

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



DCDA Membership 2024

Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland:
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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.

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 the 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.

What have we achieved?

DCDA has worked tirelessly to make Donaghadee a better place and we were delighted when the Sunday Times designated our town as the best place to live in Northern Ireland in 2023. Over the past 3 years, we have: -

- Organised the annual floral decorations winning Gold in Britain in Bloom Towns Category 2023, Ulster in Bloom 2021, 2022 and 2023.
- Co-ordinated the summer festival – gross footfall close to 20,000.
- Organised the annual Christmas Parade and associated celebrations.
- Distributed goods with a value of £7,000 for traders to use in shop local campaigns.
- Linked with the Sailing Club to produce a report on risks to the harbour and seafront as a result of rising sea levels and storm surges.
- Continued to work on our environmental projects in Crommelin Wood and Hunts Park.
- Implemented a major Marine Litter project costing £18,000 with local schools.
- Following discussion with traders, submitted a detailed response to the Government consultation on business rates.
- Campaigned for the resolution of car parking problems.
- Opposed the Council's Play Strategy.
- Helped support groups with advice on funding opportunities and governance issues.
- Continued to represent Donaghadee on the Donaghadee Town Advisory Group, which is the Council Committee established to discuss issues affecting Donaghadee.

Who are we?

The current committee is:-

Denis Waterworth, Chairman	Alison Bell	Kerry Melville
Carol Day, Vice-Chair	Kate Boyd	Alan Maxwell
John Caldwell, Hon. Sec.	Alan Burnside	Murdo Murray
Adrian Kerr, Hon. Treasurer	Karen Looney	Harry Wilson
	Marty Looney	

This work is supported by a band of some 200 volunteers who assist when called upon to assist in our environmental work, stewarding events and generally helping with our programme. Without this support we would be struggling to deliver.

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Please do consider joining. Our voice is much stronger with a strong membership.