

**The Bike Experience**  
**Report and Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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## **Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

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## **The Bike Experience**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

#### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity Number : 1145547

Principal Address : Orchard Gate  
Emery Down  
Lyndhurst  
SO43 7EA

Independent Examiners : Fuller Spurling  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Mill House  
58 Guildford Street  
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Surrey KT16 9BE

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees serving during the period and since the period end were as follows:

H Tomlinson  
R O'Neill  
R Docker

## **The Bike Experience**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### Governing Document

The charity is constituted as a Trust and its governing document is its Trust Deed dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

##### Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are selected and invited to join the Board of Trustees by existing Trustees and the appointment of Trustees is vested with the Trustees.

#### **Objectives and Main Activities in Relation to the Objectives and the Public Benefit**

The objectives of the charity are:

TO PROMOTE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF DISABLED PEOPLE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXCLUDED BY ENABLING THEM TO ENJOY THE PLEASURES AND BENEFITS OF RIDING A MOTORCYCLE BY THE PROVISION OF ADAPTED AND MODIFIED MOTORCYCLES AND ADVICE IN A CLOSED ROAD ENVIRONMENT.

Core values of the charity are:

**FREEDOM** – Giving back the feelings of independence through riding a motorcycle, thereby empowering individuals with the right of choice and equality, so that they can experience the passion and emotions that riding brings.

**ACHIEVEMENT** – Showing people that you can achieve great things when you believe you can, that you have a huge resource of power, courage and bravery inside you, to make the impossible into the possible and improve self-confidence.

**EVOLUTION** - Bringing together able-bodied and disabled people so that the established boundaries are broken down and myths of disability are deconstructed on both sides, allowing everyone to ride together, side by side.

All activities are provided without cost to the individual wishing to participate in The Bike Experience programmed of instruction.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the Charity's aim and objectives in planning future activity.



## **The Bike Experience review 2023**

The Bike Experience restarted its instructional events in 2023 after an absence due to the Covid-19 Global Pandemic.

### **Summary report**

The charity has been able to operate a reduced calendar due to the fundraising efforts of the Complete Fundraising company. There were seven instructional events and two fundraising events attended by the charity. Six instructional events took place at Silverstone on the Old Copse Runway, one instructional event at RAF ODIHAM, the fundraising events were at Prescott Bike Festival and Parallel Windsor.

Due to a break in operating, the instructional events ran with limited volunteers and riders. Each event would have three new riders and up to three returning riders. The returning riders would need to provide their own equipment and helpers. For those who had not attended for more than four years they were counted as a new rider.

One Aprilia Mana motorcycle was scrapped due to the deteriorating standard and the cost of getting it back into an operating state.

Looking ahead to 2024: We hope to run eight instructional events and increase that number if Complete Fundraising is able to increase the funds of the charity. RAF ODIHAM have ceased operating due to the fatality they experienced at their ARD in September 2023.

### **Full Report**

In 2023 The Bike Experience has been busy preparing bikes, instructing riders and demonstrating to crowds. The initial stage was the preparation of bikes and equipment, as well as finding a suitable venue that was also affordable. After much discussions it was decided to accept the offer from Silverstone to run the instructional events at the Old Copse Runway. The costs were more than previous years but over £1,000 cheaper (per event) than at either Bicester Heritage or Donington.

The next problem was finding Public Liability Insurance. Over the years the charity has been in operation there has never been an accident involving any member of the public observing or taking part in the charity. However, we are required to have PLI and so tried to find affordable cover. Eventually we were able to source the cover for £6,720, which was a huge increase from £4,000 in 2019, but not as bad as some companies that were quoting £12,000.

The bikes were serviced, repaired and prepared for the coming season. The leathers and riding equipment was all checked and the large trailer also serviced. The final preparation was the organising of the volunteers needed to run each event. We had planned three 'new riders' and a maximum of three 'returning riders'. New riders are those who have never been, returning are those who have been to a TBE before, but do not get the opportunity to ride anywhere else. For example, one returning rider can only ride with TBE as he has a brain injury and is not allowed to ride on the road or on any race track. We provide the only place for him to enjoy the freedom of two wheels. In order to support the riders we need a team of twelve volunteers. There are three instructors, and nine 'launch crew'.



## The Bike Experience review 2023

### MAY

In May we had a pair of back-to-back instructional events, both of which were fully booked for new riders and each had two returning riders. The days were blessed with sunshine and everyone turned up excited and nervous to get on two wheels.

The volunteers arrive at 8am in order to prepare the site, get the bikes out, lay out the coned course, conduct safety briefing and plan the day ahead. The riders then begin to arrive at 9.30am and get signed on, into riding equipment and ready to begin the day at 10.30am.

