

# DEVON FREEWHEELERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1180264

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-10-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND PROTECT HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORT OF URGENTLY NEEDED BLOOD, DRUGS, HUMAN TISSUES, AND OTHER MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN HOSPITALS AND BLOOD TRANSFUSION BANKS, PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE COUNTIES OF DEVON AND CORNWALL.2. THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED, BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE BY THE PROVISION OF GRANTS.

**Activities:** The official Devon Blood Bikes. Charity founded in 2009 under registration 1138889 and on 10th anniversary developed CIO status. Serving the people of Devon, within their NHS, 3 Air Ambulances, Blood & Transplant Services, GP Surgeries, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Neonatal ICU's, Hospices and any other area that relieves the pain, distress and suffering of a human being. Accredited Organisation

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£169,694	£146,459	-	-
2024-10-31	£140,495	£177,465	-	-
2023-10-31	£159,483	£243,066	-	-
2022-10-31	£161,979	£238,645	-	-
2021-10-31	£164,170	£250,838	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Glenn Sutherland		2026-03-07
James Robinson		2021-12-02
Nigel Denny		2026-03-07
Paul Richards		2021-11-30
Wendy Charnock		2023-04-02

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# Accounts

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**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT 2025**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Devon Freewheelers ('the charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2025

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts conducted under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in conducting my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

The charity's gross commission for the year did not exceed £250,000 however the examiner is a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the CIMA which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 November 2023. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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. This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed :

Dated 10/3/26

Paul Light

**Paul Light** MBA ACMA CGMA

**Lite Tax Ltd**

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
<b>Income From Donations, Legacies and Grants</b>	3	£ 147,694	£ 22,000	£ 169,694
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	4	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>		147,694	22,000	169,694
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	5	146,459	0	146,459
<b>Net Gains on Investments</b>		0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		1,235	22,000	23,235

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.



**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025**

	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Intangible Assets	9		1,712
Tangible Assets	10		50,816
			<b>52,528</b>
 <b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	11	54,660	
Cash at Bank		2,046	
		<b>52,706</b>	
 <b>Creditors: amounts falling due in one year</b>	12	19,885	
 <b>Net Current Assets</b>			<b>36,821</b>
 <b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>			<b>89,349</b>
 <b>Long Term Financing</b>			<b>0</b>
 <b>Total Assets</b>			<b>89,349</b>
 <b>Charity Funds</b>			<b>29,168</b>
Restricted funds			60,181
Unrestricted Funds			89,349

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by.

**R.Roe**  
**Chairman**

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2025**

**1 - General information**

Devon Freewheelers is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England & Wales. Its office address is Unit 1, Gloucester Court, Gloucester Crescent, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1SJ.

**2 – Accounting Policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Devon Freewheelers meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**2.2 Income**

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate.

Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.



Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

### **2.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

### **2.4 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

### **2.5 Intangible assets and amortisation**

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

At each reporting date the charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

The estimated useful lives are as follows and amortisation is applied on this basis

Website - 25 % straight line

## 2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £300 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Office equipment	20%

## 2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

## 2.8 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.

## 2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the *effect* of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.



## 2.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## 2.11 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated *over* the shorter of the lease term and their useful *lives*. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated *over* their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

## 2.12 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

## 2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. During the year no additional funds were considered to be restricted

## 3 Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025
Donations	147,694	0	147,694
Legacies	0	0	0
Grants	0	22,000	22,000
Total	147,694	22,000	169,694

#### 4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025
Donations	147,694	22,000	169,694

#### 5 Analysis of Expenditure by activities

	Direct	Support	Total
Transport	50,701	95,758	146,459

##### 5.1 Analysis of Direct Costs

	Transport
Motor Expenses	50,701
Consumables	0
Volunteer Costs	0
Total	50,701

##### 5.2 Analysis of Support Costs

Depreciation and Amortisation	33,732
Admin Staff	33,355
Rent	23,150
Building Maintenance & Warehousing	2,178
Telephone, Webfleet and IT	2,412
Professional Accounting Fees	2,200
Light, Power and Heating	5,048
Volunteer Costs	1,804
Subscriptions	9,714
Fund Raising Expenses	1,526
Bank Charges	1,126
Profit on sale of Vehicles	(22,315)
Other Expenses	1,828
Total	95,758

##### 6.0 Independent examiners remuneration

Other	2,200
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## 7.0 Wages and Salary Cost

Wages and Salaries	33,355
Social Security Costs	0
Contribution to defined pension Schemes	0
	<b>33,355</b>

The average number of employees was 2

The key management personnel of the charity consisted of the Executive Chairman who received a salary of £5,721 during the year.

## 8.0 Trustee connected transactions

Paul Richards, who is a trustee carries out repairs to some charity vehicles. There is an agreement in place. The work is performed at a market rate and has been approved at a trustee meeting.

## 9.0 Intangible Assets

Value B/Fwd 2024	0
Expenditure	2,283
Amortisation	571
Value Carried Forward 2025	1,712

## 10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Equipment & Fittings	Total
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>				
<b>B/Fwd 2024</b>	<b>54852</b>	<b>184,964</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>242,616</b>
Additions	0	30,549	0	30,549
Disposal	19,330	29,928	0	49,258
<b>As at 2025</b>	<b>35,522</b>	<b>185,585</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>223,907</b>
<b>Depreciation B/Fwd</b>	<b>49,477</b>	<b>130,234</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>182,452</b>
Charge 2025	2,625	30,476	59	33,160
Disposal	19,330	23,191	0	42,521
<b>Depreciation as at year end</b>	<b>32,772</b>	<b>137,519</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>173,091</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>48,066</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,816</b>

During the year a number of assets were disposed of and showed a profit on disposal of £22,315

**11 Debtors – Due within 1 year**

Trade Debtors	54,660
Other Debtors	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,660</b>

**12 Creditors – Amounts falling due in One Year**

Trade Creditors	3,096
Other Taxation and Social Security	289
Other Creditors	16,500
Accruals and Deferred Income	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,885</b>

**13 Creditors falling Due after more than one year**

Nil

**14 Statement of Funds**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Funds	169,694	146,459	23,235





# Devon Freewheelers

TRUSTEE

Authorised Signatory:

Name: James Robinson

Date:

TRUSTEE

Authorised Signatory:

Name: Wendy Charnock

Date: 17/3/2026

TRUSTEE

Authorised Signatory:

Name: Paul Ricahrds

Date: 21/03/2026

TRUSTEE

Authorised Signatory:

Name: Nigel Denny

Date:

TRUSTEE

Authorised Signatory:

Name: Glenn Sutherland

Date:





The Trustees of Devon Freewheelers are pleased to present our annual report and financial statement for the year ended 31st October 2025.



## Trustee Annual Report Oct 2024- Oct 2025

Devon Freewheelers, Registered  
Charity 1180264



# Trustees' Report

## For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Foreword:

The Trustees of Devon Freewheelers, a Registered Charity Number 1180264, which is registered to operate within England & Wales from their registered office:

Unit 1, Gloucester Court, Gloucester Close, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1SJ are delighted to present our annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

The Trustees would like to recognise stakeholders, the patients, our funders, and the public and thank them for all the support over the last year. Due to an exceptional year covering the period of 2024 – 2025 it has been a hard year for all in the charity

The trustee continues to work with the appointed accountants and the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP'), to improve the charity going forward in this financial year.

Thankfully, previous year has been very challenging for everyone involved in the charity, but the trustees and volunteers welcome all new changes and policies put in place and look forward to new fresh ideas to move the charity forward.

The trustees would like to thank the public, our stakeholders and the charity commission for their patience and assistance in working with us whilst we complied with our legal obligations.

Continuance of our learning experiences from the previous years, the trustees have decided to re-appoint the same accountants and auditors for this years' financial statement and we recognise and thank our colleagues at Lite Tax® for their efforts in completing this report.

Signed:



Russell Roe

Chair

### Governance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2021).

### Objectives and Activities

The objects of the CIO are:

1. To relieve sickness and protect health by the provision of transport of any urgently needed medical requirements primarily but not exclusively in the counties of Devon & Cornwall. In the case of transport of Human Tissue for the purposes of transplant this includes the whole of the United Kingdom.
2. The relief of those in need, by means of youth, age, ill health, financial hardship, or any other disadvantage by the provision of grants.

*The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.*

These objectives are delivered by Devon Freewheelers, a registered charity 1180264, registered by the Charity Commission to provide its services in England and Wales

### Achievements & Performance

The objectives are delivered primarily by our volunteer network and two members of staff, who are spread throughout the county normally split into north, south, east, and west regions of the County of Devon. The operational bases are Plymouth, Torbay, Honiton (HQ) and Barnstaple with clusters of volunteers serving their primary care trusts and all their satellite hospitals under their control on a 24hrs a day, 7 days a week basis. These services are provided by different teams within the organisation.

The volunteers have been continuing to provide their services round the clock, on the front line. New services and initiatives are always on the horizon, increasing their workload, but equally increasing our service to our clients, the people of Devon.



The charity also in this financial has advertised in local magazine that reach far and wide in the Devon area, and in hospital magazine like the official magazine of radio for Plymouth and Torbay which is all year-round coverage for the charity.

Hopefully this information will filter through allowing the public to understand on what the charity is all about, and why the army of volunteers give up their time for free to help the NHS and the local community all this for FREE.





Above: Mark Benevolent Funding

Above: Grace Trust Funding

In the last financial year, the charity has managed to secure funding for vehicles one car and two bikes.

Thank you to Mark Benevolent for the funding to allow the replacement of Vauxhall Mokka for use to Devon Air Ambulance Trust and a Triumph 850 to replace one of fleet bikes.

Also, the Grants Trust for funding a Triumph 900 pro to replace another one of our fleet bikes this will allow the charity to carry on helping the local community and the NHS for no cost at all.

Chair, Russell Roe says:

“I am delighted and proud to have been able to do everything we could to serve those in need. There have been significant changes within the few years, and if it wasn't for our stakeholders, the patients, our funders, and the public; our mission would have been near impossible. I would like to express my total gratitude to all the volunteers, their families, the public, and patients we serve”.

Also, over the past few years our trustees have work tirelessly with the volunteers & the Charity Commission.

“We are all extremely proud to be part of Devon Freewheelers. It has been a bit of a battle for the charity over the last year, especially for the volunteers who all pulled together to make the charity successful,

I would also like to say a massive thank you everyone & charity groups that have donated to the cause to allow the charity to carry on with the vital work that we do, without them we couldn't do this: says Russell Roe.

