Shankill Mirror

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Rathfriland based Victims Support Group, South Down Action for Healing Wounds, SDAHW, are helping to distribute the Special Ulster Edition of the Shankill Mirror, which was launched in Larne on Monday 29th August.

The free publication produced by the Shankill Mirror, has been printed in response to the British Government's current and continuing policy of appeasement to Sinn Fein/IRA. It contains many horrific stories of the brutality and suffering that the people of Northern Ireland have been subjected to over the past years.

Speaking to the Outlook this week, a spokesperson for SDAHW said that the group had made a contribution to the paper and would be responsible for distributing copies of the publication to homes throughout the district. They went on to say, "over the past number of weeks, the families of victims and the wider Protestant community are sickened by the British Government's policy of continuing to appease every demand placed by Sinn Fein." They went on to say, "the purpose of the publication is to highlight the sacrifices made by many people throughout Northern Ireland during the course of the troubles and to remind the wider public of the price that was paid by many families over the years."

Whilst speaking to the Outlook, the spokesperson also mentioned that the group had written to both Prime Minister Tony Blair and the Secretary of State, Peter Hain, expressing their disgust at the rerelease of the Shankill bomber Sean Kelly, the demilitarisation of the watch towers along the border and the disbandment of the home battalions of the Royal Irish Regiment. The spokesperson said, "we will continue to place the concerns of the families of victims before those of influence."

South Down Action for Healing Wounds is aiming to deliver to as many homes in the district as possible. If perhaps you have not received your free copy yet, you can obtain it by contacting the group's offices in Downpatrick Street or reserve your copy by calling 4063 1259.