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My story.

Noel Sweeney.

- Father.
- Husband.
- Son.
- Brother.
- Grandfather.
- Uncle.
- Best friend.
- The rock of the family.
- A daughters everything.
- A grandchild's dream.
- A wife's happy ever after.



- A Community man.
- Care giver.
- Support system.
- Volunteer.
- An inspiration for the younger generation.
- He was Passionate about football and making sure kids could play freely.
- Every year he dressed up and made his way around the town visiting children and gifting toys.
- Selfless, generous and a joy to be around.







Co Tyrone football coach Noel Sweeney who died in road crash had 'biggest heart of gold'



Noel Sweeney from Coalisland

SUZANNE MCGONAGLE [social media icons]

20 December, 2019 01:00

A CO Tyrone father-of-two who died after a road crash was last night described as "a true gentleman with the biggest heart of gold".

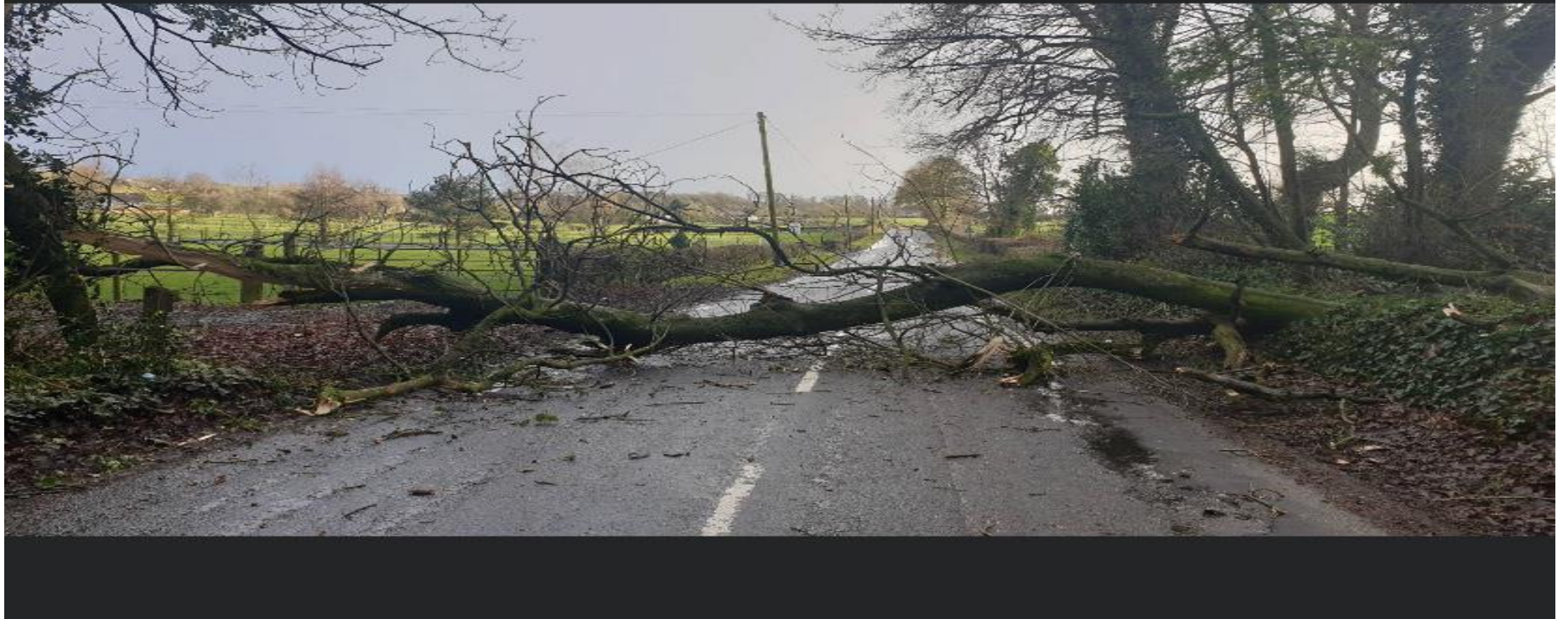
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18th DECEMBER 2019



14th January 2020, trewmount road, moy.



Original plan. (15th jan 2020)

- Research polices.
- Contact police.
- Contact roadsni.
- Get in touch with Nicola Mallon, head of infrastructure.
- Get local councillors on board.
- Start a petition.
- Contact all local papers.
- Get sharing on social media.
- Make sure everyone knows about and hears my story to ensure change on the roads of Northern Ireland.
- Ensure a new law is passed that enforces more responsibility and confirms more safety on the roadsides of Northern Ireland.
- DON'T STOP, NO MATTER WHAT!

What's been achieved so far.

- Petition with over 1000 signatures in two weeks.
- Support from local newspapers and radio stations.
- Support and encouragement from hundreds of people.
- Local Councillors and MLA's giving great backing.
- Two inspections on the Trewmount Road, Moy.
- Awareness when it comes to reporting roadside liabilities, people being aware of the dangers.
- Random people coming forward willing to help and tell their story.

Making the change, stronger together.

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BY MICHAEL McILRATH

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"In the end of day, we cannot control the weather, but we can do something about these trees. If they are not safe, then they will have to be cut down.

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The late Noel Swainey.



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DAILY MIRROR

I don't want another death due to tree rules

Daughter of tragic crash dad calls for law change

CLOSE BOND



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Driver escapes injury after tree falls on car in Belfast as Storm Erik batters Northern Ireland



The Milltown Road, Belfast is blocked in both directions near the junction with Belvoir Road following a tree having fallen on to a car. Picture By: Arthur Allison.