## History:

The biggest and most important aspect of service delivery is by our motorcycle riders. Commonly referred to as 'blood bikers'; this team of invaluable people offer their time to transport whole blood for transfusion, blood products to air ambulances, blood samples for testing, medications, patient notes, donor breast milk and human tissue samples for the purposes of transplant and any other medical requirement that fits on the bike; voluntarily.

This service absolutely saves lives, potentially every day. A service that we are proud to have been delivering to the public since 2009. In addition to the blood bike services, we have additional services to Doctor Surgeries in the county. All these services are now provided free of charge by our blood bikes.

Air Ambulance Charities are now also benefiting from the services of Devon Freewheelers. The Trustees were first approached by the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Trust with an enquiry as to whether it would be possible to supply whole blood to the aircraft to allow for blood transfusions to be administered at the scene of a critical care incident. With Dr Ian Mew, Director of Trauma Care at the Dorset County Hospital, and one of the Critical Care Doctors on board the aircraft setting out what he needed, Daniel approached some partners and successfully arranged all the necessary funding to launch the service.

Initially, the service was run out of our Honiton headquarters for over a year, racking up approx. 1,000 miles per week and in the first 12 months was instrumental in the saving of 31 lives on board the aircraft who without the transfusion, would have died. The aircraft, based at the Henstridge Airfield and serviced by blood from Dorset County Hospital needed a dedicated team to reduce our costs. A recruitment drive took place, and a new team of volunteers were recruited in Dorset, and they now service the air ambulance with all the necessary equipment supplied by Devon Freewheelers and their partner Henry Surtees Foundation, who offered the charity a free vehicle to run the service. The project has been so successful, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance NHS Trust recognised the charity work by have the Devon Freewheelers logo placed directly above the door. We are immensely proud that lives are saved every year, thanks to the work of Devon Freewheelers.



**Testimonial: Approved for release by Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance**

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Medical Lead, Dr. Phil Hyde said: “The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA) Critical Care Team give blood products to approximately 30 severely injured patients per year. The chance of life that these products provide is enabled by the incredible support of Devon Freewheelers. Since the summer of 2016, the Devon Freewheelers have ensured that blood products are regularly and reliably delivered to the DSAA Clinical Team. Their voluntary work is inspiring and life changing, and they form an essential link in the chain of survival for the most injured adults and children in the Southwest.”



Devon Air Ambulance were soon to follow in the footsteps of the Dorset and Somerset Colleagues and approached the charity to offer the similar service to them. Obviously, it goes without contemplation that the charity would do anything to assist the people of Devon and a new service was launched to two helicopters of the Devon Air Ambulance in 2018, again completely free of charge and at no cost to the Air Ambulance charities or the patients, or the NHS. Even through the pandemic, all these lifesaving services continued without interruption.

The NICU Blood Bikes (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit dedicated services) are a regular service user in the transportation, collection, and delivery of Donor Breast Milk (“DBM”). NICU Blood Bikes in partnership with Devon Freewheelers can stock neonatal intensive care units throughout Devon & Cornwall during the working day with a relay service from Bristol.

Devon Freewheelers utilises our 4 wheeled vehicles (cars & vans) to take on stock for every neonatal unit in Devon & Cornwall and delivers their stocks, completely free of charge. This service requirement is a minimum of a large monthly initial stock, further supported with home collections from donor mothers who donate unwanted breast milk. This product falls under the auspices of the Human Tissue Act and once again is instrumental in saving the life of a premature baby. The value of this service and in fact all the other services we provide are immeasurable.



All NICU services are provided by volunteers, at no cost to the service user, the hospital,

the patient, or the NHS. Lives struggling from their first breathe supported and assisted by our "hidden hero's

### **Financial Review (FR):**

We would like to thank the accountant for all their assistance in the preparation and audit of our annual accounts.

Our continued thanks to:

Mr Paul Light MBA ACMA CGMA  
Lite Tax™ Accountants  
Re-appointed for next financial year.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three- and six-month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop ('significant event') in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

### **FR Significant Events:**

The principal risk and uncertainty of the charity is that the operational funds are usually provided from public donation and corporate support. Our management and strategy of any identifiable 'significant event' was the management of services offered so that they do not leave the organisation in an insolvent position. Over the last decade, as with many blood bike charities, operational capacity is usually described as hand to mouth. As an unregulated activity, each charity operates independently as to how this strategy is achieved.

It is the responsibility of the trustees to continually monitor and evaluate risks on a regular basis to ensure significant events are identified early and formulate a response to reduce that risk.

### **FR Reserves policy**

2018

Devon Freewheelers completed a major move into a new property leased for the purpose of delivering our services. Our reserves policy to hold £100k had not been achieved.

2023 – 2024 Reserves policy has been achieved

### **FR Investment policy**

2023-2024



The charity is still actively investigating into the property market to invest in a property.

### **FR Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is registered as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered number 1180264, and is constituted under a Trust deed. The charity does not trade under any other names, however, is known as 'Devon Blood Bikes' informally since its foundation on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The members of the trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Russell Roe (RR)

Mr James Robinson (JR)

Mr Paul Richards (PR) (C of I Notice on file)

Ms Wendy Charnock (WC)

#### **10. Appointment of charity trustees (from the constitution)**

- (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of one year by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees and approved by the Chairman or Chairperson
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In addition, the charity has also achieved registration with Fundraising Regulator for fundraising standards and has received no complaints from the public in its fundraising activities.

### **Additional Disclosures:**

*Where applicable has the entity disclosed the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant, and equipment to which the entity has restricted title or that is pledged as security for liabilities?*

There are no additional disclosures.

### **Future Plans**

The Charity aims to continue in the delivery of its current objective and does not plan to alter direction in the forthcoming year.



## Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

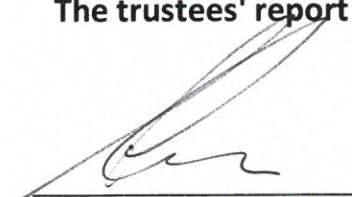
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**The trustees' report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 was approved by the Trustees.**



Mr Russell Roe

Responsible to the Trustees for the period.

End of Statement

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180264

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# Accounts

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The Trustees of Devon Freewheelers are pleased to present our annual report and financial statement for the year ended 31st October 2024.



## Trustee Annual Report Oct 2023- Oct 2024

Devon Freewheelers, Registered  
Charity 1180264



# Trustees' Report

## For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

### Foreword:

The Trustees of Devon Freewheelers, a Registered Charity Number 1180264, which is registered to operate within England & Wales from their registered office:

Unit 1, Gloucester Court, Gloucester Close, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1SJ are delighted to present our annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

The Trustees would like to recognise stakeholders, the patients, our funders, and the public and thank them for all the support over the last year. Due to an exceptional year covering the period of 2023 – 2024 it has been a hard year for all after the charity had to comply with a full external audit by an independent body as stated in last report which was approved by the Charity Commission.

The trustee continues to work with the appointed accountants and the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP'), to improve the charity going forward in this financial year.

Thankfully, previous years have been an exception to the normal, and we do not foresee that we shall ever exceed the threshold, so do not envisage that we shall experience delays in the future in uploading of our end of year accounts.

The trustees and volunteers welcome all new changes and policies put in place and look forward to new fresh ideas to move the charity forward.

The trustees would like to thank the public, our stakeholders and the charity commission for their patience and assistance in working with us whilst we complied with our legal obligations.

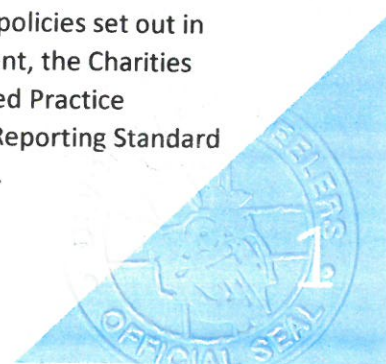
Continuance of our learning experiences from the previous year, the trustees have decided to re-appoint the same accountants and auditors for this years' financial statement and we recognise and thank our colleagues at Lite Tax<sup>®</sup> for their efforts in completing this report.

Signed:

Russell Roe (Chair)

### Governance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2021).



## Objectives and Activities

The objects of the CIO are:

1. To relieve sickness and protect health by the provision of transport of any urgently needed medical requirements primarily but not exclusively in the counties of Devon & Cornwall. In the case of transport of Human Tissue for the purposes of transplant this includes the whole of the United Kingdom.
2. The relief of those in need, by means of youth, age, ill health, financial hardship, or any other disadvantage by the provision of grants.

*The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.*

These objectives are delivered by Devon Freewheelers, a registered charity 1180264, registered by the Charity Commission to provide its services in England and Wales

## Achievements & Performance

The objectives are delivered primarily by our volunteer network and two members of staff, who are spread throughout the county normally split into north, south, east, and west regions of the County of Devon. The operational bases are Plymouth, Torbay, Honiton (HQ) and Barnstaple with clusters of volunteers serving their primary care trusts and all their satellite hospitals under their control on a 24hrs a day, 7 days a week basis. These services are provided by different teams within the organisation.



The volunteers have been continuing to provide their services round the clock, on the front line. New services and initiatives are always on the horizon, increasing their workload, but equally increasing our service to our clients, the people of Devon.

The charity also in this financial has advertised in local magazine that reach far and wide in the Devon area, and in hospital magazine like the official magazine of radio for Plymouth and Torbay which is all year-round coverage for the charity.

Hopefully this information will filter through allowing the public to understand on what the charity is all about, and why the army of volunteers give up their time for free to help the NHS and the local community all this at no cost to the NHS.





Russell Roe (Chair) says:

“I am delighted and proud to have been able to do everything we could to serve those in need. There have been significant changes within the few years, and if it wasn't for our stakeholders, the patients, our funders, and the public; our mission would have been near impossible. I would like to express my total gratitude to all the volunteers, their families, the public, and patients we serve”.

Also, over the past few years our Trustees have work tirelessly with the volunteers & the Charity Commission.

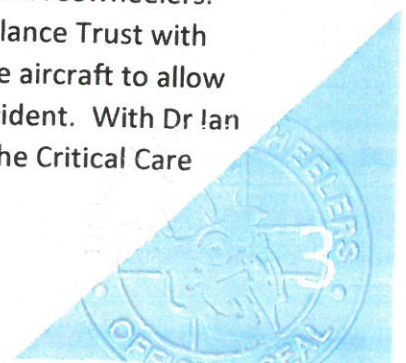
“We are all extremely proud to be part of Devon Freewheelers. It has been a bit of a battle for the charity over the last year, especially for the volunteers who all pulled together to make the charity successful, says Russell Roe.

