



Donaghadee Community Development Association
*(making Donaghadee a better place in which
to live, work or visit)*



Traders' Membership 2022

Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland:
NIC103332

What we do

Our Committee meets monthly to discuss issues affecting Donaghadee.

Each member of the committee acts on a voluntary basis, giving freely of their time to improve the town.

Our key focus is on making Donaghadee a better place in which to live, work or visit. We want to see a vibrant town centre and we want to foster and promote community spirit and civic pride.

This involves us working closely with other organisations in the town, with our elected representatives and with statutory bodies including Ards & North Down Borough Council.

We are a charity recognised by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. Everyone gives freely of their time to help in the common quest to improve Donaghadee. Our voice is much stronger if we have a strong membership. Please support our efforts by completing the form on the back page and leave it with Kate in Dunn's Footwear.

Why join?

There is much to gain by joining the Association. Membership is open to individuals, businesses in the town and community organisations. If you join, you can expect:

- The opportunity to contribute to community in Donaghadee.
- To have the opportunity to raise issues of concern and have these taken up with the Council or other body.
- An opportunity to influence future Council policy and practice.
- Promotion of your business or organisation on our website
- Information on events which may be of interest.
- A discount off any charges the Association may introduce for stalls at events.
- Facility to borrow Association equipment – gazebos, PA system, digital projector, laptops.
- A window sticker to demonstrate that you are supportive of the Association, your town and the local community.

What have we achieved?

Owing to the pandemic, activities in 2021 were very restricted. Nevertheless DCDA has worked tirelessly to make Donaghadee a better place. For example over the past 2 years we have:-

- Organised the annual floral decorations winning Ulster in Bloom 2021;
- Co-ordinated the summer festival;
- Organised the annual Christmas Parade and associated celebrations;
- Distributed goods with a value of £7,000 for traders to use in our shop local campaigns;
- Worked closely with the Council on the introduction of various Covid Recovery grant schemes to support local traders;
- Secured funding to support the work of the Here to Help Group formed to help those most severely affected by the pandemic;
- Continued to work on our major environmental project in Crommelin Wood;
- Secured funding for a major Marine Litter project working with local schools;
- Following discussion with traders submitted a detailed response to the Government consultation on business rates;
- Campaigned for resolution of car parking problems – the Council's car parking strategy will be published soon;
- Helped support groups with advice on funding opportunities and governance issues;
- Worked closely with our counterparts in Bangor, Comber, Hollywood and Newtownards on issues of common concern
- Continued to represent Donaghadee on the Donaghadee Town Advisory Group which is the Council Committee overseeing the Townscape Heritage Initiative and discusses issues affecting Donaghadee

Who are we?

The current committee is:-

Gary McNinch, Chairman	Kate Boyd	Bill Kirkwood
Denis Waterworth, Vice-	Alan Cowan	Karen Looney
John Caldwell, Hon. Sec.	Carol Day	Alan Maxwell
Adrian Kerr, Hon. Treasurer	Gareth Irvine	Murdo Murray
		Harry Wilson

How much does it cost?

The membership is a token £10 and we are delighted that we have over 80 traders who have joined. Membership of similar groups in the other towns in the borough costs in excess of the £35

Membership

To join complete below and return with your subscription to Kate Boyd at Dunn's Footwear. The information provided is used only by DCDA and is required in order to keep a register of members and to communicate with them.

Tick here to confirm that your mobile number can be added to the WhatsApp Traders Group

Business Name
Contact person
Address:
Mobile Number
Email: