



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

**Norman Stevenson
CHAIRMAN**



Welcome to the 2018/2019 Annual Chairman's Report for Safety Groups UK

What another quick year this has been, so many changes, hopefully all positive and for the best.

This report provides an overview of our activities during 2018/2019. The financial report and the Secretary's reports for this period are provided separately.

We continued to focus on three main threads, those being: Internal Stakeholders; External Stakeholders; and Awards, whilst still managing the bread and butter elements regarding governance and domestic issues.

Internal Stakeholders: Relationships with local groups have improved, evidenced today at Milton Keynes. We will continue working with all groups towards a healthy culture of two way openness, understanding, acceptance and respect. We still have a long drive ahead of us however.

Notwithstanding what we wish to achieve with the groups, we must always remember that whilst we can provide guidance and assistance to groups, some of the problems are and always will be local issues that groups must, and mostly want to manage themselves, SGUK can never be considered as being dictatorial or threatening.

I would like to thank the IWP, led for the last 2 years by George Allcock, who resigned earlier this year to concentrate on his work with BHSEA.

External Stakeholders: The EWP have met a few times in the last year, and continue to instigate and develop the changes within the organisation. We still believe in continuing our efforts to support sponsors (Financial, Service Provision, Time Provision), and that is why this year, like last our AGM in 2019 is dedicated to those organisations, where we have again provided a platform for them to demonstrate just how important they are to us as SGUK and how much we appreciate what they have done for us over the years and at the same time continue to endorse the relationship between SGUK and the individual 'supporter'.

SGUK has also continued to support the existing initiatives like HRAW, LOCHER and others. We hope that by providing this platform at the AGM event to current, past and potential supporters, our relationships will continue to flourish, and the supporter fraternity will grow. Thanks to the team for all their efforts.

Awards: You will no doubt be aware that SGUK Alan Butler Awards have been seriously revamped this year to become the SGUK Awards with 3 different categories: SGUK Excellence Awards (previously the Alan Butler Awards); SGUK Innovation Awards (previously the SCOS Awards) and Outstanding Service Awards (Maurice Adamson Award). Plans are afoot to include a 4th category this year 'Engaging with Young Learners'/' Youth Development' Award.
– You will learn more when the award application forms go out.

Other important issues for SGUK: Over the past, as in previous years, we have continued to fully support all of the initiatives that SGUK has supported for many years, some of them initiated by Safety Groups, - Health Risks at Work – do you know yours, LOCHER.
To sum up, we continue to support the following:

Health and Work Strategy.

Clean Air Take Care campaign

Listen Today and Hear Tomorrow campaign

Construction Dust Partnership (CDP)

Noise and Vibration partnership (NVP)

Healthy Lung Partnership (HLP)

SPIASH (Scottish Action Plan for Safety and Health in Scotland)

Helping GB Work Well

Working with sponsors and supporters to reach out to small firms and help improve standards in that sector.

Recognising best practices with Awards

The 2018 Awards were presented at the House of Lords in January as usual, but as the previous year, this year's ceremony was very different. Instead of having a meeting upstairs then being accompanied to the Cholmondeley Room, we booked the Cholmondeley for the full day and did everything in there, including allowing the Innovation Award entrants to present their projects to all the attendees. Feedback from the attendees suggested that this format was a resounding success and helped to further demonstrate that we do care about the member groups. We had more representatives from different groups this year than I can remember from previous. It was a fantastic day.

My Congratulations to the following

SGUK Gold Awards:

- Herefordshire Health & Safety Group
- Swansea & West Wales Occupational Safety Group
- South Cumbria Occupational Health and Safety Group
- London Health and Safety Group
- Northern Ireland Safety Group

Alan Butler Award Winner 2019 was Northern Ireland Safety Group

SGUK Silver Awards:

- Kent Health & Safety Group
- East Anglia Construction Safety Group

- Bradford Occupational Health and Safety Forum
- Humberside Occupational Health and Safety Group
- Tayside Integrated Safety Association
- Wiltshire Occupational Safety & Health Association

Maurice Adamson Award:

The Maurice Adamson Award 2018 was presented to **Sylvia Ellis** of Harrogate Health and Safety Forum who is a very worthy recipient.