### History:

The biggest and most important aspect of service delivery is by our motorcycle riders. Commonly referred to as 'blood bikers'; this team of invaluable people offer their time to transport whole blood for transfusion, blood products to air ambulances, blood samples for testing, medications, patient notes, donor breast milk and human tissue samples for the purposes of transplant and any other medical requirement that fits on the bike; voluntarily.

This service absolutely saves lives, potentially every day. A service that we are proud to have been delivering to the public since 2009. In addition to the blood bike services, we have additional services to Doctor Surgeries in the county. All these services are now provided free of charge by our blood bikes.

Air Ambulance Charities are now also benefiting from the services of Devon Freewheelers. The Trustees were first approached by the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Trust with an enquiry as to whether it would be possible to supply whole blood to the aircraft to allow for blood transfusions to be administered at the scene of a critical care incident. With Dr Ian Mew, Director of Trauma Care at the Dorset County Hospital, and one of the Critical Care



Doctors on board the aircraft setting out what he needed, Daniel approached some partners and successfully arranged all the necessary funding to launch the service.

Initially, the service was run out of our Honiton headquarters for over a year, racking up approx. 1,000 miles per week and in the first 12 months was instrumental in the saving of 31 lives on board the aircraft who without the transfusion, would have died. The aircraft, based at the Henstridge Airfield and serviced by blood from Dorset County Hospital needed a dedicated team to reduce our costs. A recruitment drive took place, and a new team of volunteers were recruited in Dorset, and they now service the air ambulance with all the necessary equipment supplied by



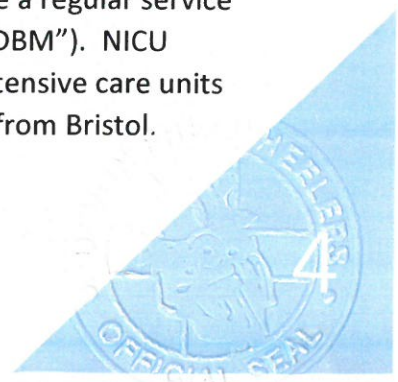
Devon Freewheelers and their partner Henry Surtees Foundation, who offered the charity a free vehicle to run the service. The project has been so successful, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance NHS Trust recognised the charity work by have the Devon Freewheelers logo placed directly above the door. We are immensely proud that lives are saved every year, thanks to the work of Devon Freewheelers.

#### **Testimonial: Approved for release by Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance**

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Medical Lead, Dr. Phil Hyde said: “The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA) Critical Care Team give blood products to approximately 30 severely injured patients per year. The chance of life that these products provide is enabled by the incredible support of Devon Freewheelers. Since the summer of 2016, the Devon Freewheelers have ensured that blood products are regularly and reliably delivered to the DSAA Clinical Team. Their voluntary work is inspiring and life changing, and they form an essential link in the chain of survival for the most injured adults and children in the Southwest.”

Devon Air Ambulance were soon to follow in the footsteps of the Dorset and Somerset Colleagues and approached the charity to offer the similar service to them. Obviously, it goes without contemplation that the charity would do anything to assist the people of Devon and a new service was launched to two helicopters of the Devon Air Ambulance in 2018, again completely free of charge and at no cost to the Air Ambulance charities or the patients, or the NHS. Even through the pandemic, all these lifesaving services continued without interruption.

The NICU Blood Bikes (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit dedicated services) are a regular service user in the transportation, collection, and delivery of Donor Breast Milk (“DBM”). NICU Blood Bikes in partnership with Devon Freewheelers can stock neonatal intensive care units throughout Devon & Cornwall during the working day with a relay service from Bristol.



Devon Freewheelers utilises our 4 wheeled vehicles (cars & vans) to take on stock for every neonatal unit in Devon & Cornwall and delivers their stocks, completely free of charge. This service requirement is a minimum of a large monthly initial stock, further supported with home collections from donor mothers who donate unwanted breast milk. This product falls under the auspices of the Human Tissue Act and once again is instrumental in saving the life of a premature baby. The value of this service and in fact all the other services we provide are immeasurable.

All NICU services are provided by volunteers, at no cost to the service user, the hospital, the patient, or the NHS. Lives struggling from their first breathe supported and assisted by our "hidden hero's

### **Financial Review (FR):**

We would like to thank the accountant for all their assistance in the preparation and audit of our annual accounts.

Our continued thanks to:

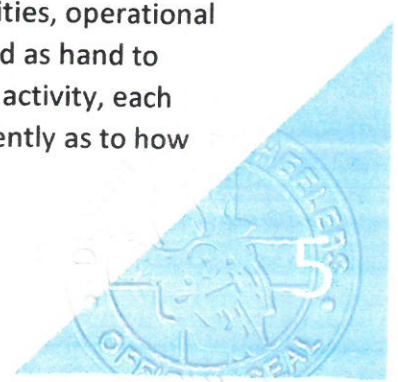
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Lite Tax <sup>TM</sup> Accountants  
Re-appointed for next financial year.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three- and six-month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop ('significant event') in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.



### **FR Significant Events:**

The principal risk and uncertainty of the charity is that the operational funds are usually provided from public donation and corporate support. Our management and strategy of any identifiable 'significant event' was the management of services offered so that they do not leave the organisation in an insolvent position. Over the last decade, as with many blood bike charities, operational capacity is usually described as hand to mouth. As an unregulated activity, each charity operates independently as to how this strategy is achieved.



It is the responsibility of the trustees to continually monitor and evaluate risks on a regular basis to ensure significant events are identified early and formulate a response to reduce that risk.

### **FR Reserves policy**

2018

Devon Freewheelers completed a major move into a new property leased 2018 for the purpose of delivering our services. Our reserves policy to hold £100k had not been achieved.

2023 – 2024 Reserves policy has been achieved

### **FR Investment policy**

2023-2024

The charity is still actively investigating into the property market to invest in a property.

### **FR Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is registered as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered number 1180264, and is constituted under a Trust deed. The charity does not trade under any other names, however, is known as 'Devon Blood Bikes' informally since its foundation on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The members of the trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

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Trustee: Mr Paul Richards (PR) (C of I Notice on file)

Trustee: Ms Wendy Charnock (WC)

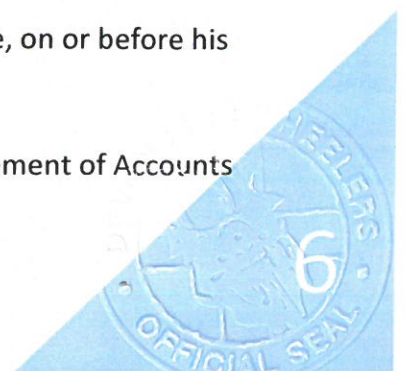
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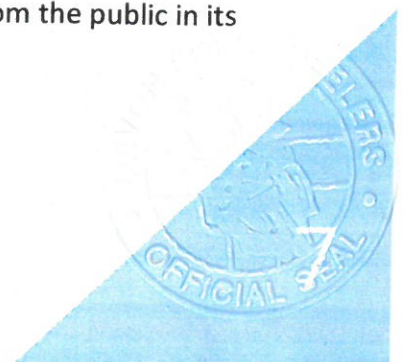
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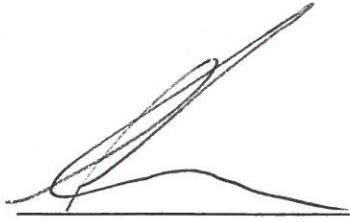
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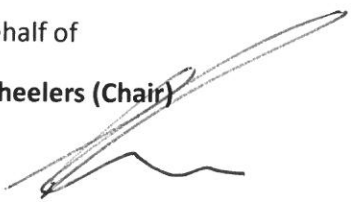
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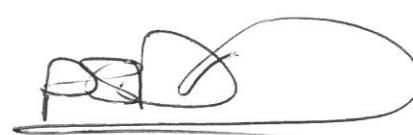


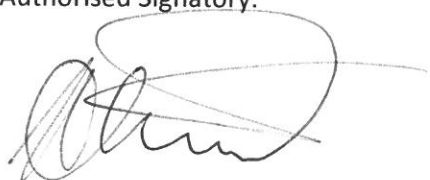
# Devon Freewheelers

Date 14-03-2025

For and on behalf of <b>Devon Freewheelers (Chair)</b>  Authorised Signatory: Name: Russell Roe Date: <u>14-03-2025</u>
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For and on behalf of <b>TRUSTEE</b>  Authorised Signatory:  Name: James Robinson Date: <u>14/3/2025</u>
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**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT 2024**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Devon Freewheelers ('the charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts conducted under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in conducting my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

The charity's gross commission for the year did not exceed £250,000 however the examiner is a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the CIMA which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 November 2023. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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. This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed :

Dated 14/3/2025

Paul Light

**Paul Light** MBA ACMA CGMA

**Lite Tax Ltd**

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Income From		£	£	£
<b>Donations, Legacies and Grants</b>	3	115,495	25,000	140,495
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	4	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>		115,495	25,000	140,495
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	5	177,465	0	177,465
<b>Net Gains on Investments</b>		0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		(61,970)	25,000	(36,970)

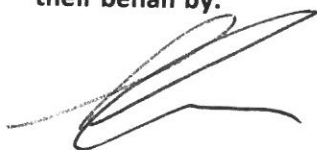
The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Intangible Assets	9		0
Tangible Assets	10		60,163
			<b>60,163</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	11	35,254	
Cash at Bank		8504	
		<b>43,758</b>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due in one year</b>	12	22,250	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<b>21,508</b>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>			<b>81,671</b>
<b>Long Term Financing</b>			<b>15,557</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>66,114</b>
<b>Charity Funds</b>			<b>15,206</b>
Restricted funds			50,908
Unrestricted Funds			<b>66,114</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by.



**R.Roe**  
**Chairman**

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**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024**

**1 - General information**

Devon Freewheelers is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England & Wales. Its office address is Unit 1, Gloucester Court, Gloucester Crescent, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1SJ.

**2 – Accounting Policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Devon Freewheelers meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**2.2 Income**

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate.

Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

### **2.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

### **2.4 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

### **2.5 Intangible assets and amortisation**

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

At each reporting date the charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

The estimated useful lives are as follows and amortisation is applied on this basis

Website - 20 % straight line

## 2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £300 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Office equipment	20%

## 2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

## 2.8 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.

## 2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, ii is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the *effect* of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

## 2.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## 2.11 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated *over* the shorter of the lease term and their useful *lives*. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated *over* their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

## 2.12 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

## 2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. During the year no additional funds were considered to be restricted

## 3 Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
Donations	115,495	25,000	140,495
Legacies	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0
Total	115,495	25,000	140,495

#### 4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
Donations	115,495	25,000	140,495

#### 5 Analysis of Expenditure by activities

	Direct	Support	Total
Transport	45,948	131,517	177,465

#### 5.1 Analysis of Direct Costs

	Transport
Motor Expenses	45,948
Consumables	0
Volunteer Costs	0
Total	45,948

#### 5.2 Analysis of Support Costs

Depreciation and Amortisation	57,531
Admin Staff	25,901
Rent	25,086
Building Maintenance & Warehousing	3,187
Telephone, Webfleet and IT	2,095
Professional Accounting Fees	2,720
Light, Power and Heating	5,048
Volunteer Costs	2,486
Subscriptions	8,342
Fund Raising Expenses	763
Office Expenses	2,415
Bank Charges	2,323
Profit on sale of Vehicles	(6,504)
Uniforms	124
Total	131,517

#### 6.0 Independent examiners remuneration

Other	2,720
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## 7.0 Wages and Salary Cost

Wages and Salaries	25,901
Social Security Costs	0
Contribution to defined pension Schemes	0
	<b>25,901</b>

The average number of employees was 2

The key management personnel of the charity consisted of the Executive Chairman who received a salary of £954 during the year.

## 8.0 Trustee connected transactions

Paul Richards, who is a trustee carries out repairs to some charity vehicles. There is an agreement in place. The work is performed at a market rate and has been approved at a trustee meeting.

## 9.0 Intangible Assets

The intangible asset consist of the organisation website. This is now fully amortised.

## 10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Equipment & Fittings	Total
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>				
<b>B/Fwd 2023</b>	<b>54,352</b>	<b>222,521</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>279,673</b>
Additions	500	9,588	0	10,088
Disposal	0	47,145	0	47,145
<b>As at 2024</b>	<b>54,852</b>	<b>184,964</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>242,616</b>
<b>Depreciation B/Fwd</b>	<b>36,980</b>	<b>116,059</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>155,280</b>
Charge 2024	12,498	44,534	500	57,532
Disposal		30,359	0	30,559
<b>Depreciation as at year end</b>	<b>49,478</b>	<b>130,234</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>184,453</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>5,374</b>	<b>54,730</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60,163</b>

During the year a number of vehicles were disposed of and showed a profit on disposal of £6,504

**11 Debtors – Due within 1 year**

Trade Debtors	35,254
Other Debtors	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,254</b>

**12 Creditors – Amounts falling due in One Year**


Trade Creditors	4,165
Other Taxation and Social Security	85
Other Creditors	18,000
Accruals and Deferred Income	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,250</b>

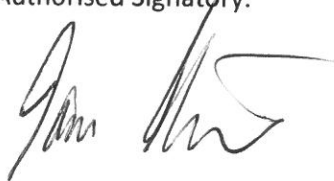
**13 Creditors falling Due after more than one year**


Balance on Vehicles purchased on HP	<b>15,557</b>
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**14 Statement of Funds**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Funds	140,495	177,465	(36,970)

For and on behalf of  
**Devon Freewheelers (Chair)**  
  
Authorised Signatory:  
Name: Russell Roe  
Date: 14-03-2025

For and on behalf of  
**TRUSTEE**  
Authorised Signatory:  
  
Name: James Robinson  
Date: 14/3/2025

For and on behalf of  
**TRUSTEE**  
Authorised Signatory:  
  
Name: Paul Richards  
Date: 14/3/2025

For and on behalf of  
**TRUSTEE**  
Authorised Signatory:  
  
Name: Wendy Charnock  
Date: 14/3/2025

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180264

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# Accounts

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**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT 2023**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Devon Freewheelers ('the charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts conducted under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in conducting my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

The charity's gross commission for the year did not exceed £250,000 however the examiner is a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the CIMA which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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. This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed :

Dated 1/5/2024

**Paul Light**

**Paul Light** MBA ACMA CGMA

**Lite Tax Ltd**

## **DEVON FREEWHEELERS**

### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
Income From		£	£	£
Donations, Legacies and Grants	3	159,483	0	159,483
Charitable Activities	4	0	0	0
Total Income		159,483	0	159,483
Total Expenditure	5	243,066	0	243,066
Net Gains on Investments		0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		(83,583)	0	(83,583)

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Intangible Assets	9		0
Tangible Assets	10		124,393
			<b>124,393</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	11	23,778	
Cash at Bank		11,704	
		<b>35,482</b>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due in one year</b>	12	33,865	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			1,617
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>			126,010
<b>Long Term Financing</b>			22,926
<b>Total Assets</b>			103,084
<b>Charity Funds</b>			13,529
Restricted funds			89,555
Unrestricted Funds			103,084

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by.

R.Roe  
Chief Executive

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2023**

**1 - General information**

Devon Freewheelers is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England & Wales. Its office address is Unit 1, Gloucester Court, Gloucester Crescent, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX141SJ.

**2 – Accounting Policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Devon Freewheelers meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**2.2 Income**

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate.

Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

### **2.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

### **2.4 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

### **2.5 Intangible assets and amortisation**

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

At each reporting date the charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

The estimated useful lives are as follows and amortisation is applied on this basis

Website - 20 % straight line

## 2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £300 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Office equipment	20%

## 2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

## 2.8 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.

## 2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the *effect* of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

## 2.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### 2.11 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated *over* the shorter of the lease term and their useful *lives*. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated *over* their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

### 2.12 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

### 2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. During the year no additional funds were considered to be restricted

## 3 Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
Donations	158,333	0	158,333
Legacies	0	0	0
Grants	1,150	0	1,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,483</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>159,483</b>

#### 4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
Sales	0	0	0
Services	0	0	0

#### 5 Analysis of Expenditure by activities

	Direct	Support	Total
Transport	55,560	187,506	243,066

##### 5.1 Analysis of Direct Costs

	Transport
Motor Expenses	63,591
Consumables	0
Volunteer Costs	0
Vehicle Disposals	-8,031
Total	55,560

##### 5.2 Analysis of Support Costs

Depreciation and Amortisation	55,908
Admin Staff	35,222
Rent	27,160
Building Maintenance & Warehousing	2,694
Telephone, Webfleet and IT	11,180
Professional Accounting Fees	10,245
Light, Power and Heating	7,343
Legal Fees	9,126
Advertising	2,182
Credit Note Write Off	9,936
Volunteer Costs	589
Subscriptions	650
Fund Raising Expenses	4,859
Office Expenses	5,707
Bank Charges	2,116
Interest	2,201
Other	295
Uniforms	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,506</b>

## 6.0 Independent examiners remuneration

Other	3,225
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## 7.0 Wages and Salary Cost

Wages and Salaries	35,222
Social Security Costs	0
Contribution to defined pension Schemes	0
	<b>35,222</b>

The average number of employees was 2

The key management personnel of the charity consisted of the Chief Executive Officer who received a salary of £5721 (last month not paid)

## 8.0 Trustee connected transactions

There were no trustee connected transactions.

## 9.0 Intangible Assets

The intangible asset consist of the organisation website. This had a £608 valuation at the beginning of the year and was fully amortised by the year end.

## 10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Equipment & Fittings	Total
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>				
<b>B/Fwd 2022</b>	<b>59,352</b>	<b>168,836</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>230,988</b>
Additions		67,563	0	67,563
Disposal	5,000	13,878	0	18,878
<b>As at 2023</b>	<b>54,352</b>	<b>222,521</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>279,673</b>
<b>Depreciation B/Fwd</b>	<b>29,610</b>	<b>84,097</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>115,387</b>
Charge 2023	12,370	42,370	561	55,301
Disposal	5,000	10,408	0	15,408
<b>Depreciation as at year end</b>	<b>36,980</b>	<b>116,059</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>155,280</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>17,372</b>	<b>106,462</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>124,393</b>

During the year a number of vehicles were disposed of and showed a profit on disposal of £8,031

## 11 Debtors – Due within 1 year

Trade Debtors	23,778
Other Debtors	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,778</b>

## 12 Creditors – Amounts falling due in One Year

Trade Creditors	6,771
Other Taxation and Social Security	7,094
Other Creditors	20,000
Accruals and Deferred Income	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,865</b>

## 13 Creditors falling Due after more than one year

Balance on Vehicles purchased on HP	<b>22,926</b>
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## 14 Statement of Funds

General Funds	<b>Income</b> 159,483	<b>Expenditure</b> 243,066	<b>Balance</b> (83,583)
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**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180264

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# Accounts

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The Trustees of Devon Freewheelers are pleased to present our annual report and financial statement for the year ended 31st October 2022.



## Trustee Annual Report Oct 2021- Oct 2022

Devon Freewheelers, Registered  
Charity 1180264

# Trustees' Report

## For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

### Foreword:

The Trustees of Devon Freewheelers, a Registered Charity Number 1180264, which is registered to operate within England & Wales from their registered office:

Unit 1, Gloucester Court, Gloucester Close, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1SJ; are delighted to present our annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

The Trustees would like to recognise stakeholders, the patients, our funders, and the public and thank them for all the support over the last year. Due to an exceptional year covering the period of 2019 – 2020; the charity had to comply with a full external audit by an independent body as stated in last report which was approved by the Charity Commission.

The trustee continues to work with the appointed accountants and the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP'), to improve the charity going forward in this financial year.

Thankfully, previous years have been an exception to the normal, and we do not foresee that we shall ever exceed the threshold, so do not envisage that we shall experience delays in the future in uploading of our end of year accounts.

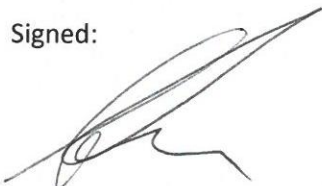
It saddens us that one of the trustees has decided to step down due to other commitments, and they felt it was time to hand over to someone with new and fresh ideas. The remaining trustees and volunteers wishing them all the best and thank them for the time given to the charity over the past financial year.

The organisation this year has been lucky to receive two bike donations one being a brand-new Triumph 900 by one of our DFW volunteers in memory of a family member which will make a great addition to the fleet. The second donation of a second-hand Kawasaki ER6 which is ideal for the shorter volunteer and kindly donated by another volunteer of DFW. This will allow the charity to continue helping the community and the NHS in the local areas.

