

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes

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Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To relieve sickness and protect health by the provision of transport of urgently needed blood, drugs, human breast milk and other medical requirements between hospitals and blood transfusion banks primarily, but not exclusively, in Leicestershire and Rutland.

Public benefit

The objectives of the charity include the advancement of health and the saving of lives of the general public.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2024 saw a full year's service for the group, in terms of collections, deliveries, presentations and fundraising events.

Our 'out of hours', free of charge call out service to local hospital teams continued as has the support to Leicestershire and Rutland mothers who donated breast milk for use in the care of babies born prematurely - the collected milk being taken to the region's Milk Bank at the Birmingham Women's Hospital. 2024 also saw a small, but increasing, number of donated breast milk movements from the Birmingham Milk Bank directly to the Leicester Royal Infirmary neo-natal unit.

A few times each week we have been able to continue to support deliveries for the LOROS Hospice at Glenfield and our group continues to make a delivery of blood to the local Air Ambulance team 7 evenings per week.

Our event programme has been busy and very positive with regular group attendance at a wide range of locations and on top of that we continued with the delivery of presentations to various groups. These activities remain important to us not just for the resulting donations we receive but also as a tremendous way of sharing with the public the message of what we do as a volunteer group.

In parallel we still received various donations from trusts and companies which helped us maintain the solid financial base on which we operate day to day. This remains so important as costs continue to increase. A thanks to all those donating and also to our volunteers being out and about when our group are in attendance at events.

We have continued throughout the year to value the support of the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes (NABB) with process advice and pointers towards the need for compliance with Charity Commission guidelines and the responsibilities group Trustees and group leaders take on.

We remain a charity operating on a 100% volunteer basis - relying on the energetic and positive input from our group members and those serving on the Committee. Our financial support comes from local companies, groups and the general public of Leicestershire and Rutland.

Our membership of active volunteers stood at around 80 people during 2024. 15 volunteers chose not to renew their membership, but the membership and training team continue to work hard to recruit and onboard new volunteers. For those new members we run internal training and induction sessions during the year.

The Trustees see the future of the group as very positive with the continuation of our current services whilst noting the challenge for an increasing number of group members to have the time to volunteer to the extent they might have done over the last year or two. The group committee discusses regularly the importance of making group membership rewarding and fulfilling in order to maximise the support from the members.

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The Trustees are however mindful of the growing competition for the 'charity pound', as the cost of living challenges continue to have an impact on people's disposable income. The expectation is that 2025 may present additional challenges to secure the same levels of funding through public donations. We must therefore consider an increased focus on engagement with charitable foundations to supplement our funding streams.

It is a delight to receive ongoing thanks from the NHS, Air Ambulance and LOROS team members as we engage with them day to day and to know that what we do is valued by those teams.

A very big thank you to all our volunteers, all playing their part to deliver the service that we have been able to achieve during 2024, which is our 10th year of active operations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) reference number CE004529.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As per CIO Constitution there must be a minimum of three trustees. Since the creation of the CIO, new trustees are appointed for a minimum of three years at a meeting of the charity trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1163921

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Trustees

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J Bostock
Ms L Spong

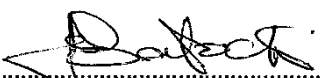
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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on^{25th APRIL 2025}..... and signed on its behalf by:


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J Bostock - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 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.

Sarah Hardy, for Lightwater Accountants Limited

Mrs Katharine Sarah Hardy

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Date: *6th May 2025*.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		40,147	-	40,147	52,032
Other trading activities	2	14,562	-	14,562	13,331
Total		<u>54,709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,709</u>	<u>65,363</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Blood bikes		48,485	7,620	56,105	50,141
Other		-	-	-	250
Total		<u>48,485</u>	<u>7,620</u>	<u>56,105</u>	<u>50,391</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		6,224	(7,620)	(1,396)	14,972
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		129,947	22,642	152,589	137,617
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>136,171</u></u>	<u><u>15,022</u></u>	<u><u>151,193</u></u>	<u><u>152,589</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	24,940	15,022	39,962	50,627
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	7,651	-	7,651	6,569
Cash at bank		103,830	-	103,830	95,643
		111,481	-	111,481	102,212
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(250)	-	(250)	(250)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		111,231	-	111,231	101,962
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		136,171	15,022	151,193	152,589
NET ASSETS		136,171	15,022	151,193	152,589
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				136,171	129,947
Restricted funds				15,022	22,642
TOTAL FUNDS				151,193	152,589

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25th April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


J Bostock - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Blood bikes - 20% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	8,513	6,775
Exceptional items	6,049	6,556
	<u>14,562</u>	<u>13,331</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	42,032	10,000	52,032
Other trading activities	13,331	-	13,331
Total	<u>55,363</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>65,363</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Blood bikes	41,622	8,519	50,141
Other	250	-	250
Total	<u>41,872</u>	<u>8,519</u>	<u>50,391</u>
NET INCOME	13,491	1,481	14,972
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	116,456	21,161	137,617

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>129,947</u>	<u>22,642</u>	<u>152,589</u>

5. EXCEPTIONAL ITEM

The exceptional items represent VAT recovered on purchases, which is possible because the charity operates in the medical sector.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Blood bikes £
COST	
At 1 January 2024	94,593
Additions	13,895
Disposals	<u>(15,857)</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>92,631</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2024	43,966
Charge for year	14,760
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(6,057)</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>52,669</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2024	<u>39,962</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>50,627</u>

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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Other debtors	1,074	-
Prepayments	6,577	6,569
	<u>7,651</u>	<u>6,569</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Other creditors	250	250
	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	129,947	6,224	136,171
Restricted funds			
Purchase of blood bikes	22,642	(7,620)	15,022
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>152,589</u>	<u>(1,396)</u>	<u>151,193</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,709	(48,485)	6,224
Restricted funds			
Purchase of blood bikes	-	(7,620)	(7,620)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,709</u>	<u>(56,105)</u>	<u>(1,396)</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	116,456	13,491	129,947
Restricted funds			
Purchase of blood bikes	21,161	1,481	22,642
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>137,617</u>	<u>14,972</u>	<u>152,589</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,363	(41,872)	13,491
Restricted funds			
Purchase of blood bikes	10,000	(8,519)	1,481
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,363</u>	<u>(50,391)</u>	<u>14,972</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and membership	34,486	51,104
Gift aid	5,661	928
	<u>40,147</u>	<u>52,032</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	8,513	6,775
Exceptional items	6,049	6,556
	<u>14,562</u>	<u>13,331</u>
Total incoming resources	54,709	65,363
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Blood bikes running costs	25,786	21,685
Administrative expenses	6,753	8,182
Group clothing	1,838	1,550
	<u>34,377</u>	<u>31,417</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Insurance	418	431
Depn of blood bikes	14,760	18,293
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	6,300	-
	<u>21,478</u>	<u>18,724</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	250	250
Total resources expended	56,105	50,391
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(1,396)</u>	<u>14,972</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements