

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1166689

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025
FOR
NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 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

The object of this charity is to advance health and save lives, primarily in Northumbria, by providing a volunteer courier service ancillary to transport provided by the statutory authorities for the transfer of blood, blood products and other medical resources between hospitals and medical facilities.

Outside normal office hours, hospitals rely on taxis or couriers to transfer urgent medical supplies or patient test samples between hospitals and other sites. Northumbria Blood bikes carries out this service free of charge, ensuring the limited resources of the NHS can be used where it makes a difference.

Trustees ensure all activities contribute to assisting the NHS in our area thus provide a public benefit.

In order to provide the service:

- We recruit, train, and motivate volunteers to work with us;
- We run a fleet of 8 cars and 12 motorcycles and 1 events van;
- We do our own publicity Newsletters, Radio & TV interviews, banners, posters, promotional items, talks & presentations;
- We negotiate with Health Trusts, North East Ambulance Service, National Health Service Blood Transfusion, Great North Air Ambulance Service and Hearts Milk Bank; and
- We record statistics, Legal administration, evidence-backed with receipts, activity logs and recordings.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During this period, we have completed 13,755 separate jobs for the NHS trusts in our area and the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS). This was our second ever busiest year since we began operations in 2014. We are confident that this has saved the NHS thousands of pounds in taxi/private courier fares and has improved the healthcare (or helped save the lives) of people in the North East of England.

We have continued to provide a reliable service to all of our partners, resulting in an increase in deliveries over the previous recording period. We have increased the amount of jobs involving mothers donated breast milk, between mothers, Hearts Milk Bank hubs and neo natal units in hospitals across our areas, and nationally in conjunction with other blood bike groups.

Fundraising is down on the previous recording period, due to the financial constraints experienced across the sector due to the cost of living, however, we have noticeably increased the amount of events we attend in the last few months to try and address this.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial position of the charity is in good health as demonstrated by our annual accounts.

We aim to hold in reserve:

- Sufficient funds to cover twelve months operating costs to allow an orderly close of the charity if required; and
- Sufficient funds to cover replacement of any vehicle unexpectedly rendered unusable or uneconomic to repair.

We have reserves to cover 13 months of running costs.

We have two principal sources of income. The first source is large donations (usually tied to the purchase of capital items like vehicles or equipment) which comes from grant-making trusts, corporations, or staff societies. The second is a smaller steady flow of direct donations to the charity or to charity representatives at publicity events which come from individuals.

The vast majority of our expenditure supports the charity objectives as it covers maintenance and running costs for our vehicle fleet and the IT systems which support our operations. Typically, less than 15% of our expenditure goes on non-operational items.

There are currently no risks giving concern to the continued operation of the charity.

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).

Wider network

We follow the membership standards of the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes.

We are a member of the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes.

We, when required work alongside any other member group/s to facilitate long-distance transport of packages by relays.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1166689

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Trustees

S Storey
K Lawrence
J Cooper
M Redpath
M Burnett
L Smith
P Curran (appointed 25/9/2024)
S Whitmore (appointed 25/9/2024)
C Mann (appointed 25/9/2024)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
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Accountants and Business Advisors
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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M Redpath - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Northumbria Blood Bikes

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Northumbria Blood Bikes (the Trust) for the year ended 30 June 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.

Signed by:

David Holloway

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14 October 2025

Date:

NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	101,034	-	101,034	136,322
Other trading activities	3	28,593	-	28,593	34,177
Investment income	4	3,848	-	3,848	1,916
Total		<u>133,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133,475</u>	<u>172,415</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		22,712	-	22,712	16,437
Charitable activities					
Vehicle running costs		136,579	946	137,525	113,115
Other support costs		<u>15,377</u>	<u>754</u>	<u>16,131</u>	<u>32,010</u>
Total		<u>174,668</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>176,368</u>	<u>161,562</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(41,193)	(1,700)	(42,893)	10,853
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		323,810	3,961	327,771	316,918
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>282,617</u></u>	<u><u>2,261</u></u>	<u><u>284,878</u></u>	<u><u>327,771</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	115,564	2,261	117,825	118,448
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	38,605	-	38,605	20,002
Cash at bank		146,359	-	146,359	200,282
		<u>184,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,964</u>	<u>220,284</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(17,911)	-	(17,911)	(10,961)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>167,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167,053</u>	<u>209,323</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>282,617</u>	<u>2,261</u>	<u>284,878</u>	<u>327,771</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>282,617</u>	<u>2,261</u>	<u>284,878</u>	<u>327,771</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				282,617	323,810
Restricted funds				2,261	3,961
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>284,878</u>	<u>327,771</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
..22 October 2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:



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M Redpath - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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.

Donations and Legacies

Donations are accounted for upon receipt of income.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made to the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed where material.