The Trustees would like to thank the public, our stakeholders and the charity commission for their patience and assistance in working with us whilst we complied with our legal obligations.

Continuance of our learning experiences from the previous year, the trustees have decided to re-appoint the same accountants and auditors for this years' financial statement and we recognise and thank our colleagues at Lite Tax® for their efforts in completing this report.

Signed:



Russell Roe

Chief Executive Officer

## Governance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2021).

## Objectives and Activities

The objects of the CIO are:

1. To relieve sickness and protect health by the provision of transport of any urgently needed medical requirements primarily but not exclusively in the counties of Devon & Cornwall. In the case of transport of Human Tissue for the purposes of transplant this includes the whole of the United Kingdom.
2. The relief of those in need, by means of youth, age, ill health, financial hardship, or any other disadvantage by the provision of grants.

*The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.*



These objectives are delivered by Devon Freewheelers, a registered charity 1180264, registered by the Charity Commission to provide its services in England and Wales

## Achievements & Performance

The objectives are delivered primarily by our volunteer network and two members of staff, who are spread throughout the county normally split into north, south, east, and west regions of the County of Devon. The operational bases are Plymouth, Torbay, Honiton (HQ)

and Barnstaple with clusters of volunteers serving their primary care trusts and all their satellite hospitals under their control on a 24hrs a day, 7 days a week basis. These services are provided by different teams within the organisation.

During this financial year the organisation is still assisting with reduced services for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic that was announced by the World Health Organisation and categorised as a Level 4 National Emergency by the United Kingdom Government.

The volunteers have been continuing to provide their services round the clock, on the front line. New services and initiatives are always on the horizon, increasing their workload, but equally increasing our service to our clients, the people of Devon.



One of our finest achievements in the charities passed financial year was the gifting of a new fleet which would allow the charity to fulfil its EDI Objectives (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion), with the development of a 'Can-Am' Spider, a three wheeled vehicle that would allow a disabled riders to become involved in volunteering and provide a valuable service to their community or volunteers who are unable to ride on two wheels.

This machine particularly proved to be immensely popular, not only with the volunteers and our new disabled members, but also the biking communities in general. The striking livery and special adaptations which allowed for full hand or foot control.

Also, in this financial year the charity has been donated a new Triumph 900 by one of our volunteer riders for the West area in memory of her dad nicknamed (BLUEBOY).



Chief Executive Officer, Russell Roe says:

It came as a shock but I was totally honoured to except the kind donations. As mentioned in the foreword

“I am delighted and proud to have been able to do everything we could to serve those in need. There have been significant changes within the last year, and if it wasn’t for our stakeholders, the patients, our funders, and the public; our mission would have been near impossible. I would like to express my total gratitude to all the volunteers, their families, the public, and patients we serve”.

Also, this year Shelley Roe-Lavery decided to step down as Trustee. All of us here at Devon Freewheelers thank her for her time and guidance over the past few years and wish Shelley all the best for the future. As mentioned in the foreword

“We are all extremely proud to be part of Devon Freewheelers. It has been a bit of a battle for the charity over the last year, especially for the volunteers who all pulled together to make the charity successful, says Russell Roe.

### **History:**

The biggest and most important aspect of service delivery is by our motorcycle riders. Commonly referred to as ‘blood bikers’; this team of invaluable people offer their time to transport whole blood for transfusion, blood products to air ambulances, blood samples for testing, medications, patient notes, donor breast milk and human tissue samples for the purposes of transplant and any other medical requirement that fits on the bike; voluntarily.

This service absolutely saves lives, potentially every day. A service that we are proud to have been delivering to the public since 2009. In addition to the blood bike services, we have additional services to Doctor Surgeries in the county. All these services are now provided free of charge by our blood bikes.

Air Ambulance Charities are now also benefiting from the services of Devon Freewheelers. The Trustees were first approached by the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Trust with an enquiry as to whether it would be possible to supply whole blood to the aircraft to allow for blood transfusions to be administered at the scene of a critical care incident. With Dr Ian Mew, Director of Trauma Care at the Dorset County Hospital, and one of the Critical Care Doctors on board the aircraft setting out what he needed, Daniel approached some partners and successfully arranged all the necessary funding to launch the service.

Initially, the service was run out of our Honiton headquarters for over a year, racking up approx. 1,000 miles per week and in the first 12 months was instrumental in the saving of 31 lives on board the aircraft who without the transfusion, would have died. The aircraft, based at the Henstridge Airfield and serviced by blood from Dorset County Hospital needed a dedicated team to reduce our costs. A recruitment drive took place and a new team of volunteers were recruited in Dorset, and they now service the air ambulance with all the necessary equipment supplied by Devon Freewheelers and their partner Henry Surtees Foundation, who offered the charity a free vehicle to run the service. The project has been so successful, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance NHS Trust recognised the charity work by have the Devon Freewheelers logo placed directly above the door. We are immensely proud that lives are saved every year, thanks to the work of Devon Freewheelers.

**Testimonial: Approved for release by Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance**

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Medical Lead, Dr. Phil Hyde said: “The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA) Critical Care Team give blood products to approximately 30 severely injured patients per year. The chance of life that these products provide is enabled by the incredible support of Devon Freewheelers. Since the summer of 2016, the Devon Freewheelers have ensured that blood products are regularly and reliably delivered to the DSAA Clinical Team. Their voluntary work is inspiring and life changing, and they form an essential link in the chain of survival for the most injured adults and children in the Southwest.”



Devon Air Ambulance were soon to follow in the footsteps of the Dorset and Somerset Colleagues and approached the charity to offer the similar service to them. Obviously, it goes without contemplation that the charity would do anything to assist the people of Devon and a new service was launched to two helicopters of the Devon Air Ambulance in 2018, again completely free of charge and at no cost to the Air Ambulance charities or the patients, or the NHS. Even through the pandemic, all these lifesaving services continued without interruption.

The NICU Blood Bikes (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit dedicated services) are a regular service user in the transportation, collection, and delivery of Donor Breast Milk (“DBM”). NICU Blood Bikes in partnership with Devon Freewheelers can stock neonatal intensive care units throughout Devon & Cornwall during the working day with a relay service from Bristol.

Devon Freewheelers utilises our 4 wheeled vehicles (cars & vans) to take on stock for every neonatal unit in Devon & Cornwall and delivers their stocks, completely free of charge. This service requirement is a minimum of a large monthly initial stock, further supported with



home collections from donor mothers who donate unwanted breast milk. This product falls under the auspices of the Human Tissue Act and once again is instrumental in saving the life of a premature baby. The value of this service and in fact all the other services we provide are immeasurable.

All NICU services are provided by volunteers, at no cost to the service user, the hospital, the patient, or the NHS. Lives struggling from their first breathe supported and assisted by our “hidden hero’s

## **Financial Review (FR):**

We would like to thank the accountant for all their assistance in the preparation and audit of our annual accounts.

Our continued thanks to:

Mr Paul Light MBA ACMA CGMA  
LiteTax™ Accountants  
Re-appointed for next year.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three- and six-month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop ('significant event') in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

### **FR Significant Events:**

The principal risk and uncertainty of the charity is that the operational funds are usually provided from public donation and corporate support. Our management and strategy of any identifiable 'significant event' was the management of services offered so that they do not leave the organisation in an insolvent position. Over the last decade, as with many blood bike charities, operational capacity is usually described as hand to mouth. As an unregulated activity, each charity operates independently as to how this strategy is achieved.

It is the responsibility of the trustees to continually monitor and evaluate risks on a regular basis to ensure significant events are identified early and formulate a response to reduce that risk.

### **FR Reserves policy**

2018

Devon Freewheelers completed a major move into a new property leased for the purpose of delivering our services. Our reserves policy to hold £100k had not been achieved.

2019 – 2020 Reserves policy has been achieved

2020 – 2021 Reserves policy has been achieved

2021 – 2022 Reserves policy has been achieved

### **FR Investment policy**

2021-2022

The charity is still actively investigating into the property market to invest in a property.

### **FR Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is registered as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered number 1180264, and is constituted under a Trust deed. The charity does not trade under any other names, however, is known as 'Devon Blood Bikes' informally since its foundation on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The members of the trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Russell Roe (RR)

Mr James Robinson

Mr Paul Richards (PR) (C of I Notice on file)

#### **10. Appointment of charity trustees (from the constitution)**

- (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of one year by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees and approved by the Chairman or Chairperson
- (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of Devon Freewheelers, the CIO

#### **11. Information for new charity trustees**

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her appointment:

- (a) A copy of the current version of this constitution; and
- (b) A copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

### **FR Conflict of Interest:**

The charity has an effective policy to manage conflict of interest (C of I) in its decision making and the appointment of a Trustee or third-party provider. Conflicts of interest are declared in this report and are managed in accordance with that policy. All minutes of meetings clearly identify conflict management processes are practiced prior to a general meeting taking place. A file on conflict-of-interest notices is maintained and available for inspection.

Conflict of interest notices are submitted regarding PR (Paul Richards Motors). A review of the conflict management is satisfied that an operational manager, obtained quotes from various suppliers before work was carried out on Charity vehicles.

The CIO has full control of the appointment of trustees and is not influenced by any external body or organisation. Each trustee is assessed for their skills and expertise in the operational needs of the charity. The constitution allows a trustee to receive remuneration for an employed position within the charity and as such declaration is made with the approval of the Charity Commission Charities Act 2011 and subjected to independent assessment with the assistance of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (“NCVO”) and the Association of Chief Executives for Voluntary Organisations (“ACEVO”) by which the charity has agreed to accept their guidance and recommendations in the Roles and Responsibility of a Chief Executive Officer and the fair salary guidance.

### **FR Volunteer & Fundraising Standards**

The Charity recognises its obligations to protect and serve the public in a safe and responsible manner in both delivery of its objective and in fundraising standards. To achieve that the charity complies with multiple International Standards for Quality Management, Management of Occupational Health & Safety and Management of Environmental impact, with the certifications of ISO 9001:2015, ISO 45001:2018,

Processes are demonstrated with recruitment procedures to ensure all applications to the charity are from fit and proper persons, supported by reference checking and voluntary disclosure and barring checks to the enhanced level to protect vulnerable adults and children.

In addition, the charity has also achieved the ‘Charity Excellence’ framework for the second year running, for fundraising standards and has received no complaints from the public in its fundraising activities.

