

# Chairman's Report on behalf of our Trustees

This report will be my last as Chairman of this fabulous charity, having taken the decision to step down.

It follows several other roles within the group lasting over 8 years, and I have to say it has been an enormous privilege to serve alongside a wealth of enormously talented and committed individuals during this time.

It would certainly be remiss of me not to say, to all of you, that this charity finds itself so highly thought of – and in such great shape – because of your hard work and determination.

A key feature in being able to make such a decision was the knowledge that the Committee members agreeing to move this group forward – and their plans for further development – gave me such great confidence that handing over the reins, as it were, was entirely the right choice and the right time.

In reviewing the previous year, it is clear that our services continue to be highly valued by our NHS partners. Their comments to our members at the end of 2021 were full of glowing praise, not just for what we do, but also for the way we do it. Statements such as “a vital cog”, “invaluable partner”, “keeping our patients safe” and “a valuable resource for the community” were just some of the many we received, alongside comments specifically about our volunteers, such as “always have a smile on your faces”, “friendly & reliable” and “nothing is too much trouble”.

Having experienced a massive upturn in requests for help during the height of the pandemic, it was almost inevitable that our workload would fall back a little from those highs, but the reality is that we also retained some extra duties along the way, and our data suggest we are still operating at nearly 3x the levels of 2 years ago.

Having previously missed out on the opportunity to work alongside the Air Ambulance, we were delighted to finally get the chance in 2021. This followed a proposal to expand operations at the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, to include the provision of Plasma alongside the existing “blood on board” scheme.

In conjunction with our partners at Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bikes (LEBBS), we began daily runs to the new, purpose-built air-base opposite RAF Waddington on the outskirts of Lincolnshire. This work ensures that Blood stocks and now Plasma are restocked every day, 365 days a year, and nothing ever goes to waste – with the previous day's plasma product returned to the Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham (a major trauma centre).

Our fleet expansion and replacement program continued to forge ahead, ensuring that we have the right equipment available to our volunteers to help them do the work required of us. A continued and developing relationship with Inchcape Toyota and Vertu Honda for our fleet cars and bikes is a great bonus, and I wanted to give a special mention to both of those for supporting us along the way – alongside the highly valued support of our maintenance partners, Lindley's Autocentres and Chris Davies Motorcycles, for their lengthy support and help in keeping our vehicles on the road - sometimes for a fair while longer than we may have initially planned!

Lastly, but most certainly not least, I want to thank each and every member, supporter, fund-raiser and sponsor who has contributed to our amazing success across the last year. I hope you are, like me, rightly proud to be associated with Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes, whose impact on the health services across our county is unrivalled.

**John Devlin**  
**Chairman**

*On behalf of Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes Trustees*



# Statement of Income and Expenses to 30th September 2021

INCOME	2021	2020	Variance	%
ARNOLD CLARK AUTOM	£1,000.00			
THOMAS FARR	£3,000.00			
PAYPAL GIVING	£2,877.29			
THE GOLDEN GIVING	£2,686.49			
THE MORRISONS FOUNDATION	£10,000.00			
ROTARY CLUB NEWARK	£500.00			
NUH MICROBIOLOGY	£832.00			
CHARITABLE GIVING AMAZON GRANT	£500.00			
OTHER DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING	£15,132.71			
<b>Total Donations and Fundraising</b>	<b>£36,528.49</b>	<b>£70,258.83</b>	<b>£33,730.34</b>	<b>-48%</b>
<i>Other income</i>				
Clothing	£194.00	£527.18		
Interest	£6.08	£44.10		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£36,728.57</b>	<b>£70,830.11</b>	<b>£34,101.54</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Maintenance	£25,231.75	£21,074.93	£4,156.82	20%
Fuel	£21,886.70	£17,508.50	£4,378.20	25%
Insurance	£8,313.53	£7,422.86	£890.67	12%
Admin	£1,851.67	£1,076.29	£775.38	72%
Clothing	£574.74	£920.44	£345.70	-38%
Membership	£402.29	£235.32	£166.97	71%
<i>Fleet</i>				
Vertu Motorcycles	£8,800.00			
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TOYOTA GB PLC	£29,916.35			
Part Exchange	(£23,100.00)			
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PVL	£2,808.00			
RR SIGNS & PRINT	£226.00			
SERV KENT	£108.84			
DIGITAL DEADLINE	£59.53			
Insurance Claim - Insurance write off in 2020	(£15,800.71)			
	£23,884.36	£79,847.86	£55,963.50	-70%
VAT Reclaim (prior year)	(£12,605.28)	(£16,157.51)		
Gift Aid	(£5,650.50)			
Total Expenses	£63,889.26	£111,928.69	£48,039.43	-43%
<b>Net Expenses</b>	<b>(£27,160.69)</b>	<b>(£41,098.58)</b>	<b>£13,937.89</b>	<b>-34%</b>
Balance b/f	£70,853.07	£111,951.65		
<b>Balance as at 30th Sept</b>	<b>£43,692.38</b>	<b>£70,853.07</b>		
Current Account	£5,753.55	£6,273.05		
Deposit Account	£37,938.83	£64,580.02		
<b>Total c/f</b>	<b>£43,692.38</b>	<b>£70,853.07</b>		

## Audit Certificate

I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts of the Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes and can confirm that in my opinion, the figures accurately reflect the financial position as at 30th September 2021.

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