



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	Jan	2023		31	Dec	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Shropshire Staffordshire Cheshire Blood Bikes

Other names charity is known by SSCBB

Registered charity number (if any) 1156212

Charity's principal address Watling Chambers, West Suite
214 Watling Street,
Cannock
Staffordshire
Postcode WS11 0BD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jeremy Cartwright	Chairman		
2	Lynne Stone	Vice Chairman		
3	Peter Allman	Secretary		
4	Karen Wollaston	Treasurer		
5	Brian Mackie	Treasurer	Started 03/11/23	Trustee appointed
6	Phil Sutton			
7	Nigel Howells			
8	Mike Shewan		Stepped down 02/11/23	
9	Pamela Hillier			
10	Steve Hunter			
11	Ian Bentley		Stepped down 13/02/23	
12	Colin Cummins-White		Started 12/04/23	Trustee appointed
13	Kath Brookes			
14	Francis Crozier			
15	Rob Williams			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution adopted 22 Jan 2014 (and as amended)
How the charity is constituted	Trust
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are elected or re-elected by the members of the charity attending the Annual General Meeting (AGM), or can be appointed by existing Trustees (with member ratification at following AGM)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees Induction and Training

Prospective Trustees are given papers that include guidance on trusteeship and the verification checks that the Charity will undertake. All Trustees are required to declare that they are eligible under Charity Commission guidelines and can pass the HMRC fit and proper person's test. Trustees operate collectively and support each other. Training is made available through external organisations if required.

Organisation

Governance

SSCBB is led by the Board of Trustees who ensure that the charity delivers its aims. The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for governing the charity's strategies, policies, management, finances and monitoring its performance. Trustees meet as required, normally every 2 months, to discuss matters of strategy, policy and procedure.

Management and Running of the Charity

Management of the charity operations is by functional teams of trained volunteers with an individual trustee providing oversight. Teams are non-hierarchical but have ultimate accountability to the Board of trustees. Many volunteers are involved in teams, (often in more than one team), teamwork is very much part of the fabric of SSCBB and absolutely key to ongoing success.

All members are volunteers and give their time freely receiving no remuneration or other benefit from the charity.

Operational meetings, to which all members are invited, are held normally monthly and are led by Area Leaders across the three counties of Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire.

To support growth and operational complexity, SSCBB continues to review and develop systems and processes.

Related Parties

SSCBB is a member of the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes and works alongside neighbouring blood bike groups to provide transportation of urgently needed blood, drugs, human tissue, donor breast milk and any other urgent medical supplies to NHS hospitals & related organisations primarily across the counties of Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire. Blood bike groups across the UK co-operate, via relays, to undertake especially long-distance movements.

Services are set up locally with relevant hospital trusts or related organisations and documented through Service Level Agreements (SLA). Regular reviews are held with NHS management to ensure services are maintained within the SLA and amendments or new services are formally agreed.

SSCBB are privileged to have the continuing support and patronage of Anna Turner JP, Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire and Ian Dudson CBE KStJ, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire.

Risk Management Considerations

The amount and type of risk that the charity is willing to take to meet its objectives is determined and monitored by the Trustees.

Trustees take a risk-based approach to underpin decision-making about the kind of opportunities taken by the charity as well as how it operates and interacts with the public.

The charity has a formal safeguarding policy and code of conduct which describe the way we protect people from harm and how members of the charity are expected to behave.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Our Objective as set out in the Constitution is:

"To relieve sickness and to preserve the health of the patients primarily, but not exclusively, in the Shropshire and Staffordshire area, by providing free transport services of urgently required blood products, human samples, breast milk, patient notes and medical equipment, not normally provided by the statutory authorities or NHS Trusts, that would normally be paid for by the said Trusts, allowing essential funds to be diverted back into patient care."

In essence SSCBB provides a free of charge responsive, flexible & secure urgent transport service to the NHS and related organisations, using a 100% voluntary team.

In some cases, the flexibility and zero charge of the service has facilitated treatments that may otherwise not have been made available and in this way the charity adds incremental value to the NHS and directly benefits local communities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees have due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

In 2023 over 6,000 free of charge deliveries were made by our volunteer riders and controllers from & to the many hospitals and clinics we serve across the three counties. These were accomplished using the charity fleet of 17 specially adapted motorcycles entailing over 300,000 miles being travelled saving the NHS a substantial sum in urgent transport costs.

Talks, events, and collections took place throughout the year with the objective of securing donations, raising awareness of our activities and encouraging new membership.

Successful fundraising has enabled SSCBB to not only maintain our 365-day, 24-hour service across the 3 counties, but also to continue planned bike replacement, invest in systems and training and maintain a reserve of funds ensuring that the charity and its service is resilient and has future stability.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

At the AGM, members approved the creation of a "Friends" group: this allows an entry point for potential future members and a home for members who are unable to remain actively involved but wish to remain associated with the charity. Friends have restricted access to charity systems and assets have no vote at an AGM.

