

# *RoadPeace*

**2011**

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*the national charity for road crash victims*

*supporting crash victims reducing road danger*



# Overview

## 1. Latest road casualty statistics

## 2. RoadPeace

- Support services
- Justice campaign
- Remembrance activities
- Road danger reduction
- RoadPeace organisation



# Road casualties (2010)

## All reported road users

	2010	Percent change over 1994 - 1998 average	Percent change from last year
Killed	1,857	-48	-16
Seriously injured	22,660	-49	-8
KSI	24,517	-49	-9
Slightly injured	184,138	-32	-6
All casualties	208,655	-35	-6



# Under-reporting

	Police	DfT estimate
Serious injuries	23,000	80,000
Total casualties	207,000	700,000

Source: Dft, 2010, 2011

Total cost of crashes: £30 billion  
(this includes those unreported)



# RoadPeace staff 2011

## Full-time

- Executive Director
- Campaigns and Development Manager
- Support Services Manager

## Part-time (inc. contract)

- Office manager
- Financial Administrator
- Fundraiser



# Support services 2010-11

- Emotional support
  - Helpline (9am-5 pm Mon-Fri)
  - Befriender network
- Practical information and advocacy
  - Information guides
  - Casework service (when possible)



# Resilience Building programme

- Six week support programme for newly bereaved (6 mo-18 mo after bereavement)
- Work in small groups with trauma specialists
- Learn coping exercises to counter symptoms (not counselling nor one-one-one support)
- Benefit of peer support and trauma specialists
- Preliminary evaluation shows effective



# Justice campaign

## **Other consultations and campaigns**

Coroner reform—chief coroner and charter for the bereaved

Civil law reform—govt. proposing measures that will make it harder for victims to claim and will take solicitor fees out of their compensation.



# Justice Campaign

- Traffic Justice campaign
  1. Ending the discrimination against crash victims
    - Right to be counted
    - Right to information
    - Right to support
    - Right to be included in consultations and surveys
  2. Promoting transparency and accountability by police and CPS with investigation and prosecution
    - Calling for monitoring of legal outcome (charging decision)



# Causing death by driving

Causing death by ...

	2009	2010	change
Dangerous Driving	275	175	-36%
Careless Driving whilst DUI	35	42	20%
Careless Driving	88	253	188%
Driving illegal	13	68	143%



# Remembrance 2011

## To date

- new Internet memorial website
- August Road Victim month

Manchester Remembrance Garden

RoadPeace Wood

Liverpool Remembrance Ceremony  
on the anniversary of Diana's death

Five a day leaflet



**Five-a-day** 

Five families a day were bereaved by road crashes in Britain in 2010.

A total of 1827 people were reported killed on Britain's roads in 2010, with five families a day suffering the sudden and violent death of a loved one in a crash. Sadly, their devastation is too often compounded by the justice system. Here we share the experiences of five families whose loved ones were among those killed, and the post-accident response of the justice system.

**Robert Jackson**, father and grandfather  (64), was riding his motorcycle to work on the morning of 26 January 2008 when he was killed by a truck with an overloading car which ran on the wrong side of the road. His car was crushed using the car above, a high-velocity impact in a great stretch between two tracks. The driver was arrested on the day and charged with Causing Death by Dangerous Driving.

After some 1800 road trials the jury verdict is guilty over 6 months. The CPS accepted the driver's guilty plea to the lesser charge of Causing Death by Careless Driving. The judge ruled that a custodial sentence (10 months) was needed but the case was referred to the governor of the Prison (HMP) for a sentence. The driver was ordered to perform 200 hours of unpaid work and a 1000 fine. The case was given a low priority because the driver was not reported to include his driving test.

**Miss Christine Cole**, an 80 year old, should have been safe on the pavement as she walked home on 20 January 2010. However, a driver in a BMW sports car, who was driving on the pavement, crashed into her. The car crossed the curb and into the road.

The driver was arrested and charged with Causing Death by Dangerous Driving. One year and one day after the fatal crash, on the day the Crown Court trial was to start, the CPS agreed to accept a guilty plea to Causing Death by Careless Driving. However, during the trial a 6th bid for the maximum 10 years. The driver was sentenced to only 100 hours of community service and the maximum one year imprisonment plus a 1000 fine. The driver was given a low priority because the driver was not reported to include his driving test.