Should the charity be notified of a legacy subsequent to the accounting reference date but before the date of approval of the accounts and evidence exists which suggests that the executors of the estate agreed the distribution prior to the end of the reporting period and receipt of the legacy is deemed to be probable then that receipt will be recognised as income in that accounting period.

Grants

Grants of a revenue nature are credited to income in the period to which they relate.

Fundraising income

Fundraising income is accounted for as received by the charity. The income from fundraising activities is shown gross with the associated costs included in raising funds.

Investment income

Investment income relates to interest earned and dividends received through holding assets on deposit and the charity's current asset investments..

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.

Plant and machinery	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance and straight line over 3 years

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	101,034	81,793
Legacies	-	27,530
Grants	-	26,999
	<u>101,034</u>	<u>136,322</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
National Lottery - Fleet funding	-	19,999
The Lions Club	-	7,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>26,999</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>28,593</u>	<u>34,177</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest received	<u>3,848</u>	<u>1,916</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	136,322	-	136,322
Other trading activities	34,177	-	34,177
Investment income	1,916	-	1,916
Total	<u>172,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,415</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	16,437	-	16,437
Charitable activities			
Vehicle running costs	107,410	5,705	113,115
Other support costs	22,656	9,354	32,010
Total	<u>146,503</u>	<u>15,059</u>	<u>161,562</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	25,912	(15,059)	10,853
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	297,898	19,020	316,918
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>323,810</u>	<u>3,961</u>	<u>327,771</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 July 2024	26,755	299,816	28,480	355,051
Additions	1,700	46,667	-	48,367
Disposals	-	(34,496)	-	(34,496)
At 30 June 2025	<u>28,455</u>	<u>311,987</u>	<u>28,480</u>	<u>368,922</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 July 2024	23,603	192,455	20,545	236,603
Charge for year	3,240	31,400	5,436	40,076
Eliminated on disposal	-	(25,582)	-	(25,582)
At 30 June 2025	<u>26,843</u>	<u>198,273</u>	<u>25,981</u>	<u>251,097</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 June 2025	<u>1,612</u>	<u>113,714</u>	<u>2,499</u>	<u>117,825</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>3,152</u>	<u>107,361</u>	<u>7,935</u>	<u>118,448</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	310
VAT	7,396	11,540
Prepayments	31,209	8,152
	<u>38,605</u>	<u>20,002</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	11,643	4,603
Other creditors	6,268	6,358
	<u>17,911</u>	<u>10,961</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.24	Net movement in funds	At 30.6.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	323,810	(41,193)	282,617
Restricted funds			
Radio System Fund	3,015	(754)	2,261
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Trust	946	(946)	-
	<u>3,961</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>	<u>2,261</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>327,771</u>	<u>(42,893)</u>	<u>284,878</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,475	(174,668)	(41,193)
Restricted funds			
Radio System Fund	-	(754)	(754)
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Trust	-	(946)	(946)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>133,475</u>	<u>(176,368)</u>	<u>(42,893)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	297,898	25,912	323,810
Restricted funds			
Radio System Fund	4,020	(1,005)	3,015
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Trust	15,000	(14,054)	946
	<u>19,020</u>	<u>(15,059)</u>	<u>3,961</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>316,918</u>	<u>10,853</u>	<u>327,771</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	172,415	(146,503)	25,912
Restricted funds			
Radio System Fund	-	(1,005)	(1,005)
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Trust	-	(14,054)	(14,054)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,059)</u>	<u>(15,059)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>172,415</u>	<u>(161,562)</u>	<u>10,853</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 June 2025.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	101,034	81,793
Legacies	-	27,530
Grants	-	26,999
	101,034	136,322
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	28,593	34,177
Investment income		
Interest received	3,848	1,916
Total incoming resources	133,475	172,415
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Advertising	4,467	3,635
Fundraising events	18,245	12,802
	22,712	16,437
Charitable activities		
Fuel and servicing	48,148	52,716
Licences and insurance	25,943	919
Telephone and tracker	10,715	5,835
Uniform and protective clothing	10,027	2,760
Training	5,387	14,054
Depreciation of plant & machinery	3,240	8,425
Depreciation of motor vehicles	31,400	35,787
(Profit)/loss on sale of motor vehicles	2,638	3,336
	137,498	123,832
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	243	254
Storage fees	982	1,080
	1,225	1,334
Other		
General office and meeting costs	4,060	6,889
Insurance	1,151	1,143
Accountancy	670	650
Carried forward	5,881	8,682

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Other		
Brought forward	5,881	8,682
Independent Examination Fee	1,625	1,575
Postage and stationery	1,991	2,964
Depreciation of computer equipment	5,436	6,738
	<u>14,933</u>	<u>19,959</u>
Total resources expended	<u>176,368</u>	<u>161,562</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(42,893)</u>	<u>10,853</u>