



DERBYSHIRE BLOOD BIKES

Trustees Annual Report

Year ending 31 March 2025

The Trustees of Derbyshire Blood Bikes present their annual report and financial summary for the year ending 31st March 2025, complying with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, Charity Commission Guidance, including on 'public benefit', and the Charity's Constitution. Our income levels require that the accounts are independently examined. The 2023/24 accounts were independently checked with no issues to report.

OUR CHARITY AIM - Assist the medical services to treat patients and save the NHS money

KEY CHARITY OBJECTIVES

- To provide a free medical courier service for the local NHS in Derbyshire

- To operate an efficient, effective and sustainable charity

By providing an effective and efficient urgent medical courier service, our local NHS can avoid the use of any private courier or taxi service when a need cannot be met by the NHS courier service.

Our operating objectives remain to maintain a sustainable service to the NHS; ensure the charity has a sound financial base for operating; seek capital funding to maintain a modern reliable fleet to meet future demands; and grow the volunteer base of riders, fundraisers and administrators.

Our vision: **'To be the urgent courier of choice for the NHS'**

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2024 saw our service continue to receive levels of demand that remains over twice the levels we operated at prior to the 2020 covid-pandemic with 7,790 service requests, moving over 114,000 medical items during this reporting period.

New services introduced last year have been planned into our deliveries with associated re-evaluation of resources now embedded into our volunteering capacity.

The categories of consignments carried remain very similar, with 40% being diagnostic samples to or from pathology or blood transfusion departments, with slightly less involving medication deliveries to patients at home or in care settings, being patients recently discharged from hospital. We supported all 14 hospitals across Derbyshire, delivering to 56 locations across Derbyshire and elsewhere, including Leeds, London, Bristol, Manchester and Liverpool, with almost daily visits to Birmingham and Sheffield.

The charity's vehicle fleet travelled in excess of 277,000 miles and with the increased commercial courier costs, it is estimated that our service saved the NHS over £440,000.

OUR FINANCES

Despite the challenges outlined, the year has again been 'exceptional', with total income of £156,165 from all sources. The year saw a programme of over 100 days of fundraising activity which provided a degree of sustainability for our finances. Our revenue expenditure, net of VAT, was £86,747, reflecting the impact of new services.

Capital Project Funding and Assets – A number of substantial donations supported the vehicle replacement program, which delivered 4 new motorcycles and 2 new cars funded, thanks to donations from Next plc, The Grace Trust, S C Johnson, Branton Golf Captains, The Mercer Family Trust (Staffordshire), The National Lottery and Mark Mason Benevolent Fund.

Revenue Expenditure – The Charity continues to invest to support operations, Three Rings Rota Management System, WebEx telephony and RAM Tracking enhances the service and improves safety. We have also introduced an online application for Fleet Management improving efficiency and eliminating some paper records.

VOLUNTEER GROUP

Volunteer numbers have grown over this period with 124 volunteers, up from 103 at the start of this period. 90.4% have been active during this period, with 63% volunteering regularly (twice each month), given this is voluntary, it is remarkable. Those volunteers contributed 2,900 rostered shifts and 32,000 hours of their time to deliver our service.

We do have ‘retention challenges’ as volunteers often underestimate the personal demands and commitment needed. We offer bespoke volunteering options for volunteers struggling with time constraints, however, much volunteering is booked well in advance by volunteers making regular commitments.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity took the decision to separate the strategic and day-to-day management functions early in 2024. A Trustee Group was appointed in line with a new Deed of Trust and this group has reviewed a range of strategic policy areas affecting the health, safety and welfare of volunteers and safeguarding those who come into contact with our service, along with a broader range of risk management matters. These risks are identified, assessed and controls established throughout the year.

Risk is managed under the categories:

- financial sustainability
- volunteer safety and welfare
- reputation

Financial Sustainability - We consider holding a financial reserve of around 12 months revenue requirement as a reasonable contingency, protecting the charity and the service against unforeseen financial impacts. Fleet additions are always commensurate with capital funding made available through grants or ‘reserved donations’. A comprehensive fleet plan identifies mileage accrual,

service intervals and repair costs, which help identify the ‘sweet spot’ for replacing vehicles.

The Charity remains well-placed to meet current demand from our NHS, despite the persistently high fuel costs. All costs, including insurances, have increased and have seen total operational outlay at almost £xxxxx, and this continues to be a concern as the general economic outlook is poor so this will be a key challenge for the charity.

Volunteer Safety and Welfare Risk - Our primary risk is the operational use of motorcycles. To mitigate this we only engage experienced motorcyclists with an advanced award from an accredited organisation. Pre-engagement and two-yearly check rides help to maintain the standards they have achieved. The use of motorcycles in the winter period is restricted during hazardous weather conditions. Car drivers are seen to present a much lower risk though all drivers have an assessment of their driving skills.

Reputational Risks - There have been no Critical Incidents during this period.

The Trustee Group

Chair – Mike Grimmer
Secretary – Andrew Statham
Treasurer – Sue Vallis
Graham Worley
Mark Vallis
Penny van Berkel
Paul Smith
Dave Harvey

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Aviva Insurance (Fleet)

Registered Charity No. 1143149



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Derbyshire Blood Bikes

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01 04 2024

To

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	156,166	-	-	156,166	-
Refunds Road tax	496	-	-	496	-
VAT Reclaim	16,710	-	-	16,710	-
Insurance Claim	1,426	-	-	1,426	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	£186,982	-	-	186,982	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of Vehicles x5	12,184	-	-	12,184	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-		-
Total receipts	174,798	-	-	174,798	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Vehicles	104,384	-	-	104,384	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	104,384	-	-	104,384	-
Total payments	104,384	-	-	104,384	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	70,414	-	-	70,414	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	70,369	-	-	70,369	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	70,369	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

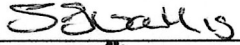

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Cars x6		-	91,000
	Motorbikes x12		-	74,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	S. VALLIS	27/4/25
	M. VALLIS	27/4/25

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

DERBYSHIRE GOOD BIKES

On accounts for the year ended

31ST MARCH 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1143149

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Diane Worley

Date:

27 / 4 / 25

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ACHA, GCMA

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.