

Annual Report of the Officers for the year 2012

Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen on this the longest day of the year. But do not worry for I am going to make the shortest speech.

The year 2012, was busy and filled with action as we have come to expect.

Acute/assisted/attended rescues, event safety cover, meetings to attend, advice to give, searches, general day to day safety work on our waterways and general upkeep and maintenance.

Continual updating of the Storm Control GPS waterway system/lifebelt positions is progressing, receiving great acclaim and through its use, Glasgow is setting an example to other Cities and Towns across the UK and further afield.

I should state at this point, our gratitude to Fire and Rescue for supplying the money to the Water Safety Group, which paid for the GPS signage ---that we have just taken delivery of---which we will put up on lifebelt posts between Rutherglen and Dalmarnock Bridges.

I am pleased to announce that Lifebelt stances, and indeed all safety positions along our waterways are now part of the classifications for the One Scotland Gazetteer, so Councils are now able to identify aforesaid positions on the One Scotland Gazetteer with the correct co ordinates, or as I know them GPS positions-Thanks to PSS-Police Services Scotland for accepting this idea from the outset.

We attend and give input to the Water Safety Group Glasgow, the River Users Group, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency the Friends of Glasgow Green and Scottish Water

As secondary responders to flooding for the Strathclyde Emergencies Co-ordination Group, craft and equipment are kept in a state of readiness

The advice on water and banking safety given to Glasgow City Council has increased greatly with development in the Harbour area and in the upper River due to the building of the Commonwealth Games Village, associated buildings and the Legacy thereafter

We organise and run water safety courses

We give presentations talks and displays

The Society work closely with the Media to promote safety

Our web site gives among other things, safety advice, up to date warnings, ongoing on the river, historical information and a photographic and video Gallery

I was very proud to be part of the Queens Diamond Jubilee procession. To be able to row down the River Thames in a Glasgow Humane Society boat designed by Ben Parsonage was very special and I am glad that we have the event well recorded.

The statistics for 2012 certainly validate the continuance of the Society and are a credit to everyone involved.

I therefore thank all involved in ensuring this continuation and with such support I am sure we shall go from strength to strength

Thank you.