategy and making important business decisions.

Board Members work on a voluntary basis and attend around 10 meetings per year plus some training and networking events. All reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

Become a Friend of Orkney Drugs Dog. An opportunity to become a volunteer supporting events and fundraising. Or perhaps you would like the option to make a regular donation to Orkney Drugs Dog?

If you are interested or would like to know more please contact Andrew Drever, Chairman at [chair@orkneydrugsdog.co.uk](mailto:chair@orkneydrugsdog.co.uk)

## **Orkney Drugs Dog Board of Trustees**

Andrew Drever, Chairman

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## **Dog Handler**

Kevin Moar

## **Development Officer**

Janette Mackie

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