February 08 2019 02:43 PM

A driver had a narrow escape after a tree fell on a car in south Belfast.

The tree fell on the Milltown Road near Belvoir as Storm Erik brought gale force winds to Northern Ireland.



15:35

Connie Brown
4 hrs · 🌐

Be careful heading into Loughgall





Tree down, donaghmore/Caufil road, O'Neill's yard

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Northern Ireland

Woman injured after tree falls on car as gale-force winds batter Northern Ireland



Emergency services at the scene of a fallen tree in Comber.


September 12 2016 10:08 AM

A woman in her 30s had to be cut out of her car in Comber after a tree fell on the vehicle in high winds.

The tree crashed into the vehicle on the Belfast Road on Sunday sometime around 6.30pm.

13:07

19 February 19:03





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TREE AND HEDGE CUTTING NOTICE

NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS —

Do you own or occupy land adjacent to a public road or footway?

you know that you are responsible for lopping any tree or cutting back any hedge growing on your land which:

- endangers or obstructs the passage of vehicles, including high sided vehicles (lorries and buses), or pedestrians, especially pedestrians with a visual impairment;
- obstructs the view of drivers of vehicles;
- obstructs or interferes with the light from any public lamp; or
- obstructs the view of traffic signs or otherwise prejudices the safety or convenience of persons using the road?

Lopping or cutting back should be to such an extent as will remove the obstruction or remedy the matter. While no specific guidance is given in the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993, it is generally accepted that the **minimum clearance** should be 5.5m over a road and 2.4m over a footpath. Owners or occupiers are also responsible for the removal of any tree or hedge which is dead, damaged, diseased or insecurely rooted and by reason of its condition is likely to cause danger to persons using the road or footway.

If you are carrying out this work:

quickly clear all hedge and tree cuttings from public roads and footways to ensure that all users of the road are not inconvenienced or endangered; and ensure that any such works on a public road or footway are signed and secured in accordance with the Code of Practice for Safety at Street Works and Road Works or, in the case of works on a dual carriageway with hard shoulders, signed and secured in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

If possible, **roadside hedge cutting should be undertaken from early February to early March.** Hedge cutting outside of this period should only be undertaken in the interest of public safety. Many minor roads are bordered by hedges providing safe havens for small mammals and nesting birds and owners and occupiers should be aware that under the provisions of Article 4 of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 it is an offence, with certain exceptions, to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while the nest is in use or being built, or to disturb any wild bird whilst it is in or near a nest containing eggs or young. So, avoid the bird nesting season from early March until late August and exercise vigilance at all other times outside of what would be considered the main nesting period. It is also not advisable to cut during Autumn and early Winter as this removes berries and fruit, an important source of food for birds and wildlife over Winter and it is advisable not to cut during periods of hard frost. Care should also be taken not to damage saplings in hedgerows.

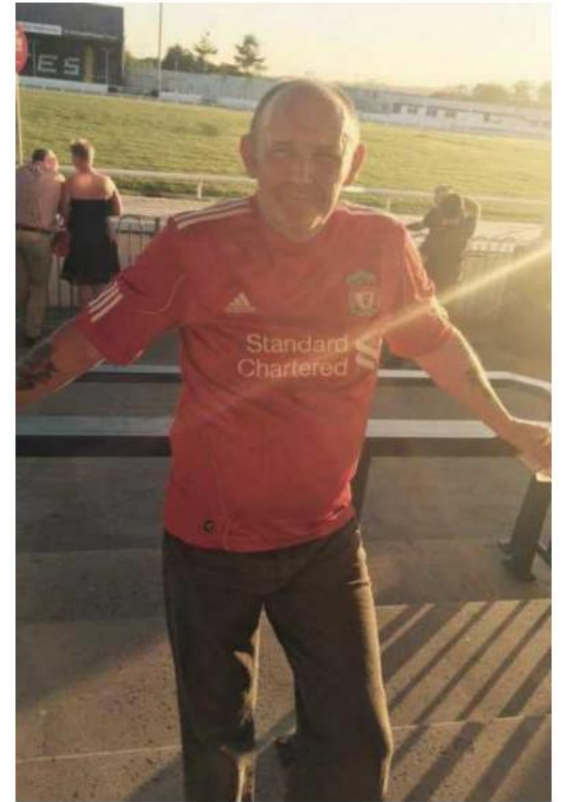
The Department also wishes to remind owners and occupiers that under the provisions of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 the Department may serve a notice on such an owner or occupier requiring him to remove or trim hedges or trees causing obstruction and in the event of failure to comply with the notice the Department may execute such works as are necessary and may recover the cost from the person on whom the notice was served.

The Department invites the co-operation of owners and occupiers in ensuring that wayside trees and hedges are not allowed to become an obstruction to the safe passage of

vehicles and pedestrians and that, in so doing, any necessary remedial work is carried out at the appropriate time of the year.

- Stricter rules and penalties around landlords responsibilities when it comes to maintenance on their land at roadsides.
- More Authority given to DOIF and roads NI when it comes to removing life threatening roadside objects or things on private land.
- Quicker response and removal times.

Who will take
responsibility, if we don't!



Let's push this change, we're stronger together!



- YOU NEED IT!
- WE NEED IT!
- THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND NEED IT!

YOUR SAFETY HAS NOW BECOME MY MISSION, LETS MAKE IT OUR MISSION!

MY FAMILY.

YOUR FAMILY.

EVERYONE.

**WE DESERVE SAFETY AND THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE
WILL ALL GET HOME TO OUR FAMILIES SAFELY.**

THANK YOU.

Remembering Noel Sweeney.