

Charity Registration No. 1178486

DOCBIKE

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for DocBike ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The charity was registered on the 22nd May 2018. The trustees represent a broad range of experience in the road safety and charity governance arenas.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To preserve and protect the health of motorcyclists for the public benefit, through education, training and research in the hazards of motorcycling, injury prevention strategies and critical care techniques.

Assets - Motorcycle

In May 2018 the charity acquired a new BMW 1200RTP. This motorcycle was immediately deployed in Dorset to replace an older vehicle. The road use of the motorcycles is conducted in conjunction with the police and ambulance services. The charity has appropriate policy agreements and insurance provisions in place for this, in partnership with emergency services.

In January 2020 Staffordshire Police provided a motorcycle for a DocBike service in their police area. Family led fundraising has enabled the provision of the rider protective equipment.

In January 2020 the DocBike service also expanded into Northamptonshire, with a bike being provided for local staff to ride.

In 2021 DocBike operations commenced in Sussex, with two non-response DocBikes. The local volunteers provide an engagement presence at biking events and use the DocBikes for non-emergency tasks supporting the charitable objectives.

In 2022/23 DocBike has established projects in Devon, and Avon & Somerset with plans to introduce further DocBike services. In December 2023 a local business donated a BMW motorcycle for use by the DocBike Devon team.

There are currently DocBike teams working in Dorset, Staffordshire, Northamptonshire, Sussex, Devon, Somerset & Avon, Cheshire and Yorkshire.

The charity provides and maintains a significant range of medical equipment for operational DocBikes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has submitted a separate financial report. At the end of this reporting period the charity had unrestricted funds of £134,922.

The charity also holds £51,131 of Restricted Funds, as detailed in Note 9 of the Financial Statements.

The charity trustees continue to ensure that the charity's funds are directed solely towards achieving our objectives.

Reserves Policy

The future funding, workstreams and strategy for the charity continue to evolve. The policy of the charity is to hold six months of general operating costs in reserve.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Research Strand

In 2018, the DocBike charity opened a dialogue with Bournemouth University to advance research in motorcycle injury prevention and measure the effectiveness of engagement strategies. In September 2019 a researcher started a 3-year collaboration between the DocBike charity and Bournemouth University paid for with a generous donation by Lester Aldridge. We are currently working with universities of Bournemouth, Exeter and University Hospital Southampton to formalise a research strategy for the next 5-10 years. This important work has been able to continue during this period, with research building on the previous “eye-tracking” assessments across a range of road users. The DocBike researcher continues to build vital relationships with road safety organisations.

DocBike continues to partner with road safety sector organisations to advance research and evidence-based intervention. An example of this includes the deployment of research & evidence-based road signs (<https://docbike.org/evidence-based-road-signs/>). The signs initiative has continued through 2023 with the Dorset Strategic Road Safety Partnership.

Donations & governance

The DocBike charity is dependent on donations to achieve its goals and ultimately save life through the reduction of road collisions, predominantly those involving motorcyclists. The majority of individual donations to date have been received as a result of face-to-face engagement at large biker events. As these have returned to social calendars the level of giving has increased.

The DocBike charity has a very strong governance structure supporting it, which includes information governance, equality, safeguarding and risk. Through this structure and recognising the early stages of the charity a very lean operating costs framework exists, which has mitigated the effect of previously reduced donations upon the charity's ability to function. That said, as the charity grows, with schemes operating in several different counties of the UK at present and others planned soon; the charity will further develop ways of engaging with the public to raise funds in a manner that does not rely on face-to-face interaction. The charity has now added national level coordination roles, filled by volunteers, to help the trustees maintain good governance.

In line with the Fundraising Regulator's guidance, contactless, online and text-to-donate methods of collecting funds have been instigated, but a number of these methods still require an element of face-to-face engagement in order to be effective and more work needs to be done to achieve a regular and sustainable income. It should also be borne in mind that the charity has received substantial donations through fundraising from other organisations, and is not reliant solely on individual personal donations, usually made face-to-face.

Clinical Availability of Docbike Riders

The charity uses high profile, generally air ambulance, Doctors and Critical Care Paramedics to engage with those motorcyclists with whom research tells us are most likely to become involved in a collision in the future. It continues to be the case that the primary activity of medical professionals deployed on DocBikes is to signpost riders to Biker Down and BikeSafe training courses.

The challenge came when lifting of the isolation restrictions meant members of the were allowed back out on the roads on their motorcycles, whilst the DocBike clinicians were still more than fully committed to their hospitals. This discrepancy has eased with time but highlights the need for the charity to be able to find ways of promoting riding behaviours which decreased the risk of a motorcyclist being involved in a collision; without face-to-face engagement of the Doctor/Paramedic being necessary.

Attendance at large motorcycle gatherings

The local regular 'bike meet' has become immensely popular, with for example Poole bike night (regularly attended by the DocBike) seeing up to 3,000 motorcyclists in one area.