SGUK Innovation Awards:

- Lord Cullen Trophy – Dundee and Angus College
- Albert Porter Rose Bowl - Tayside Integrated Safety Association
- SCOS Trophy – Celtic Energy
- Stevenson Shield - Swansea Council

Highly Commended Certificates

- Grangemouth Contractors Safety Alliance
- JSP
- NIS
- Safe Step
- Swansea University

Commended Certificates

- Birmingham Health Safety Environmental Association
- Performance Cycling
- Qualitek
- Welsh water
- Scottish canals

Formal Partnership Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding:

HSE Under review, requires to be updated and re-signed by both parties

IIRSM Reviewed and signed at the House of Lords January 2019

BSIF Under review, requires to be updated and signed by both parties

Plans in place to have all outstanding agreements / MOUs updated before Jan 2020

Acknowledgments

I wish to express my thanks for the help and support which we have received over the past year from the following:

SGUK Board of Trustees, Management Advisory Committee members and Carolyn Reid.

I would like to again make specific mention of Mike Nixon who has assisted me to get through the last year, again; Karen McDonnell, who has in a way mentored me for the last 21 years, no less so during my time so far as SGUK Chair; Carolyn Reid, whose efficiency and professionalism knows no bounds, and nothing is too much bother. I could provide some

accolade for all of my colleagues because all Board members and Supporters know how to put in a shift.

Our thanks are also due for the ongoing support we receive from RoSPA, HSE, ACT, IIRSM, NEBOSH, IOSH, BSIF, Western Publications, ARCO, JSP, Posturite, ILEVE, NEBOSH, JSP, BT, SC Johnson Professional, BOHS, and idverde – Apologies if I have missed anyone, or organisation out.

I would also like to extend special thanks to our President, Lord Brougham & Vaux, our Vice President, Marcia Davies and also Lord Mackenzie of Luton who have all supported our organisation admirably. I make a special mention of Lord Cullen of Whitekirk, who has supported Safety Groups for longer than my 25 plus years and made the journey to London in January to present the Highest Innovation Award, the Lord Cullen Trophy to Dundee & Angus College for their asbestos awareness project.

Finally, I would like to thank the local groups and all of our supporters, but particularly my employer idverde, who had done their research before taking me on two years ago and agreed from the outset to support me in my dealings with the safety groups movement, which they continue to do without question and lots of encouragement.

Main Meetings in 2018/19

Open meetings were held as follows:

- The Annual General Meeting 2018 alongside East Yorkshire IOSH Branch meeting
- Annual Awards Ceremony Luncheon, House of Lords, London, January 2019
- There have been a number of Board Meetings; IWP meetings; EWP meetings; Awards WP meetings

Several dedicated Board members have attended a number of local group meetings throughout the year to assist in various ways and some have represented SGUK on a variety of committees and working parties

Outlook – 2019/20 and beyond

The main changes to look forward to this year and beyond are:

- Continued improvement in communication with local groups and enhanced support. The 2019 AGM is testimony of how improvements have been made this last year in terms of working closely with groups, using Milton Keynes as an excellent example
- Continue to improve our engagement with supporting organisations
- We will continue to review the constitution and other governance documents to ensure we continue to align with the progress we are making

- As I have hinted at a number of times, the Awards for this year are changing again. Specific details will be on the website soon, and within the information pack to be circulated shortly following the 2019 AGM along with the timetable for this year's awards:

Last year's awards ceremony was a lot different from those performed in previous years, and feedback suggests it was a huge success - in 2020, the ceremony will change for the better again. Due to the impending closure of the House of Lords for major refurbishment work, and considering the fact that we have outgrown the facilities available at the HOL, we are looking for a new venue in central London. Details will be circulated soon, and please keep checking the website.

SGUK and I look forward to working with you all again next year.

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Examples of our Sponsors and Supporters throughout 2018/19 – apologies for any omissions.



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