

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025
for
Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes

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Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. 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.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2025 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 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. 2025 continued to see an increasing number of donated breast milk movements from the Birmingham Milk Bank directly to the Leicester Royal Infirmary neo-natal unit.

We continue to support deliveries to the LOROS Hospice at Glenfield as well as deliveries of blood to the local Air Ambulance team seven evenings per week. We also extended our service with the Air Ambulance, transporting surgical equipment to and from their base, to the Queen's Medical Centre for cleaning and sterilising.

In 2025 we added new services including the UHL renal teams, transporting blood samples from two of their departments in Loughborough and South Wigston, to Leicester Royal Infirmary. We also formalised our service with the Cellular Pathology team, providing an ad hoc daytime service. This is a timebound service, transporting blood samples for testing, whilst the patients are in theatre.

During the year, our events programme expanded to accommodate additional venues with regular group attendance at a wide range of locations and late in the year, we made the decision to add a second gazebo to our events equipment to enable us to expand our fundraising activities in 2026. In addition to the events we continued with the delivery of presentations to various groups and several volunteers joined the team of presenters, strengthening the team and allowing us to expand this our activities in this area.

Events and presentations are 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 and in the recruitment of new volunteers.

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 and our sincere thanks go to all those donating to the charity.

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 Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Our membership of active volunteers stood at around 85 people during 2025. The membership and training team continue to work hard to recruit and onboard new volunteers and we also took the opportunity to review our messaging to strengthen our engagement and recruitment process.

We continued to struggle with the recruitment of new controllers, and we are committed to addressing this throughout 2026.

For those new members joining the group, we run internal training and induction sessions during throughout the year.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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 previous years. The trustees also noted the changing dynamics of our service, as our region's NHS digitise more processes, which, in the case of maternity, may see a reduction in the number of runs we are requested to carry out. We have also seen more of the pathology work switching to their in house courier service, as they extend their operating hours. This is a topic being considered regularly by the committee and how to address it with replacement services.

The Trustees are also 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 2026 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.

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

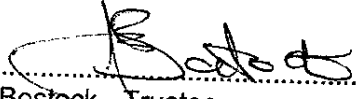
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6th MARCH 2026 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 2025.

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

Mrs Katharine Sarah Hardy

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Date: 7th March 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.12.25 Total funds £ | 31.12.24 Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 28,559 | 24,204 | 52,763 | 40,147 |
| Other trading activities | 2 | <u>19,953</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>19,953</u> | <u>14,562</u> |
| Total | | <u>48,512</u> | <u>24,204</u> | <u>72,716</u> | <u>54,709</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Raising funds | | 700 | - | 700 | - |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Blood bikes | | <u>40,074</u> | <u>8,579</u> | <u>48,653</u> | <u>56,105</u> |
| Total | | <u>40,774</u> | <u>8,579</u> | <u>49,353</u> | <u>56,105</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | | | | |
| Transfers between funds | 9 | <u>7,738</u> <u>4,452</u> | <u>15,625</u> <u>(4,452)</u> | <u>23,363</u> <u>-</u> | <u>(1,396)</u> <u>-</u> |
| Net movement in funds | | 12,190 | 11,173 | 23,363 | (1,396) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | <u>136,171</u> | <u>15,022</u> | <u>151,193</u> | <u>152,589</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | <u>148,361</u> | <u>26,195</u> | <u>174,556</u> | <u>151,193</u> |

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 December 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.12.25 Total funds £ | 31.12.24 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 6 | 46,883 | 26,195 | 73,078 | 39,962 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Debtors | 7 | 6,497 | - | 6,497 | 7,651 |
| Cash at bank | | <u>95,231</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>95,231</u> | <u>103,830</u> |
| | | 101,728 | - | 101,728 | 111,481 |
| CREDITORS | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 8 | (250) | - | (250) | (250) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>101,478</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>101,478</u> | <u>111,231</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>148,361</u> | <u>26,195</u> | <u>174,556</u> | <u>151,193</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>148,361</u> | <u>26,195</u> | <u>174,556</u> | <u>151,193</u> |
| FUNDS | 9 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 148,361 | 136,171 |
| Restricted funds | | | | <u>26,195</u> | <u>15,022</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | <u>174,556</u> | <u>151,193</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16th MARCH 2026 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

| | 31.12.25 | 31.12.24 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fundraising events | 14,414 | 8,513 |
| Exceptional items | <u>5,539</u> | <u>6,049</u> |
| | <u>19,953</u> | <u>14,562</u> |

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 40,147 | - | 40,147 |
| Other trading activities | <u>14,562</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>14,562</u> |
| Total | <u>54,709</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>54,709</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Blood bikes | <u>48,485</u> | <u>7,620</u> | <u>56,105</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | 6,224 | (7,620) | (1,396) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 129,947 | 22,642 | 152,589 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u>136,171</u> | <u>15,022</u> | <u>151,193</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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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 2025 | 92,631 |
| Additions | 60,439 |
| Disposals | <u>(52,021)</u> |
| At 31 December 2025 | <u>101,049</u> |
| DEPRECIATION | |
| At 1 January 2025 | 52,669 |
| Charge for year | 9,391 |
| Eliminated on disposal | <u>(34,089)</u> |
| At 31 December 2025 | <u>27,971</u> |
| NET BOOK VALUE | |
| At 31 December 2025 | <u>73,078</u> |
| At 31 December 2024 | <u>39,962</u> |

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.12.25 £ | 31.12.24 £ |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Other debtors | - | 1,074 |
| Prepayments | <u>6,497</u> | <u>6,577</u> |
| | <u>6,497</u> | <u>7,651</u> |

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.12.25 | 31.12.24 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other creditors | <u>250</u> | <u>250</u> |

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1.1.25 £ | Net movement in funds £ | Transfers between funds £ | At 31.12.25 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 136,171 | 7,738 | 4,452 | 148,361 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Purchase of blood bikes | 15,022 | 15,625 | (4,452) | 26,195 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>151,193</u> | <u>23,363</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>174,556</u> |

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

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 48,512 | (40,774) | 7,738 |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| Purchase of blood bikes | 24,204 | (8,579) | 15,625 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>72,716</u> | <u>(49,353)</u> | <u>23,363</u> |

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for 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> |

Comparative 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> |

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

| | 31.12.25 £ | 31.12.24 £ |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Donations and membership | 49,981 | 34,486 |
| Gift aid | <u>2,782</u> | <u>5,661</u> |
| | 52,763 | 40,147 |
| Other trading activities | | |
| Fundraising events | 14,414 | 8,513 |
| Exceptional items | <u>5,539</u> | <u>6,049</u> |
| | <u>19,953</u> | <u>14,562</u> |
| Total incoming resources | 72,716 | 54,709 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Other trading activities | | |
| Fundraising event costs | 700 | - |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Blood bikes running costs | 28,356 | 25,786 |
| Administrative expenses | 3,728 | 6,753 |
| Group clothing | <u>1,626</u> | <u>1,838</u> |
| | 33,710 | 34,377 |
| Support costs | | |
| Finance | | |
| Insurance | 371 | 418 |
| Depn of blood bikes | 9,391 | 14,760 |
| Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets | <u>4,931</u> | <u>6,300</u> |
| | 14,693 | 21,478 |
| Governance costs | | |
| Accountancy fees | 250 | 250 |

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

| | 31.12.25 £ | 31.12.24 £ |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Total resources expended | <u>49,353</u> | <u>56,105</u> |
| Net income/(expenditure) | <u>23,363</u> | <u>(1,396)</u> |

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