

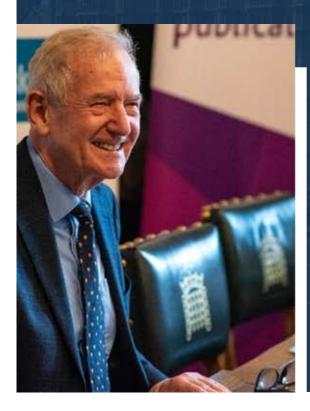
Safe transport for all

# The Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety



The UK Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS) promotes evidence-based solutions to achieve safe transport for all.

Established in 1981, its founders were responsible for the legislation which made it compulsory to wear seat belts in cars. PACTS provides independent advice to government, parliamentarians and PACTS members on road, rail and air safety issues.



For almost 40 years, PACTS has championed transport safety in the UK Parliament and across the world. We believe in partnerships, passion and professionalism to deliver real change. We have demonstrated that an alliance of parliamentarians, working with a wide range of stakeholders in the private, public and NGO sectors, can make a real difference.

Barry Sheerman MP, President





























## **People at PACTS**



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PACTS is an organisation that punches above its weight. Our small but dedicated team is supported by our members – experts from organisations in many sectors of the transport safety community. They give us technical and practical insights; in return we offer advice on the policy context and put best-practice into the public arena.

## Playing a unique role in transport safety



PACTS has always had strong links with the UK
Parliament although PACTS receives no parliamentary
funding. Barry Sheerman MP is the Chair of PACTS and
PACTS has provided the secretariat to the All-Party
Parliamentary Group for Transport Safety.

We hold meetings in Parliament for parliamentarians and PACTS members (the "Council"), meet with individual MPs and Peers, and attend Commons debates and Transport Committee meetings. PACTS' views and advice are regularly sought by government.

### **The Safe System**



### Safe transport for all

PACTS supports Vision Zero. We want to see the UK government adopt a long-term vision for a safe transport system free from death and serious injury. This can be delivered by safe system policies that reduce danger and mitigate the consequences of collisions.

### Unique features of PACTS

- a multi-modal transport safety body, covering road, rail and air
- strong links with the UK Parliament
- focused on government, parliamentarians, professionals and key stakeholders
- an independent charity no financial or sectoral interests

#### Safety and sustainability

PACTS fully recognises and supports wider policy agendas, including action on climate change, air quality, active travel and sustainable towns. PACTS' expertise lies in transport safety which will help to deliver these wider agendas. To make sustainable travel more popular, public transport must be improved, car use managed and conditions made safer for walking and cycling.



## **PACTS** in Parliament





PACTS was originally a Westminster Associate All-Party Parliamentary Group: a combination of parliamentarians and external members, all dedicated to improving transport safety. Recently, PACTS the charity separated from the parliamentary group which was restricted to parliamentarians. Since then PACTS has provided the Secretariat.

#### PACTS works by:

- Briefings for MPs in parliamentary debates
- Parliamentary Questions
- Evidence to Select Committees and Bill Committees
- PACTS events in Parliament
- Involving MPs and ministers in PACTS conferences
- Direct communication with individual MPs
- Highlighting parliamentary business about transport safety, via Twitter etc.



Providing information about Parliament and Government is part of our service to PACTS members.

### Not only at Westminster

PACTS' remit covers the whole of the United Kingdom. Many transport safety responsibilities are devolved and this is likely to increase. As far as resources allow, we work with the parliaments and officials in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. PACTS recognises that laws and policies vary across the UK. This provides opportunities for innovation and learning.

As Chair of the Transport Select Committee (2008–2017), I found PACTS to be invaluable. They were always ready to make their highly relevant research available. It was a pleasure to work with PACTS. I am pleased to recommend them!

Dame Louise Ellman

With support from Direct Line
Group, PACTS has published a
Constituency Road Safety
Dashboard, showing constituencies
with high levels of casualties,
speeding offences and collisions
involving uninsured drivers.

PACTS seeks to advise and persuade parliamentarians and government by presenting evidence-based polices, for the public benefit. PACTS is not a "lobby" group.

We do not represent sectional interests.

Supported by the Safer Roads Foundation, strategic partner.