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These bike meets have returned to being the mainstay of the DocBike's work, having volunteers in a highly visible location, able to engage with motorcyclists, but be on hand should anyone (motorcyclist, car driver, pedestrian or a person with a life-threatening medical illness) require critical care nearby.

The charity has risen to the challenge of engagement with motorcyclists who have started to congregate at less formal bike gatherings. Working with local councils, who are keen to help push the message of social distancing whilst also working in partnership with Safer Roads Teams, the charity has started to attend less formal motorcycle gatherings; with the appropriate risk assessments and social- distancing measures in place. The attendance of motorcyclists is still lower whilst social distancing continues. This engagement strategy also relies on motorcyclists attending events in order to benefit from the personal input, discussions about rider attitudes and becoming a better rider so as to reduce the chances of them being involved in a collision.

The DocBike Teams have attended 230 public engagement events, collectively amounting to approximately 2000 hours of volunteering. It is estimated that some 22,000 members of the public have been engaged with.

Riding Road Safety Courses

BikerDown is a course designed by the fire & rescue service and taught only by emergency service professionals. It is free and designed to teach other motorcyclists how to keep an injured person alive until the ambulance arrives. In practice however, the DocBike charity, working with the National Fire Chief's Council use this course to engage with motorcyclists who would not otherwise participate in a 'safer riding' course.

When an air ambulance doctor, on a DocBike blue-light emergency motorcycle approaches a motorcyclist whom research suggests falls in to the 'at-risk' category and says, "Hi, my name is xxx. I'm a doctor on the air ambulance and I could really use your help to keep an injured motorcyclist alive until we can get there on the helicopter. Would you come along to a free evening to learn how to do that?" few people refuse.

By achieving the engagement of an individual who would not normally sign up to a bike safety course straight off, we can start to raise their awareness of factors that are until that point unknown to them about how they can avoid being in a motorcycle collision. The take-up of BikeSafe courses following a BikerDown course is not only frequent, but it involves those 'at-risk' motorcyclists who would not normally participate in a road safety course.

COVID-19 had significantly limited the gathering of motorcyclists on BikerDown or BikeSafe courses, though this has now eased. As a charity, we continue to reach more people through social media and seek to raise awareness of those factors that a large proportion of experienced motorcyclists are still unaware of that will likely lead to them being involved in a collision in the future. The course content is not that suited to online presentation, as it is usually "hands-on".

Volunteers

The volunteer cadre has remained steady both within the trustees and coordination group and on the ground to deliver motorcycle injury prevention engagement to at risk motorcyclists.

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Safeguarding

The charity follows its Safeguarding Policy, reviewed within the last 12 months. The charity does not work directly with children or vulnerable adults, but volunteers may have interactions at public events.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Charity Constitution

The charity is incorporated as a charitable incorporated organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The first charity trustees are appointed for varying terms of between 2 and 4 years.

Thereafter trustees are appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number

1178486

Principal address

Honeysuckle Cottage, Silver Street
Emery Down, Lyndhurst
Hampshire, SO43 7DX

Trustees

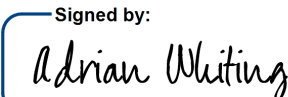
T M Blackwell
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17th January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:



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A Whiting - Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOCBIKE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of DocBike ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

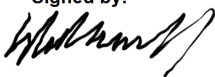
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed by:

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Edward Moody FCA
82 High Street,
Winterbourne,
Bristol,
BS36 1RB.

Dated 17th January 2025

DOCBIKE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024*

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	78,330	7,000	85,330	67,060
Grants received		17,224	32,566	49,790	8,207
Other Charitable Activities		23,968	-	23,968	-
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		61,742	37,645	99,387	37,625
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NET INCOME	9	57,780	1,921	59,701	37,642
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	9	77,142	49,210	126,352	88,710
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9	134,922	51,131	186,053	126,352
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The notes form part of these financial statements

DOCBIKE**BALANCE SHEET**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	5	1,320	-	1,320	1,540
Tangible assets	6	39,179	19,131	58,310	36,849
		40,499	19,131	59,630	38,389
Current assets					
Stocks		4,732	-	4,732	3,344
Debtors	7	4,586	-	4,586	7,220
Cash at bank and in hand		86,683	32,000	118,683	78,041
		96,001	32,000	128,001	88,605
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	1,578	-	1,578	642
NET CURRENT ASSETS		94,423	32,000	126,423	87,963
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		134,922	51,131	186,053	126,352
NET ASSETS		134,922	51,131	186,053	126,352
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				134,922	77,142
Restricted funds				51,131	49,210
TOTAL FUNDS	9			186,053	126,352

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17th January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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 A Whiting - Trustee

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DOCBIKE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024***1 LEGAL FORM**

Docbike is a charity registered in the UK (registered charity number 1178486). Further details on page 1. The charity is a public benefit entity.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, 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 accounts 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.

