



Chairman's Report 2017

GOSHA has had a good year.

We have

- 30 corporate members plus individuals and charities which take the total to 35. You can see the names of members on our website. We are truly grateful for your support and membership.
- Held 5 evening meetings, with relevant subjects presented by experts in their field
- Held a number of training events aimed at charities and small businesses – such as risk assessment and business continuity planning – where attendance is free of charge
- Arranged a site visit to the Guernsey Waste Transfer station (under construction) – that takes place on 1 December
- Organised, with help from our sponsors, Rossborough, Health & Safety Week in January, with healthy attendances at each breakfast presentation (up to 60 people attended each session)
- And thanks to the generous support of our new sponsors: Guernsey Electricity, Guernsey Water, Trant and Ronez, we will be able to present prizes to deserving individuals, companies and other organisations on Friday, 22 June 2018 as our Annual Dinner can return – in 2018 it will take place at La Grande Mare..

We continue to be not for profit and are run entirely by volunteers. Their generous contribution ensures that GOSHA functions properly and with relevant topics covered by experts.

Our aim remains to provide a helpful, friendly forum for people to be better informed, so that, if needed, they can seek professional advice from one of the Island's consultants/trainers. See our website for details of additional resources you may like to tap into.

The GOSHA Committee is

Andrew Mills - Chairman
Jon Coyde – Secretary
Gordon Snell – Treasurer
Seamus Gillespie – Membership Secretary
Darren Bishop
Joey Naidoo
Ian Stewart
Angus McLellan

A big thank you to everyone for the contributions you make.

And I'd like to add further special thanks to

- Gordon Snell, who has been our committed, proactive, efficient Treasurer for many years and to
- Ian Stewart who, both due to work commitments, need to step down from the Committee this year.

And I'd also like to thank Paul Freeman, who has taken on our website and kept it up to date and a useful source of reference for members and others to use.

Hopefully, you will vote to replace Gordon and Ian with

- Seamus Gillespie, currently our Membership Secretary, who has kindly put himself forward for election as Treasurer and
- Mick Cooper of States Education who has offered to stand for the Committee and
- Chris Minta, who has recently retired to Guernsey after a successful University lecturing career in the UK - with H&S as a specialist topic he covers.

Mick and Chris have already generously given their time and expertise to assist GOSHA in the past year and Seamus is already a valuable, serving committee member.

GOSHA remains committed to helping people to avoid serious injury and ill-health in the workplace. Our objectives are set-out in the website www.gosha.org.gg.

The number of serious incidents reported to the HSE since 2005 has reduced by c 100 per annum (measured at March 2016) but the numbers of reported injuries/ill-health remain too high at 317.

A statistic has little meaning as a number, it is only when you think that each report has implications for the sufferer, their family, their employer and our community that you begin to think of the financial and human costs of accidents, injuries and ill-health caused as we try to make a living.

On average, there continues to be a serious incident in a Guernsey office every month – and someone said that working in an office is a very safe occupation!

I hope our members will renew their GOSHA membership. Without you, we cannot function and cannot fulfil our objectives.

We have lots planned for 2018 including

- January - Health and Safety Week, beginning 22 January – again generously sponsored by Rossborough
- February - a talk on the use of unmanned aircraft/aerial devices (Drones) by CI Air Traffic Control on 15 February and
- April - we hope to be able to announce, in partnership with others, a motivational talk by a chap severely disabled at work, in April.
- June – our annual dinner on 22 June generously sponsored by Guernsey Electricity, Guernsey Water, Trant and Ronez
- We also plan to continue our series of free breakfast or evening briefings during the year.

Our sincere thanks to

- Robin Gonard and his team at the Guernsey HSE for all your help and support throughout the year
- the great people who have given their time and expertise to speak to us in 2017
- our brilliant sponsors and
- to our fantastic members

You make GOSHA a friendly, helpful organisation for the benefit of everyone who lives and works in Guernsey.

Andrew Mills
Chairman
23 November 2017