## Sustainable travel



PACTS has long supported sustainable travel policies. Sustainability and safety issues are related and polices to tackle both should be fully aligned. As environmental and health concerns have risen up the agenda, so PACTS has given this greater emphasis.

The 2020 Stockholm Declaration on road safety emphasised safe and sustainable travel. It was endorsed by some 140 governments which attended, including the UK government.

PACTS supports policies to encourage use of public transport – the safest way to travel. Organisations such as Transport for London, Network Rail and RSSB collaborate closely with PACTS. We also want to see more walking and cycling – modes which rarely endanger others and have substantial health and environmental benefits. It is important that these modes are supported with safe infrastructure, safe vehicles and safe speeds.

Ensuring that rail services operate safely is vital to maintaining confidence in public transport.

Carolyn Griffiths, Chief Inspector, Rail Accident Investigation Branch (2003-2015)

PACTS accepts that people will fly; we are not anti-car or motorcycle. We work closely with organisations such as the AA, RAC, Motor Cycle Industry Association and the pilots' union BALPA.

New technology, digitisation and decarbonisation will bring disruption. Partially autonomous vehicles are already here. PACTS works to encourage those with genuine safety and sustainability benefits. Thank you for attending the Third Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Stockholm. I very much appreciated your interesting and substantive contribution in the important Parallel Session Ensuring the Safety of Active Road Users.

> Tomas Eneroth, Minister of Infrastructure, Government of Sweden



## We seek to improve safety for all transport users.



For many years the Cycling APPG have worked closely with PACTS, as we share a vision for a road network that is fit for all road users.

Adam Coffman, Secretariat All-Party Parliamentary Cycling Group





























## Research Addressing what matters and what works



The rigour with which PACTS conducted its research on the importance of seat belt use has enabled us to raise this prominent road safety issue across a variety of media channels with the public and policy makers alike. PACTS' ability to inform the policy debate should not be underestimated.

Will Sherlock, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Direct Line

PACTS undertakes research into policy areas that are priorities in terms of safety and where we believe we can have impact on policy and practice. Recent projects include drink driving, non-use of seat belts and the role of roads policing — all with specific calls for action by government and safety agencies. Projects are funded by grants from trusts, sponsors and government. We draw on the expertise and perspectives of PACTS members and our working parties.



Not all PACTS research reports are promoted on Instagram by Love Island stars!



## **Events**

# Sharing knowledge, building partnerships, making impact



PACTS conferences always have engaging speakers who are experts in their field. The venues, food and networking opportunities are also first rate.

Adam Coffman, Secretariat, All-Party Parliamentary Cycling Group

## PACTS organises an extensive and varied calendar of events. These include:

- PACTS Members meetings held three times a year at the House of Commons
- Technical working parties
- PACTS spring and autumn conferences
- The prestigious Westminster Lecture on Transport Safety

These events bring together politicians, civil servants and specialists to debate key topics in transport safety and to identify policy areas for PACTS to promote.

## PACTS members have free or most-advantageous access to these events.

PACTS events allow members, who include universities and others undertaking research, to present their work. We assist them to project their work into public policy arenas.

By sponsoring PACTS conferences, we have been able to raise our profile within the political and transport safety arenas. This has allowed us to engage with a wide spectrum of world leading academics and policy makers, as well as promote our business to a diverse audience.

Simon Rewell, Road Safety Manager, Insure The Box Ltd











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Tony Ciaburro - Chair



## Working Parties Our source of technical expertise





The PACTS Rail Safety Working Party brings together the leading rail safety stakeholders in the UK. It also addresses issues that cross modal boundaries, such as fatigue and the impacts of automation.

Carolyn Griffiths, Chair, Rail Safety Working Party

PACTS coordinates five working parties on key aspects of road and rail safety. These provide members and the secretariat with specialist technical advice and keep PACTS informed of the latest research and evidence. This allows PACTS to provide briefings and advice to MPs and to respond to government consultations and media inquiries.

The PACTS working parties are an extremely valuable forum for our consultations on automated vehicles. The working parties bring together a wide range of people with vast experience and dedication to road safety. Their input has contributed to shaping our policy from the start of the project.

Jessica Uguccioni, Lead Lawyer,

Automated Vehicles Review, Law Commission

### **PACTS** working parties

- Rail Safety
- Road Environment
- Road User Behaviour
- Vehicle Design
- Work-Related Road Safety

For aviation safety, PACTS collaborates with the UK Air Safety Group. Membership affords the opportunity to collaborate on transport and mobility programmes that underpin tomorrow's economy and society.