Our volunteer base fluctuates through the year, ending the year with over 300 Members. Many members have trained in multiple roles (Rider, Controller, Speaker, Fundraiser etc) which serves to strengthen and support our flat operational structure.

Section D	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In 2023 SSCBB took over 6600 calls from our hospitals for free of charge deliveries bringing our total to almost 43,500 since the charity formed in 2014. The charity's 17 bikes travelled over 300,000 miles during the year.

Fundraising remained strong and the charity was able to retain a healthy reserve to ensure continued service and future investment. We are especially grateful to loyal supporters who continued to contribute in 2023 and to all new donors who have been inspired by the service we provide.

Fleet maintenance was kept to a high standard and bikes were replaced with new ones on a regular basis to keep the fleet current.

The continued dedication and excellent teamwork of our volunteers ensured our 24-hour cover remained, as well as all the vital background services, and we continued to put a high level of effort into maintaining engagement with customers and supporters.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

SSCBB plans to hold funds in reserve to cover a minimum of 18 months of operational and replacement capital cost. The Charity also recognises there exist several potential opportunities to expand services or systems further and holds additional contingency reserve to cover this.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:



- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jeremy Cartwright	Peter Allman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	17th March 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Shropshire Staffordshire Cheshire Blood Bikes

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st January 2023

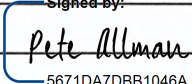
To

Period end date
31st December 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	380	-	-	380	100
Merchandise Sales	8,712	-	-	8,712	1,928
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	190
Donations & Grants	179,816	-	-	179,816	140,427
Legacies	-	-	-	-	39,193
Talks	13,700	-	-	13,700	15,223
Gift Aid	5,582	-	-	5,582	7,631
Investment Income	3,834	-	-	3,834	397
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	212,024	-	-	212,024	205,089
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of Assets	5,850	-	-	5,850	27,582
Sub total	5,850	-	-	5,850	27,582
Total receipts	217,874	-	-	217,874	232,671
A3 Payments					
Insurance	15,355	-	-	15,355	14,515
Fuel	37,768	-	-	37,768	42,525
Advertising	8,988	-	-	8,988	10,171
Repairs	30,303	-	-	30,303	32,155
Printing, Post & Stationery	1,550	-	-	1,550	843
Fund Raising	3,689	-	-	3,689	1,449
Goods for Resale	9,193	-	-	9,193	5,185
Miscellaneous Purchases	694	-	-	694	747
Annual Fees & Charity Expenditure	2,483	-	-	2,483	2,320
Bank Charges	791	-	-	791	707
Accountancy	840	-	-	840	960
Catering	511	-	-	511	500
Just Giving Fees	519	-	-	519	562
VAT refunded	(42,150)	-	-	(42,150)	(14,273)
Sub total	70,534	-	-	70,534	98,366
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Motorcycles	29,643	-	-	29,643	112,344
Rider Log Development	-	-	-	-	3,780
Storage Shed	8,117	-	-	8,117	1,635
Sub total	37,760	-	-	37,760	117,759
Total payments	108,294	-	-	108,294	216,125
Net of receipts/(payments)	109,580	-	-	109,580	16,546
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	341,661	-	-	341,661	325,115
Cash funds this year end	451,241	-	-	451,241	341,661

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	Bank Accounts	451,241	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	451,241	-	-	
B2 Other monetary assets	VAT Unreclaimed	11,033	-	-	
	Stock of Goods for Resale	8,596	-	-	
B3 Investment assets			-	-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Various Motorcycles:		-	-	
	Yamaha KV69AVY				
	Yamaha FJR 1300 PJ20NSU				
	Moto Guzzi V85 TT E5 VK71UTA				
	Moto Guzzi V85 TT E5 VK71UTB				
	BMW R 1250 RS BL71KBE				
	BMW R 1250 RS BL71KBF				
	Moto Guzzi VE22FHN				
	Moto Guzzi VE22FHO				
	Moto Guzzi VE22FHP				
	BMW R1250RS BT22EZE		-	-	
	Moto Guzzi MC22MGO		-	-	
	Moto Guzzi VA22OJB		-	-	
	BMW R1250RS DE72UUV		-	-	
	Moto Guzzi VK72KHL		-	-	
	Moto Guzzi VK72XRO		-	-	
	BMW R 1250 RS DG23YUA		-	-	
	BMW R 1250 RS DG23YUD		-	-	
	B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
Signed by:  5671DA7DBB1046A...			PETER ALLMAN	13-09-2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Shropshire Staffordshire Cheshire Blood Bikes

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1156212

Set out on pages

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remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

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Robert Morris

Date:

07-10-2024

Name:

Robert Morris

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA

Address:

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Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6PF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.