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Lisa's family in a display of solidarity

By Clare Weir

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The family of murdered Bangor woman Lisa Dorrian said today that more could be done by police to help locate missing man Martin Kelly.

Lisa vanished almost a year ago, and in a show of solidarity her sisters Michelle and Joanne, dad John and ex-boyfriend Jamie Mills were among the 300-strong crowd yesterday who searched for Mr Kelly.

North Down MP Lady Sylvia Hermon was also among those who turned up at the vigil.

Joanne Dorrian today joined the chorus of calls for more police searches to be undertaken in a bid to find Martin.

"We know exactly what the Kelly family are going through," she said.

"We know what it is like to not have an answer.

"It is almost a year on for us and it gets no easier, but you never stop hoping.

"I know they will keep fighting until they find him - it keeps you going.

"I think that we got a lot more help than they seem to be getting and I hope that changes soon because it can't be easy for them."

Martin's mother Karen also said she felt that there had not been an appropriate "level of compassion" shown towards her family by the PSNI since Martin's disappearance.

However a police spokesman said that land and air searches have taken place, as well as one police dive.

He added that police boats have been on the water in recent days and on Thursday, water was drained by the Harbour Master.

"We have kept in contact with the family and we have been open, honest and, very importantly, realistic while dealing with this extremely difficult and tragic situation," he said.

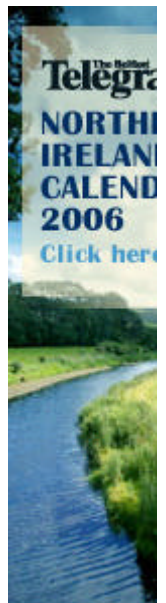
"We will continue to search but it is important that we carry out searches where we have a realistic hope of finding him."

Meanwhile Martin's best pal Joe McCormick has revealed plans to set up a website to attract new information about Martin.

A website was recently launched in a bid to raise awareness about Lisa Dorrian's disappearance and killing, sparking millions of internet "hits".

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