#### **Additional Disclosures:**

*Where applicable has the entity disclosed the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to which the entity has restricted title or that is pledged as security for liabilities?*

There are no additional disclosures.

#### **Future Plans**

The Charity aims to continue in the delivery of its current objective and does not plan to alter direction in the forthcoming year.

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees is responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**The trustees' report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 was approved by the Trustees.**



Mr Russell Roe

Responsible to the Trustees for the period.

03<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

End of Statement



**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT 2022**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Devon Freewheelers ('the charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts conducted under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in conducting my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

The charity's gross commission for the year did not exceed £250,000 however the examiner is a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the CIMA which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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. This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed :



Dated 11/5/2023

**Paul Light** MBA ACMA CGMA

**Lite Tax Ltd**

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£
<b>Income From Donations, Legacies and Grants</b>	3	126,334	35,645	161,979
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	4	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>		126,334	35,645	161,979
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	5	238,645	0	238,645
<b>Net Gains on Investments</b>		0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		(112,311)	35,645	(76,666)

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Intangible Assets	9		606
Tangible Assets	10		115,601
			<b>116,207</b>
 <b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	11	125,252	
Cash at Bank		9,464	
		<b>134,716</b>	
 <b>Creditors: amounts falling due in one year</b>	12	64,264	
 <b>Net Current Assets</b>			<b>70,452</b>
 <b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>			<b>186,659</b>
 <b>Charity Funds</b>			<b>83,227</b>
Restricted funds			103,432
Unrestricted Funds			186,659

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by.

R.Roe  
Chief Executive

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2022**

**1 - General information**

Devon Freewheelers is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England & Wales. Its office address is Unit 1, Gloucester Court, Gloucester Crescent, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX141SJ.

**2 – Accounting Policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Devon Freewheelers meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**2.2 Income**

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate.

Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its

recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

### **2.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

### **2.4 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

### **2.5 Intangible assets and amortisation**

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

At each reporting date the charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

The estimated useful lives are as follows and amortisation is applied on this basis

Website - 20 % straight line

### **2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £300 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic

benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably. Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Office equipment	20%

## 2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

## 2.8 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.

## 2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, ii is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the *effect* of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

## 2.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### 2.11 Finance leases and hire purchase.

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

### 2.12 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

### 2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. During the year no additional funds were considered to be restricted

## 3 Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
Donations	126,334	35,645	161,979
Legacies	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0
Total	126,334	35,645	161,979

## 4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
Sales	0	0	0
Services	0	0	0

## 6.0 Independent examiners remuneration

Other 3737

## 7.0 Costings

Administration Costs	37,869
Social Security Costs	3,549
Contribution to defined pension schemes	0
	<b>41,418</b>

## 8.0 Trustee connected transactions

There were no trustee connected transactions.

## 9.0 Intangible Assets

The intangible asset consist of the organisation website. This had a £1,214 valuation at the beginning of the year and was further amortised by £608 in the year

## 10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Equipment & Fittings	Total
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>				
<b>B/Fwd 2020</b>	<b>52,006</b>	<b>172,023</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>228,329</b>
Additions	10,000	51,634	0	61,634
Disposal	2,654	54,821	1,500	58,975
<b>As at 2021</b>	<b>59,352</b>	<b>168,836</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>230,988</b>
<b>Depreciation B/Fwd</b>	<b>20,802</b>	<b>81,035</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>103,557</b>
Charge 2022	10,401	44,498	860	55,759
Disposal	1,593	41,436	900	43,929
<b>Depreciation as at year end</b>	<b>29,610</b>	<b>84,097</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>115,387</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>29,742</b>	<b>84,739</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>115,601</b>

During the year a number of vehicles were disposed of and showed a profit on disposal of £10,254

## 5 Analysis of Expenditure by activities

	Direct	Support	Total
Transport	61,985	176,660	238,645

### 5.1 Analysis of Direct Costs

	Transport
Motor Expenses	72,239
Consumables	0
Volunteer Costs	0
Vehicle Disposals	-10,254
Total	61,985

### 5.2 Analysis of Support Costs

Depreciation and Amortisation	56,368
Administration Cost	42,418
Rent	26,210
Building Maintenance & Warehousing	6,570
Telephone, Webfleet and IT	4,820
Uniforms	2,630
Professional Fees	3,900
Light, Power and Heating	6,110
Auditors Fees	3,738
Advertising	4,330
Travelling	984
Volunteer Costs	2,100
Subscriptions	8,000
Fundraising Expenses	4,698
Office Expenses	3,904
Bank Charges	880
Total	176,660

**11 Debtors – Due within 1 year**

Trade Debtors	125,252
Other Debtors	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,252</b>

**12 Creditors – Amounts falling due in One Year**

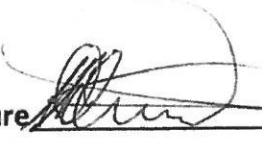
Trade Creditors	2,693
Other Taxation and Social Security	12,662
Other Creditors	40,000
Accruals and Deferred Income	8,909
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,264</b>

**13 Creditors falling due after more than one year**


Nil

**14 Statement of Funds**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Funds	161,979	238,645	(76,666)

Trustee (Print) WENDY CHARNICK Signature 

Date 15/5/23

Trustee (Print) PAUL RICHARDS Signature 

Date 23/3/2023

Chief Executive



Date 24/03/2023



**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180264

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# Accounts

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The Trustees of Devon Freewheelers are pleased to present our annual report and financial statement for the year ended 31st October 2021.



## Trustee Annual Report Oct 2020- Oct 2021

Devon Freewheelers, Registered  
Charity 1180264

# Trustees' Report

## For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

### Foreword:

The Trustees of Devon Freewheelers, a Registered Charity Number 1180264, which is registered to operate within England & Wales from their registered office:

Unit 1, Gloucester Court, Gloucester Close, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1SJ;  
are delighted to present our annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

The Trustees would like to recognise the delay in publishing these accounts with a brief explanation to the public. Due to an exceptional year covering the period of 2019 – 2020; the charity had to comply with a full external audit by an independent body which was approved by the Charity Commission.

In accordance with the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP'), and as the organisation had exceeded the £1 million threshold, a registered statutory auditor was appointed to conduct a full and detailed audit of the financial year.

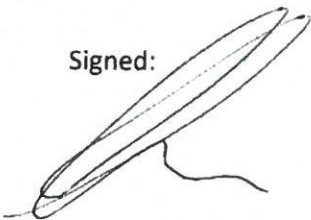
The organisation had never been in this position previously, and as such the auditor wasn't appointed until after the accounts for that year were due. The timescale for the statutory auditor to conduct their business took much longer than expected. As this external auditor was acting in the best interests of the public and the regulator, we had to wait until they completed their work before we could upload this years' financial statement; which was in fact prepared on time.

The Trustees would like to thank the public, our stakeholders and the charity commission for their patience and assistance in working with us whilst we complied with our legal obligations to subject ourselves to the external auditor.

Thankfully, the year in question was an exception to the normal, and we do not foresee that we shall ever exceed that threshold again, so do not envisage that we shall experience delays of this nature in the future.

Continuance of our learning experiences from the previous year, the trustees decided to re-appoint the same accountants and auditors for this years' financial statement and we recognise and thank our colleagues at Lite Tax® for their efforts in completing this report.

Signed:



Russell Roe

Chief Executive Officer

## Governance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2021).

## Objectives and Activities

The objects of the CIO are:

1. To relieve sickness and protect health by the provision of transport of any urgently needed medical requirements primarily but not exclusively in the counties of Devon & Cornwall. In the case of transport of Human Tissue for the purposes of transplant this includes the whole of the United Kingdom.
2. The relief of those in need, by means of youth, age, ill health, financial hardship or any other disadvantage by the provision of grants.

*The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.*

These objectives are delivered by Devon Freewheelers, a registered charity 1180264, registered by the Charity Commission to provide its services in England and Wales

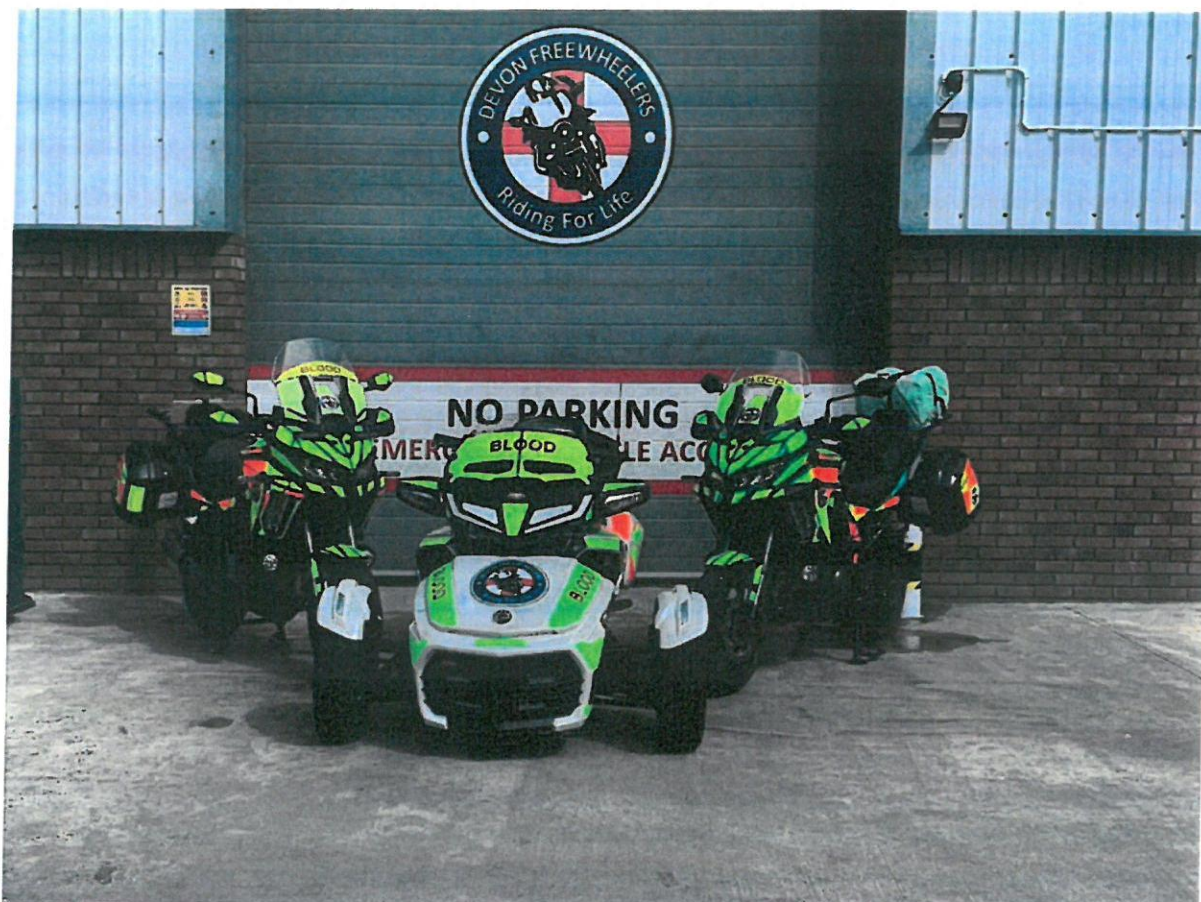
## Achievements & Performance



The objectives are delivered primarily by our volunteer network and two member's of staff, who are spread throughout the county normally split into north, south, east, and west regions of the County of Devon. The operational bases are Plymouth, Torbay, Honiton (HQ) and Barnstaple with clusters of volunteers serving their primary care trusts and all their satellite hospitals under their control on a 24hrs a day, 7 days a week basis. These services are provided by different teams within the organisation.

