



# Annual Report & Accounts 2023/24



# Chair’s Report

I am once again honoured to present the Annual Report for the year 2023-24. As we reflect on the journey we have taken over the past year, I am filled with deep appreciation for the resilience, dedication, and unity displayed by our extraordinary community of volunteers at Blood Bikes Wales.

Our mission to support the NHS through voluntary work has always been rooted in the belief that our collective efforts can make a difference. This year, we have continued to uphold that belief and strengthen it further, proving that when we come together, we can achieve remarkable things.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who volunteer. Your commitment, generosity, and the countless hours you have devoted are noticed and greatly appreciated by the NHS staff. We also benefit NHS patients who may have no knowledge of what we do. It is your unwavering spirit and selflessness that form the heart of Blood Bikes Wales.

The past year has been filled with significant milestones. Notably, we expanded our services, ensuring that together with Public Health Wales, hospitals receive the support they need. We have also built on the success of the Llandovery Bike Show, making it an even greater success this year thanks to the lessons learned and the continued support from our community.

Financial transparency and stewardship remain pillars of our charity, and I am pleased to report that we have maintained our commitment to ensuring that every donation is used wisely. Our efforts have allowed us to further invest in our fleet of bikes and infrastructure while also securing the charity’s long-term sustainability. The financial details of this year’s performance can be found within the Treasurer’s Report.

As we reflect on 2023-24, we also celebrate another important milestone: the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our service to the NHS. Our journey has been one of growth, learning, and perseverance, and as we look ahead, we do so with the same hope and determination that have brought us this far. With the continued support of our volunteers, donors, and partners, I have every confidence that Blood Bikes Wales will continue to thrive and serve.

To all of our supporters, donors, and partners, your generosity and encouragement make our work possible. We are deeply grateful for your trust and belief in our mission, and you remain an inspiration for all that we do.

As we close out another successful year, I am proud of what we have achieved together; yet, I am reminded that our work is never truly done. I am certain that we will continue to make a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for being a part of our journey and for your continued support.

**Nigel Ward**  
Chair

**“ Thanks BBW for everything you do. You’ve helped us out so many times when we’ve been let down by regular couriers or when we have urgent samples to send. We are incredibly lucky to have you.”**  
(Anonymous donor)

# Vice-Chair’s Report

We have come to the end of another successful and rewarding year as a charity. It is worth reminding ourselves and others that all of the work is done by volunteers and all of our finance is supplied through donations.

A couple of relevant terms can be emphasised in the context of running a charity:  
*Volunteering* - the act of rendering selfless service to a cause, oftentimes for free and without coercion. It is about giving time to a good cause, specifically to help an organisation, your community or an individual you are not related to.  
*Benefactor* - (latin bene - good, factor - maker) a person, group or organisation often giving monetary contributions to an organisation without expecting anything in return.

This charity consists of both volunteers and benefactors. Our benefactors, like our volunteers, come in many different guises:

- The member of the public who pays for the fuel that has just been put into a bike;
- The anonymous donation left on the bike parked outside of a hospital whilst the rider delivers the consignment;
- The person who remembers us in their will, the grieving family who asks for donations in lieu of flowers at a loved one’s funeral;
- The societies, groups, congregations, friends, work colleagues, who nominate Blood Bikes Wales as their charity of choice for the coming year;
- The larger organisations who, despite budget constraints, still find the funds to make charitable donations;
- Or just simply the member of the public who drops coins into the collecting pot at one of our PR events.

Blood Bikes Wales could not operate without benefactors and donations. Literally every penny received is used to operate and run the charity. Over the past year we have received a plethora of donations, from many sources, some sizable, some not, but each and every one has been received with humility and gratitude. We never presume that the money will keep coming but we are always grateful for the continued support of regular donors and for donations from unexpected sources.

Our volunteers are also benefactors of the charity in that they give freely of their time and personal expenses without any call for recompense. Not one single volunteer gets paid. We are 100% volunteers. If you have been one of our benefactors during the past year, thank you sincerely from the bottom of our hearts. If you have volunteered during this period give yourself a pat on the back, walk tall and be proud of your giving, Thank you for every minute of your time.

