

Rotary Club of Donaghadee – Virtual Dog Show 2021

In May 2021 the Rotary Club of Donaghadee decided to launch a Virtual Dog Show as a fun way to engage with local dog owners and raise some money for the RNLI in Donaghadee.

Ann Couser and Sue Irwin from the Donaghadee RNLI Fundraising Team were asked to act as judges.

On Thursday 22 July the winning owners and their dogs were invited to receive certificates at a presentation event on Donaghadee Harbour.

Donaghadee Rotary Club President, Michael Mahood, made the presentations and afterwards presented a cheque for £180 to Evelyn Bennett, Chairman of Donaghadee RNLI Fundraising Team.



Michael Mahood, President Rotary Club of Donaghadee (left) with some of the prize winners, Rotary Club members and representatives of the Donaghadee RNLI Fundraising Team

The prize-winners were:

Best in Show - Elsa & Abby Bailie.

Cutest -1st Elsa & Abby Bailie, Bangor; 2nd Loki Menzies, Bangor.

Most Playful – 1st Bowie (Bowinator) Mahood, Donaghadee; 2nd Chester & Honey Meneely, Donaghadee.

Saddest – 1st Abby Bailie, Bangor; 2nd Honey Meneely, Donaghadee.

Me & My Friend – 1st Mollie & Rosie Fitzsimons, Ardkeen; 2nd Robyn Gillam, Donaghadee.

Winner of Best in Show - Elsa & Abby was given a £25 gift voucher for Jollyes Pet Store

Details and photographs of the winners and runners-up are available on the website www.donaghadee.virtualdogshow.org

Following the prizegiving all those attending were invited to see the progress in restoring the former Donaghadee RNLI lifeboat *Sir Samuel Kelly* when an update on the restoration was given by Alan Couser, Vice-Chairman of the Donaghadee Heritage Preservation Company and Station Chairman of Donaghadee RNLI.



Alan Couser giving an update on the Sir Samuel Kelly restoration