During this financial year the organisation is still assisting with reduced services for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic that was announced by the World Health Organisation and categorised as a Level 4 National Emergency by the United Kingdom Government.

The volunteers have been working in extremely challenging environments, continuing to provide their services round the clock, on the front line. New services and initiatives are always on the horizon, increasing their workload, but equally increasing our service to our clients, the people of Devon.



One of our finest achievements this year was the gifting of a new fleet which would allow the charity to fulfil its EDI Objectives (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion), with the development of a 'Can-Am' Spider, a three wheeled vehicle that would allow a disabled rider to become involved in volunteering and provide a valuable service to their community.

This machine particularly proved to be immensely popular, not only with the volunteers and our new disabled members, but also the biking communities in general. The striking livery and special adaptations which allowed for full hand or foot control gained nationwide, and even, international interest.

The 'Can-Am', or 'Canadian-American' in its full name, is a popular vehicle for emergency services internationally, however, this is the first of its kind in the United Kingdom.

By the end of this year, another significant achievement to be celebrated is the removal of all cost recovery operations of the past, to the full 'free' services provided by our volunteers.

Chief Executive Officer, Russell Roe says:

"I am delighted and proud to have been able to do everything we could to serve those in need. There have been significant changes this year, and if it wasn't for our stakeholders, the patients, our funders, and the public; our mission would have been near impossible. I would like to express my total gratitude to all the volunteers, their families, the public, and patients we serve".

“We are all extremely proud to be Devon Freewheelers. We would like to express our thanks to the retiring Chief Executive for all the hard work he has put into the Charity over the years, and we are all proud to carry on the hard work that he has achieved”, says Russell Roe.

### **History:**

The biggest and most important aspect of service delivery is by our motorcycle riders. Commonly referred to as ‘blood bikers’; this team of invaluable people offer their time to transport whole blood for transfusion, blood products to air ambulances, blood samples for testing, medications, patient notes, donor breast milk and human tissue samples for the purposes of transplant and any other medical requirement that fits on the bike; voluntarily.

This service absolutely saves lives, potentially every day. A service that we are proud to have been delivering to the public since 2009. In addition to the blood bike services, we have additional services to Doctor Surgeries in the county. All these services are now provided free of charge by our blood bikes.

Air Ambulance Charities are now also benefiting from the services of Devon Freewheelers. The Trustees were first approached by the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Trust with an enquiry as to whether it would be possible to supply whole blood to the aircraft to allow for blood transfusions to be administered at the scene of a critical care incident. With Dr Ian Mew, Director of Trauma Care at the Dorset County Hospital, and one of the Critical Care Doctors on board the aircraft setting out what he needed, Daniel approached some partners and successfully arranged all the necessary funding to launch the service.

Initially, the service was run out of our Honiton headquarters for over a year, racking up approx. 1,000 miles per week and in the first 12 months was instrumental in the saving of 31 lives on board the aircraft who without the transfusion, would have died. The aircraft, based at the Henstridge Airfield and serviced by blood from Dorset County Hospital needed a dedicated team to reduce our costs. A recruitment drive took place and a new team of volunteers were recruited in Dorset, and they now service the air ambulance with all the necessary equipment supplied by Devon Freewheelers and their partner Henry Surtees Foundation, who offered the charity a free vehicle to run the service. The project has been so successful, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance NHS Trust recognised the charity work by have the Devon Freewheelers logo placed directly above the door. We are immensely proud that lives are saved every year, thanks to the work of Devon Freewheelers.



### **Testimonial: Approved for release by Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance**

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Medical Lead, Dr. Phil Hyde said: “The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA) Critical Care Team give blood products to approximately 30 severely injured patients per year. The chance of life that these products provide is enabled by the incredible support of Devon Freewheelers. Since the summer of 2016, the Devon

Freewheelers have ensured that blood products are regularly and reliably delivered to the DSAA Clinical Team. Their voluntary work is inspiring and life changing, and they form an essential link in the chain of survival for the most injured adults and children in the Southwest."

Devon Air Ambulance were soon to follow in the footsteps of the Dorset and Somerset Colleagues and approached the charity to offer the similar service to them. Obviously, it goes without contemplation that the charity would do anything to assist the people of Devon and a new service was launched to two helicopters of the Devon Air Ambulance in 2018, again completely free of charge and at no cost to the Air Ambulance charities or the patients, or the NHS. Even through the pandemic, all these lifesaving services continued without interruption.



The NICU Blood Bikes (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit dedicated services) are a regular service user in the transportation, collection, and delivery of Donor Breast Milk ("DBM"). NICU Blood Bikes in partnership with Devon Freewheelers can stock neonatal intensive care units throughout Devon & Cornwall during the working day with a relay service from Bristol.

Devon Freewheelers utilises our 4 wheeled vehicles (cars & vans) to take on stock for every neonatal unit in Devon & Cornwall and delivers their stocks, completely free of charge. This service requirement is a minimum of a large monthly initial stock, further supported with home collections from donor mothers who donate unwanted breast milk. This product falls under the auspices of the Human Tissue Act and once again is instrumental in saving the life of a premature baby. The value of this service and in fact all the other services we provide are immeasurable.

All NICU services are provided by volunteers, at no cost to the service user, the hospital, the patient, or the NHS. Lives struggling from their first breathe supported and assisted by our "hidden hero's".

## **Financial Review (FR):**

We would like to thank the accountant for all their assistance in the preparation and audit of our annual accounts. With the final reconciliation and submission by an independent external body:

Our continued thanks to:

Mr Paul Light MBA ACMA CGMA  
LiteTax™ Accountants  
Re-appointed for next year.

An explanation for the delay in publishing the accounts to the public 2020-2021 is in the foreword. It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three- and six-month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop ('significant event') in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

### **FR Significant Events:**

The principal risk and uncertainty of the charity is that the operational funds are usually provided from public donation and corporate support. Our management and strategy of any identifiable 'significant event' was the management of services offered so that they do not leave the organisation in an insolvent position. Over the last decade, as with many blood bike charities, operational capacity is usually described as hand to mouth. As an unregulated activity, each charity operates independently as to how this strategy is achieved.

Prior to the pandemic, Devon Freewheelers were experiencing severe financial hardship like many others. Our reserves account had approximately £3,000 in available funds. To support our efforts in maintaining some services, a cost recovery approach relieved much of that pressure and was effectively managing the identified risk of a significant event, i.e. a temporary suspension of services to focus on fundraising alone. We are pleased to report that our cost recovery model is no longer a requirement and that our reserves account has recovered.

It is the responsibility of the trustees to continually monitor and evaluate risks on a regular basis to ensure significant events are identified early and formulate a response to reduce that risk.

### **FR Reserves policy**

2018

Devon Freewheelers completed a major move into a new property leased for the purpose of delivering our services. Our reserves policy to hold £100k had not been achieved.

2019 – 2020 Reserves policy achieved

2020 – 2021 Reserves policy achieved

### **FR Investment policy**

2020-2021

The charity is still actively investigating into the property market to invest in a property.

### **FR Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is registered as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered number 1180264, and is constituted under a Trust deed. The charity does not trade under any other names, however, is known as 'Devon Blood Bikes' informally since its foundation on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The members of the trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Russell Roe (RR) (C of I Notice on file)  
Mr James Robinson  
Mrs Shelley Roe-Lavery (SRL) (C of I Notice on file)  
Mr Paul Richards (PR) (C of I Notice on file)

#### **10. Appointment of charity trustees (from the constitution)**

- (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of one year by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees and approved by the Chairman or Chairperson
- (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of Devon Freewheelers, the CIO

#### **11. Information for new charity trustees**

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her appointment:

- (a) A copy of the current version of this constitution; and
- (b) A copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

### **FR Conflict of Interest:**

The charity has an effective policy to manage conflict of interest (C of I) in its decision making and the appointment of a Trustee or third-party provider. Conflicts of interest are declared in this report and are managed in accordance with that policy. All minutes of meetings clearly identify conflict management processes are practiced prior to a general

meeting taking place. A file on conflict-of-interest notices is maintained and available for inspection.

Conflict of interest notices are submitted regarding PR (Paul Richards Motors). A review of the conflict management is satisfied that an operational manager, obtained quotes from various suppliers before work was carried out on Charity vehicles.

A conflict-of-interest notice is also issued for the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer Mr Russell Roe (RR). Mr Russell Roe is the brother of SRL. A strong family bond obviously exists with the foundation of the charity and all members are fully aware of the C of I policy. SRL has no participation in the financial dealings with RR and any decision making affecting his position or remuneration is voluntarily excluded of participation by SRL.

On review of the notice at a general meeting, RR has been a member of the charity since its foundation in 2009. RR has significant experience in the operation of the charity, and also had significant experience in book-keeping. RR has the full support of the volunteers in the announcement of his interest and in order for a smooth transition upon the departure of DRL the Trustees were delighted to accept RR's application to post. Additional management training was offered and completed by RR to formalise management qualification for the role.

The CIO has full control of the appointment of trustees and is not influenced by any external body or organisation. Each trustee is assessed for their skills and expertise in the operational needs of the charity. The constitution allows a trustee to receive remuneration for an employed position within the charity and as such declaration is made with the approval of the Charity Commission Charities Act 2011 and subjected to independent assessment with the assistance of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations "(NCVO)" and the Association of Chief Executives for Voluntary Organisations ("ACEVO") by which the charity has agreed to accept their guidance and recommendations in the Roles and Responsibility of a Chief Executive Officer and the fair salary guidance.