Throughout the day the riders developed from a basic 'straight line' launch and catch, to steering input and figure 8s. Once ready they move to larger coned circuit and are led by instructors around the course, whilst being observed by the main riding instructor of the day. The final stage is to allow the rider to circulate by themselves and re-discover the amazing feeling of freedom and enjoyment.

The six new riders all progressed to the final stage of the TBE instructional event. Each one felt a huge sense of achievement and of self-belief. The friends and family of the riders saw the joy on their faces and witnessed a new light shining in the eyes of the riders. There were five paralysed riders, one leg amputee, one brain injury and two stroke victims.

### JULY

The third and fourth TBE instructional events took place on the 25th and 26th July. We were back at Silverstone and enjoyed another 'dry weather' window. The temperatures were not as high as before, so riders were not quite so baked in their leathers.

Over the course of the two days we had eight riders attend. It was a mixture of impairments: MS, Paraplegic, Amputee, TBI, Reduced mobility. No matter the impairment, each rider made progress throughout the day, and everyone was enjoying solo riding around the TBE course by the end of the session.

The second of the two days saw TBE visited by two representatives from the Mark Master Masons. It was the Mark Master Masons that generously donated the funds that enabled the charity to buy the Land Rover which tows the TBE trailer. Without the donation we would not be able to transport any of the equipment, so we are extremely grateful to them.

### SEPTEMBER

There were three events in September, two at Silverstone and one at RAF Odiham. Once again we were extremely lucky with the weather and enjoyed three more days of sunshine.

At Silverstone we hosted ten riders over two days and at RAF Odiham we had four riders. At both events it was a 50/50 mix of riders who were there for the first time and riders who had been before (although be it for some, about nine years ago).

Due to peoples experience and function, there was a spread of ability in the riding. However all managed to circulate the coned area on their own by the end of the days instruction. This gave them a huge boost in confidence and self-belief, which was readily apparent by the animated conversations happening at the end of the day.

## **The Bike Experience review 2023**

Odiham began really well, but unfortunately due to an incident on the airfield which was totally separate to what the charity was doing, the day came to end at lunchtime rather than in the afternoon. The riders had quickly progressed on that day, so all had experienced independent riding of the circuit laid out.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

The volunteers did a fantastic job supporting and instructing the riders, without them the days would not have happened. This year there was a plan to have the same volunteers come for all the events, and the charity managed to get four volunteers (in addition to Talan and Dan) attend every instructional event, with a further four getting to at least five of the seven events. This meant the level of attention to detail and competence of volunteers remained extremely high. Most are already saying they will commit to next year's events as well.

### **DEMONSTRATION EVENTS**

TBE was present at two events where we were able to engage with a larger audience. There was a riding demonstration at the Prescott Bike Festival (25th June) then a static display at Parallel Windsor (2nd July). The Prescott Bike Festival allowed Talan the opportunity to run the famous Prescott Hill Climb, which is the home of the Bugatti Club. Although just put on for one day, there was a large crowd and many cheered on as the charity founder launched from the start line to climb the hill. As well as demonstrating, there was a lunchtime interview with Steve Parrish, which allowed Talan to explain the adaptations to the bike and how the charity operates. Parallel Windsor was a static display and the team (led by Dan) was able to explain the charity and hand out information leaflets. Within days a number of people had already called to book onto the instructional events.

### **2023 NUMBERS**

Riders - 32 places taken up (Impairments - Paraplegia, Tetraplegia, Leg Amputee, Arm Amputee, Brachial Plexus, Stroke, MS, CP, Spina Bifida, PTSD, Nerve Damage)

Instructor and Volunteer - 60 places filled in support of riders (Fully diverse group)

Family and Friends - 80 attended with the riders

### **TBE in Numbers**

#### **TBE Stats 2014**

Total 39 different riders. (58 places due to repeats)

#### **TBE Stats 2015**

Total 54 different riders (88 places due to repeats)

#### **TBE Stats 2016**

Total 50 different riders (77 places due to repeats)

#### **TBE Stats 2017**

Total 35 different riders (55 places due to repeats)

#### **TBE Stats 2018**

Total 37 different riders (60 places due to repeats)



## The Bike Experience review 2023

### TBE Stats 2019

Total 45 different riders (72 places due to repeats)

### TBE Stats 2020

Total 0 different riders (0 places due to repeats)

### TBE Stats 2021

Total 0 different riders (0 places due to repeats)

### TBE Stats 2022

Total 0 different riders (0 places due to repeats)

### TBE Stats 2023

Total 24 different riders (32 places due to repeats)

Total number of clients of TBE since 2011 = 425

### TBE Motorcycles

1x Honda Varadero 125cc (learner bike)