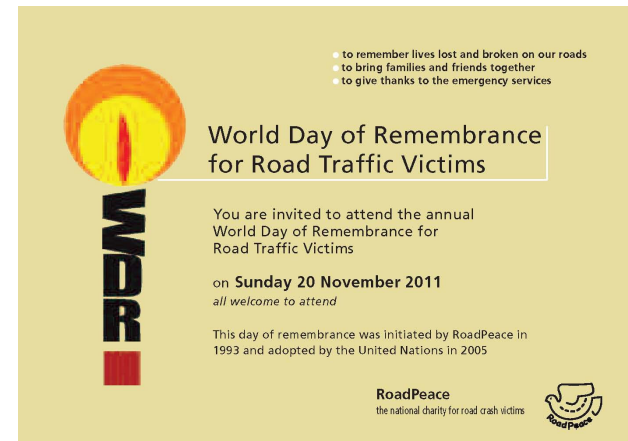
The family are outraged that no previous prosecution can be filed and killed on the pavement, and this is considered merely stated by the justice system. They also found the driver's lack of respect, equality when at sentencing he asked if he be allowed to allow his planned Luau holiday. They are however, only able to find the driver had been speeding and driving with a bad driver. These are not the same as the driver, rather than community service. The driver was given a low priority because the driver was not reported to include his driving test.

Report the national charity for road crash victims. [www.roadpeace.org](http://www.roadpeace.org) Helpline 0845 4500 355



# WDR 2011

- Over 30 church services
- Road Safety Minister at London service
- Public health seminar at LSHTM
- Presentation at Bristol University by Danny Dorling, new RoadPeace Patron



# Road danger reduction 2011

## To date

May 11 commemoration

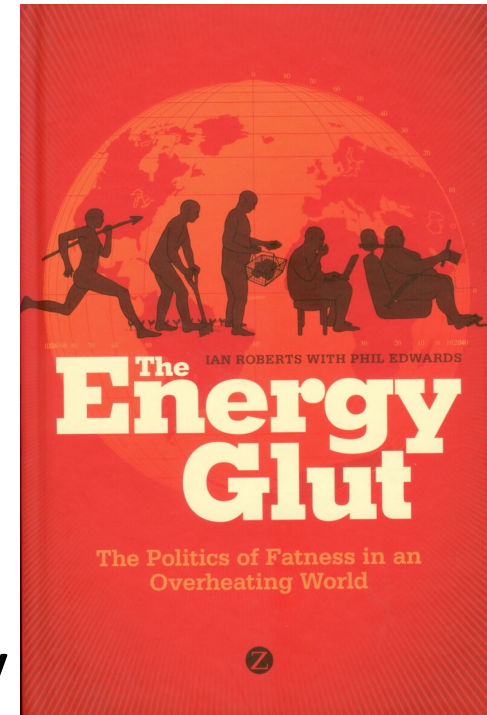
Crash not accident briefing

Saving People and Planet

launch event with LSHTM

Transport Select Committee

review of govt's new RS Strategy



# Road danger reduction 2011

## Ongoing

### Speed matters

- Green case for speed

### Lorry danger

- New website
- New briefing for coroners on low cost measures

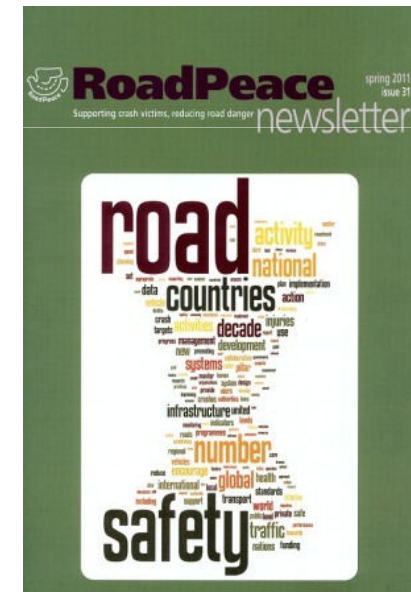
### International

- CRASH3 trial steering group



# RoadPeace organisation 2011

- Governance
  - Board development
  - Constitution being updated
- Communications
  - Spring and autumn newsletter
  - E-news introduced
  - Twitter





**For more information**

**[www.roadpeace.org](http://www.roadpeace.org)**

