

## Secretary Report

### 1. Water Safety Conference

The draft response to the UK drowning Prevention Strategy will be launched on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at the RoSPA conference in the Scottish Story Telling Centre. Thanks to generous contributions, this conference is free to attend. The aim of the conference is to promote the work of Water Safety Scotland to meet its outcome of reducing water-related deaths by 50% by 2026. Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs is scheduled to attend. Members of WSS are invited to forward any resources they would like distributed at this event.

The final programme can be found [here](#)

### 2. Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

The next CPG, which will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> March from 6.00 pm till 8.00 pm in the Scottish Parliament, will focus on Water Safety and the draft response from Scotland to the UK Drowning Prevention Strategy. Michael Avril, Chair of Water Safety Scotland and member of the CPG, will present on content of the draft document. This will be followed by discussion groups where responses will be gathered from Members as part of the consultation process. Members of the Cross Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism have also been invited to attend. The invitation is extended to members of WSS and anyone wishing to attend should contact the CPG Secretariat at [elumsden@rospa.com](mailto:elumsden@rospa.com)

### 3. Child Safety Week

This Year's Child Safety Week will be from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June. This year's theme is "Safe Children: sharing is caring". CAPT (Child Accident Prevention Trust) is asking friends, communities and professionals to show they care by sharing their experiences and knowledge. For more information, please visit Child Safety Week's [website](#).

### 4. Drowning Prevention Week

Drowning Prevention week will take place from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June. This week aims to teach people how to stay safe around water. You can help support drowning prevention week by [registering online](#) and sharing twitter and facebook messages.

### 5. Building Safer Communities

Phase 2 of Building Safety Communities involves the development of the Strategic Assessment in order to better understand the factors involved in unintentional harm and injury. To support the Strategic Assessment, a summary report and associated thematic papers are also due to be released based on the following priorities: Children and Young People, Deprivation, Home Safety, Older people, Outdoor Safety and Road Safety. For more information, please visit the [Building Safer Communities website](#).