1x Aprilia Mana 850cc

### TBE Equipment

1x Box Trailer, braked (14x6)

3x Rear Paddock Stands

12x. Held Protection rider equipment (Boots, Gloves, Two piece leathers)

1x Land Rover Discovery HSE

## **Financial Review**

### Reserves Policy

In view of the limited income of the Trust, the Trustees keep reviewed the policy regarding the appropriate income reserves to meet the needs of the Charity. In the current circumstances of limited income flow, the Trustees approve available cash should be utilized to support its charitable aims and that cash reserves should be maintained at a minimal level to meet immediate foreseeable expenses. If income flow increases, then the reserve policy will be reviewed.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



T S Skeels-Piggins  
Founder of The Bike Experience

Date 22/10/24



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE BIKE EXPERIENCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

I report on the Accounts of The Bike Experience for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mark T C Harvey FCA  
Fuller Spurling  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors  
Mill House  
58 Guildford Street  
Chertsey  
Surrey KT16 9BE

Date 23/10/2024

# The Bike Experience

## Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

|  | Unrestricted Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                            |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Grants                                     | 39,199                          | -                             | 39,199                   | 18,860                   |
| Voluntary income                           |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| - Donations and legacies                   | 14,131                          | -                             | 14,131                   | 5,251                    |
| Receipts from sale of fixed assets         | -                               | -                             | -                        | 1,000                    |
|  |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                      | <b>53,330</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      | <b>53,330</b>            | <b>25,111</b>            |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>                            |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Charitable Activities (see note 1)         | 45,383                          | -                             | 45,383                   | 12,486                   |
| Governance Costs (see note 2)              | 1,040                           | -                             | 1,040                    | 1,031                    |
|  |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                      | <b>46,423</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      | <b>46,423</b>            | <b>13,517</b>            |
|  |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| <b>NET RECEIPTS /(PAYMENT) IN THE YEAR</b> | <b>6,907</b>                    | <b>-</b>                      | <b>6,907</b>             | <b>11,594</b>            |

Notes

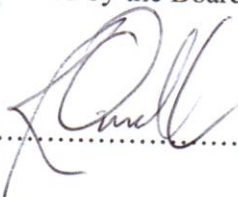
- The notes on page 10 form part of this statement.

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

|   | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                                 |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Bikes & Other Equipment<br>At Cost or donated value | <u>33,978</u>                      | <u>2,754</u>                     | <u>36,732</u>               | <u>18,637</u>               |
| <b>CASH FUNDS</b>                                   |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Cash at Bank  | <u>11,079</u>                      | <u>-</u>                         | <u>11,079</u>               | <u>22,266</u>               |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                  |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Loans   | <u>4,850</u>                       | <u>-</u>                         | <u>4,850</u>                | <u>4,850</u>                |

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 22/10/24 and signed on its behalf by

  
..... R O'Neill, Trustee



## The Bike Experience

### Notes to the Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

|  | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1. Charitable Activities Payments</b> |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Bike instructor costs                    | 7,765                              | -                                | 7,765                       | -                           |
| Bike repairs and maintenance             | 4,460                              | -                                | 4,460                       | 600                         |
| Fuel and other costs                     | 2,625                              | -                                | 2,625                       | 143                         |
| Event promotions, advertising, and PR    | 13,318                             | -                                | 13,318                      | 3,117                       |
| Insurance                                | 8,361                              | -                                | 8,361                       | -                           |
| Workshop Rent and Rates                  | 8,465                              | -                                | 8,465                       | 8,403                       |
| Web hosting fees                         | 389                                | -                                | 389                         | 223                         |
|  | <hr/> 45,383                       | <hr/> -                          | <hr/> 45,383                | <hr/> 12,486                |
| <b>2. Governance costs</b>               |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Accountancy fees                         | 720                                | -                                | 720                         | 720                         |
| Bank charges                             | 104                                | -                                | 104                         | 95                          |
| "Just Giving" Administrative Fees        | 216                                | -                                | 216                         | 216                         |
|  | <hr/> 1,040                        | <hr/> -                          | <hr/> 1,040                 | <hr/> 1,031                 |
| <b>3. Restricted Funds</b>               |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |

*Restricted funds of £2,754 relate to the "New Rider Project". A smaller engine capacity motorbike was purchased in May 2014 for £2,000 and a donation of £2,000 was received in July 2014. In November 2014 the motorbike was converted for disabled peoples use at a cost of £960, this was paid for via the restricted fund brought forward with the balancing amount of £206 being taken from the unrestricted fund. The total value of £2,960 is included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities under Bikes and Other Equipment.*

*There are no restricted cash funds remaining at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, but the total value of restricted cash of £2,754 spent on bikes is shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as restricted assets.*