

## Meet the Committee

Denis Waterworth (Chairman)

Carol Day (Vice-Chair)

John Caldwell (Hon. Secretary)

Adrian Kerr (Hon. Treasurer)

Alison Bell, Kate Boyd, Alan Burnside, Liz McWatters,

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## Join Us Today!

Our collective voice is stronger with a larger membership. Your support enables us to continue improving Donaghadee. To become a member, please complete the form below and return it with your subscription of £10 to Kate Boyd in Dunn's Footwear.

## Membership

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 email address can be added to our mailing list

Business name
Name:
Address:
Landline Tel No:
Mobile No:
Email:

Thank you for supporting the Donaghadee Community Development Association. Together, we can make a real difference!



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



# Traders Membership 2025-26

Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland:  
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The Donaghadee Community Development Association (DCDA) is a dedicated group of volunteers working to make Donaghadee a better place to live, work, and visit. We meet monthly to discuss key issues affecting the town, collaborate with local organisations, elected representatives, and statutory bodies—including Ards & North Down Borough Council—and drive initiatives that enhance our community. As a registered charity, our work is entirely voluntary, and every member plays a part in shaping the future of Donaghadee.

### Why join us?

Becoming a member of DCDA means your organisation can:

- **Make a Difference** – Play an active role in shaping Donaghadee’s future.
- **Raise Concerns** – Highlight local issues and have them addressed by relevant authorities.
- **Influence Policy** – Help shape Council policies that impact our town.
- **Stay Informed** – Receive updates on community projects and developments.
- **Business Promotion** – Get featured on our website and social media platforms.
- **Event Information** – Receive details on events that may be of interest to your group.
- **Discounts** – Enjoy discounts on any charges the Association may introduce for stalls at events.
- **Equipment Borrowing** – Access Association equipment, including gazebos, PA systems, digital projectors, and laptops.
- **Recognition** – Receive a window sticker to showcase your support for the Association and the local community.

### What have we achieved?

DCDA has been instrumental in making Donaghadee the vibrant community it is today. Our hard work contributed to Donaghadee being named the best place to live in Northern Ireland by *The Sunday Times*.

We have:

- **Enhanced the Local Environment**
  - Organised annual floral decorations, winning *Ulster in Bloom* four years in a row and a **Gold Medal in Britain in Bloom 2023**.
  - Led a major environmental project in **Crommelin Wood**.
  - Launched an £18,000 **Marine Litter Project** with local schools,
  - Planted a community orchard at Hunt’s Park
- **Boosted Community Spirit & Footfall**
  - Organised the **Summer Festival**, attracting nearly **20,000 visitors**.
  - Hosted the **Annual Christmas Parade** and festive celebrations.
  - Promoted **local shopping initiatives**, including the **Donaghadee bag**.
- **Advocated for Local Traders**
  - Worked closely with business groups in **Bangor, Comber, Holywood, and Newtownards** on common issues.
  - Pushed for solutions to **car parking issues**.
  - Addressed **coastal protection concerns** for the harbour and seafront.
  - Campaigned to **retain free bus passes for pensioners**.
- **Supported Local Businesses**
  - Assisted traders with information on **funding opportunities and business support**.
  - Represented Donaghadee in the **Town Advisory Group**, where business-related issues are discussed.
  - Helped businesses network and collaborate to strengthen the local economy.