### **FR Volunteer & Fundraising Standards**

The Charity recognises its obligations to protect and serve the public in a safe and responsible manner in both delivery of its objective and in fundraising standards. To achieve that the charity complies with multiple International Standards for Quality Management, Management of Occupational Health & Safety and Management of Environmental impact, with the certifications of ISO 9001:2015, ISO 45001:2018,

Processes are demonstrated with recruitment procedures to ensure all applications to the charity are from fit and proper persons, supported by reference checking and voluntary disclosure and barring checks to the enhanced level to protect vulnerable adults and children.

In addition, the charity has also achieved the 'Charity Excellence' framework for the second year running, for fundraising standards and has received no complaints from the public in its fundraising activities.

**Additional Disclosures:**

*Where applicable has the entity disclosed the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to which the entity has restricted title or that is pledged as security for liabilities?*

There are no additional disclosures.

**Future Plans**

The Charity aims to continue in the delivery of its current objective and does not plan to alter direction in the forthcoming year.

**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees is responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

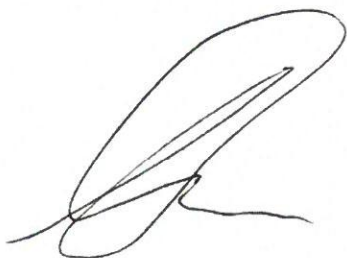
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**The trustees' report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 was approved by  
the Trustees.**

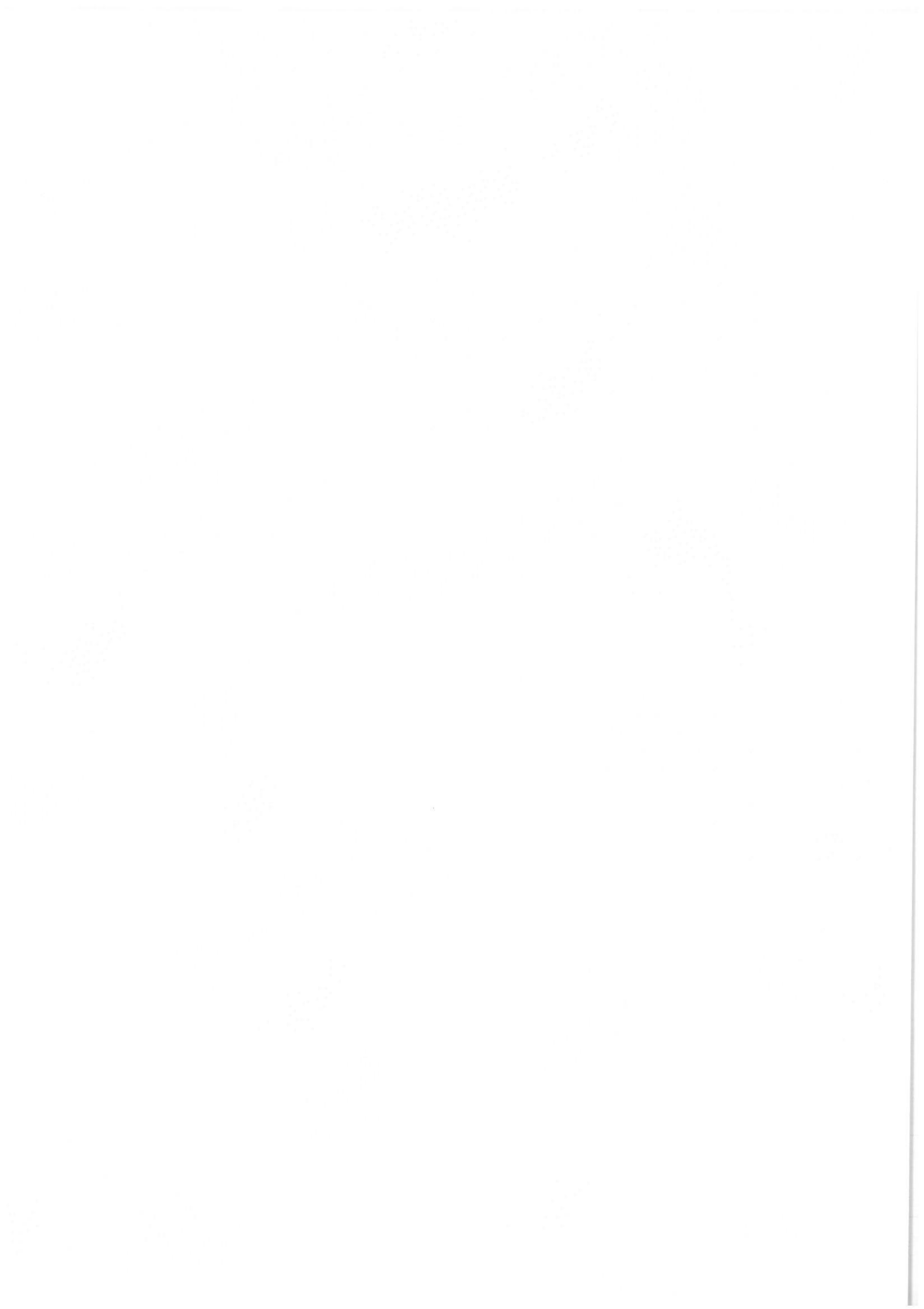


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**Mr Russell Roe**  
Responsible to the Trustees for the period.

03<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

End of Statement



**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT 2020**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Devon Freewheelers ('the charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts conducted under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in conducting my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

The charities gross commission for the year did not exceed £250,000 however the examiner is a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the CIMA which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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. This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed :

Dated 15/5/23



**Paul Light MBA ACMA CGMA**

**Lite Tax Ltd**

## DEVON FREEWHEELERS

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total Funds 2020
Income From Donations, Legacies and Grants	3	£ 153,216	£ 1,500	£ 154,716
Charitable Activities	4	9,454	0	9,454
Total Income		162,670	1,500	164,170
Total Expenditure	5	250,093	745	250,838
Net Gains on Investments		0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		(87,423)	755	(86,688)

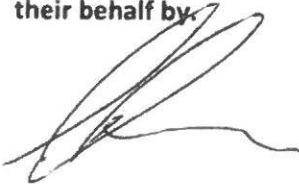
The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Intangible Assets	9		1,214
Tangible Assets	10		124,772
			<b>125,986</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	11	88,545	
Cash at Bank		72,673	
		<b>161,218</b>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due in one year</b>	12	23,879	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<b>137,339</b>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>			<b>263,325</b>
<b>Charity Funds</b>			<b>194,783</b>
Restricted funds			68,542
Unrestricted Funds			<b>263,325</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



**R.Roe**  
**Chief Executive**

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**DEVON FREEWHEELERS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2020**

**1 - General information**

Devon Freewheelers is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England & Wales. Its office address is Unit 1, Gloucester Court, Gloucester Crescent, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX141SJ.

**2 – Accounting Policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Devon Freewheelers meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**2.2 Income**

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate.

Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its

recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

### **2.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

### **2.4 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

### **2.5 Intangible assets and amortisation**

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

At each reporting date the charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

The estimated useful lives are as follows and amortisation is applied on this basis.

Website - 20 % straight line

### **2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £300 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic.

benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Office equipment	20%

## **2.7 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

## **2.8 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.

## **2.9 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the *effect* of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

## **2.10 Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### 2.11 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

### 2.12 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

### 2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. During the year no additional funds were considered to be restricted

## 3 Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021
Donations	153,216	0	153,216
Legacies	0	0	0
Grants	0	1,500	1,500
Total	153,216	1,500	154,716

## 4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021
Sales	0	0	0
Services	9,454	0	9,454

No funds raised in the year are considered to be restricted.

## 5 Analysis of Expenditure by activities

	Direct	Support	Total
Transport	87,651	163,187	250,838

### 5.1 Analysis of Direct Costs

	Transport
Motor Expenses	73,716
Consumables	864
Volunteer Costs	1,592
Vehicle Disposals	11,480
Total	87,651

### 5.2 Analysis of Support Costs

Depreciation and Amortisation	52,704
Rent	22,540
Building Maintenance & Warehousing	19,629
Telephone, Webfleet and IT	12,785
Insurance	10,892
Uniforms	9,659
Professional Fees	7,570
Light, Power and Heating	5,723
Auditors Fees	4,195
Printing and Stationery	3,379
Travelling	3,308
Volunteer Costs	3,017
Subscriptions	2,750
Fund Raising Expenses	2,711
Office Expenses	1,445
Bank Charges	678
Staff Training and Welfare	202
Staff costs	0
Total	163,187



## 6.0 Independent examiners remuneration

Other	4,195
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## 7.0 Wages and Salary Cost

Wages and Salaries	0
Social Security Costs	0
Contribution to defined pension Schemes	0
	0

The average number of employees was 2

No employee received a remuneration.

The key management personnel of the charity consisted of the Chief Executive Officer who did not receive a salary

## 8.0 Trustee connected transactions

There were no trustee connected transactions.

## 9.0 Intangible Assets

The intangible asset consist of the organisation website. This had a £1822 vluation at the beginning of the year and was further amortised by £608 in the year.

## 10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Equipment & Fittings	Total
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>				
<b>B/Fwd 2020</b>	<b>58,006</b>	<b>198,169</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>260,475</b>
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposal	6,000	26,146	0	32,146
<b>As at 2021</b>	<b>52,006</b>	<b>172,023</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>228,329</b>
<b>Depreciation B/Fwd</b>	<b>11,601</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>70,461</b>
Charge 2022	11,601	39,635	860	52,096
Disposal	2,400	16,600	0	19,000
<b>Depreciation as at year end</b>	<b>20,802</b>	<b>81,035</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>103,557</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>31,204</b>	<b>90,988</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>124,772</b>

During the year a number of vehicles were disposed of and showed a loss on disposal of £11,480

## 11 Debtors – Due within 1 year

Trade Debtors	88,545
Other Debtors	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,545</b>

## 12 Creditors – Amounts falling due in One Year

Trade Creditors	2,713
Other Taxation and Social Security	9,666
Accruals and Deferred Income	11,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,879</b>

## 13 Creditors falling Due after more than one year

Nil

## 14 Statement of Funds

General Funds	Income 164,170	Expenditure 250,093	Balance (86,688)
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