Richard Cuerden, Director, TRL Academy and Chair of PACTS Vehicle Design Working Party



Anderson Etika, PACTS researcher proposing road safety key performance indicators

## **Contributing internationally**



#### Britain in the world

Transport safety is a global issue and transport safety in the UK is affected by the international context. The UK can both learn from and contribute to global transport safety.

- PACTS was a founder member of the European
   Transport Safety Council in 1994 and continues to play
   a major role in ETSC business

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- PACTS was part of the coalition of organisations which launched the UN 2010-2020 Decade of Action for Road Safety
- PACTS President, Barry Sheerman MP is Chair of the Global Forum for Road Safety Legislators, established by WHO to support the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals for Road Safety and Agenda 2030
- PACTS is invited to brief overseas government and expert delegations who are visiting the UK
- PACTS staff and trustees regularly speak at conferences abroad at the invitation of WHO and others



eTSC and PACTS are committed to continuing our close collaboration in the future, to achieve safe transport across Europe and beyond. Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director, ETSC

PACTS' contribution to the road safety conference in Bangkok was very helpful. Hearing more about the PACTS model has shared another best practice to key stakeholders in the Thai parliamentarian system.

Krittapol Kemakawat, Head of Prevention and Engagement, British Embassy Bangkok



Thank you for PACTS' contributions to the 3rd Global Ministerial on road safety in Stockholm. The approach used by PACTS could serve as a model for other countries where politicians need targeted support from experts and NGOs.

Nhan Tran PhD, Safety and Mobility, World Health Organization

## Why you should be a member of PACTS

PACTS has over 100 member organisations which provide PACTS with a vital source of advice and technical collaboration. They come from the public, private and NGO sectors, forming a unique cross-section of UK transport safety interest. They include multi-national companies and SMEs, local authorities, emergency services, professional bodies, universities, transport user groups, victims organisations and more. Diversity of membership is our strength; no member or sector dominates.

Licence Bureau Ltd are extremely pleased to have joined PACTS. This not only keeps us up to date with current thinking and strategy of UK PLC but also allows us to impart our knowledge and facts. It allows us to meet and listen to extremely informative speakers and decision makers, ensuring that we maintain our own business as both forward thinking and relevant.

Malcolm Maycock, Director, Licence Bureau Ltd

We see membership as a partnership – a commitment to work together to deliver transport safety. PACTS members are encouraged to play an active role although there is no obligation.

#### **Benefits of PACTS membership**

The benefits of PACTS membership include:

- helping to make transport safer for all
- opportunities to develop and influence transport safety policy and input to research
- networking with a unique range of individuals and organisations across public and private sectors
- information on transport safety matters in government, parliament and generally, through PACTS events, briefings and reports
- commercial opportunities
- attendance at PACTS events conferences, members meetings, workshops, etc (accepted for CPD)
- access to expertise and research from different modes of relevance to all transport users and providers

Membership affords access to a specialist professional network of experts, access to topical and relevant discussions and the opportunity to collaborate on transport and mobility programmes that underpin tomorrow's economy and society.

Richard Cuerden, Director, TRL Academy



Chris Smith MD, Michelin Tyre PLC visiting PACTS office

We encourage members to use the PACTS logo to advertise their membership – so long as there is no implication of PACTS endorsement for organisations, products or services.

Members pay an annual membership fee, based on the nature of the organisation and its ability to pay. Current rates are shown on PACTS website.

Passion People Persistence Persuasion Policy



**Politics** Partnerships Practical Precision **Professional** 

The Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety is a key source for MPs and Peers. Organising informative meetings, producing briefings and being available to advise parliamentarians on all transport safety issues on a one-to-one basis means PACTS is the go-to body when needed. I would strongly recommend organisations to join the PACTS family.

Jim Fitzpatrick, MP (1997-2019) and Road Safety Minister

If you share our commitment to safe transport, join us!

> Barry Sheerman MP, President of PACTS



## **How to join PACTS**

If you would like more information about membership terms and how PACTS membership could benefit your organisation, please visit pacts.org.uk/about/ or contact

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