Intangible fixed assets

Intangible assets in the financial statements are trademarks. These are shown at cost and are amortised on a straight line basis over their useful life as follows:

Trademarks	10% straight line
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Tangible fixed assets

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

Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance
Plant & machinery	20% on reducing balance

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.

DOCBIKE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024*

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 note 9 of the financial statements.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Stock

Stock is valued at cost and net realisable value.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors and prepayments are recognised at the transaction price where an entity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds from a third party to the charity and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Year ended 2024 £	Year ended 2023 £
Donations	40,372	2,000	42,372	57,056
Donated goods, services and assets	17,500	-	17,500	3,355
Corporate Donations/Sponsorship	11,593	5,000	16,593	-
Other income	32,833	-	32,833	6,649
	<u>102,298</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>109,298</u>	<u>67,060</u>

4. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustee's remuneration or benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the period ended 31 March 2023.

DOCBIKE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024***Trustees' expenses**

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

5. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Patents & licences £
COST	
At 1 April 2023 & 31 March 2024	<u>2,200</u>
AMORTISATION	
At 1 April 2023	660
Charge for the year	<u>220</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>880</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
As at 31 March 2024	<u><u>1,320</u></u>
As at 31 March 2023	<u><u>1,540</u></u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery £	Motor Vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	24,066	39,573	63,639
Additions	10,123	22,996	33,119
Disposals	-	(354)	(354)
At 31 March 2024	<u>34,189</u>	<u>62,215</u>	<u>96,404</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	8,227	18,563	26,790
Charge for the year	4,058	7,260	11,318
Disposals	-	(14)	(14)
At 31 March 2024	<u>12,285</u>	<u>25,809</u>	<u>38,094</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>21,904</u></u>	<u><u>36,406</u></u>	<u><u>58,310</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>15,839</u></u>	<u><u>21,010</u></u>	<u><u>36,849</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	4,413	7,220
Other Debtors	173	-
	<u>4,586</u>	<u>7,220</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	581	642
Accruals	997	-
	<u>1,578</u>	<u>642</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	77,142	95,554	(61,742)	110,954
Restricted funds				
Crash Cards	-	4,894	(4,894)	-
Biker Down First Aid Kits	-	3,474	(3,474)	-
Dorset PCC Locks Initiative	-	24,198	(24,198)	-
Somerset Response Bike	-	2,000	-	2,000
Somerset start up grant	-	5,000	(828)	4,172
Response Vehicle Casualty Monitor Fund	30,000	-	-	30,000
Mark Masons' Docbike Fund	19,210	-	(4,251)	14,959
TOTAL 2024 FUND MOVEMENTS	<u>126,352</u>	<u>135,120</u>	<u>(99,387)</u>	<u>162,085</u>

Crash Cards Fund

National Highways awarded a grant totalling £4,894 to pay for 30,000 crash cards. These are contact information cards and helmet stickers that ensure that loved ones can be contacted as quickly as possible in case of an accident.

Biker Down First Aid Kit Fund

The Dorset Police awarded a grant of £3,474 towards providing First Aid Kits at Biker Down courses.

Dorset PCC Locks Initiative

The Dorset Police awarded a grant of £24,198 to subsidise heavy duty motorbike locks for Dorset bikers, in order to reduce theft related road safety risk in their area.

DOCBIKE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024***9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (Continued)****Somerset Response Bike Fund**

The Hospital Saturday Fund donated £2,000 toward a DocBike (response bike) and associated medical equipment for use in the Somerset Region. This money has been ring fenced in the Somerset and Avon bank account for future use.

Somerset start up grant

Avon & Somerset Police Road donated £5,000 towards setting up DocBike engagement equipment in the Somerset Region, including £2,700 towards funding an engagement motorbike. This money has been fully spent with the value on this fund relating to the book value of the assets purchased by this fund, which continue to be depreciated in line with the Charity's accounting policies.

Response Vehicle Monitor Fund

The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance donated £30,000 towards purchasing two casualty monitors for the DocBike Response Vehicles. These funds are ring fenced in the Charity's bank account as at 31 March 2024.

Mark Masons' Docbike Fund

The Mark Mason's Docbike Fund fully funded the purchase and fit out of a response vehicle now operating in the Dorset area. The value on this fund, relates to the book value of the assets purchased by this fund, which continue to be depreciated in line with the Charity's accounting policies.

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	63,683	45,267	(31,808)	77,142
Restricted funds				
Response Vehicle Casualty Monitor Fund	-	30,000		30,000
Mark Masons' Docbike Fund	25,027		(5,817)	19,210
TOTAL 2023 FUND MOVEMENTS	88,710	75,267	(37,625)	126,352