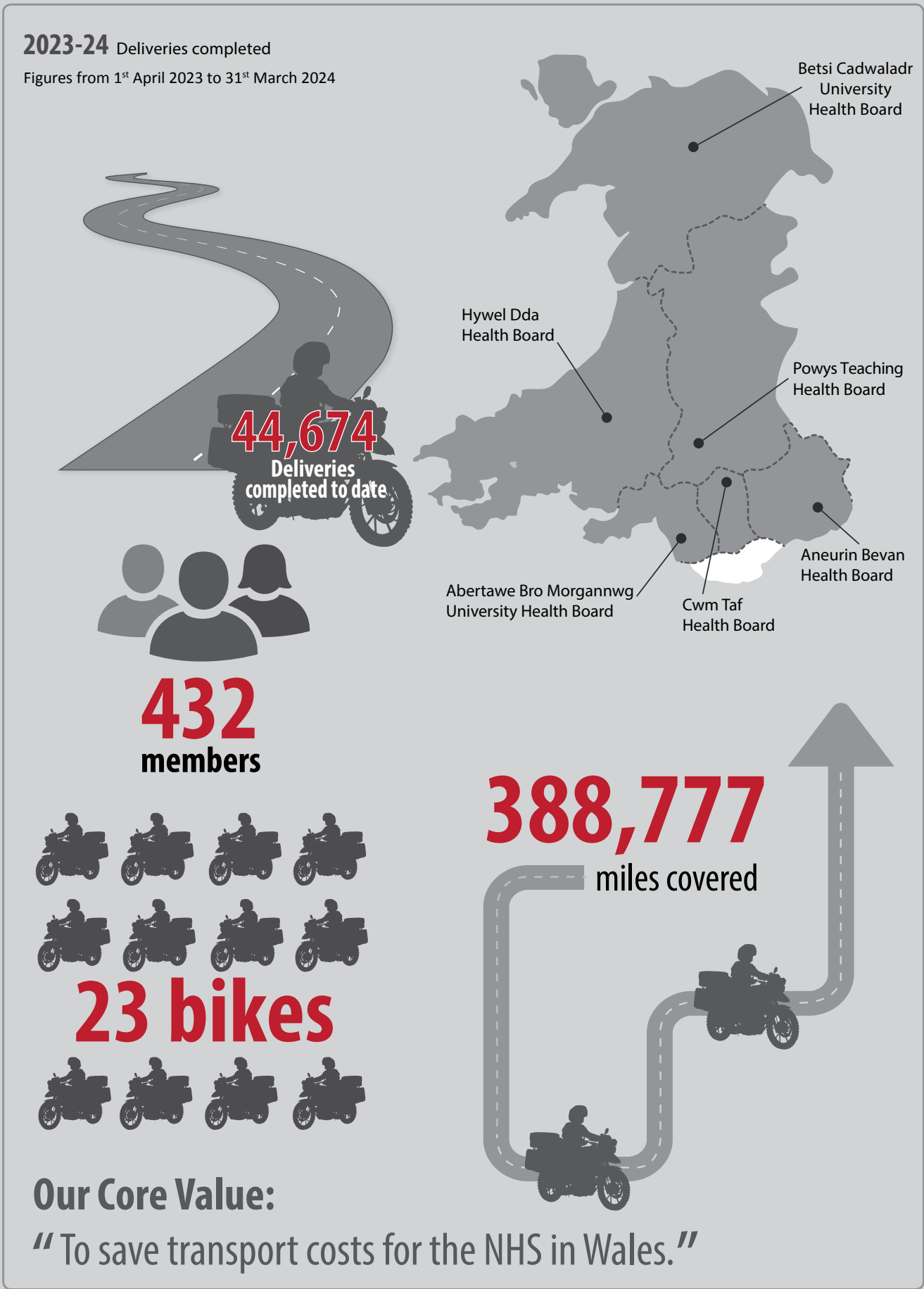
YOU ALL have helped to keep this charity moving and enabled us to continue with our mission to help our NHS.

**Lesley Isaacs-Penny**  
Vice-Chair

**“What a selfless, amazing organisation unfortunately grown out of huge need. Keep up the great work.”**  
(Anonymous donor)



Key Facts



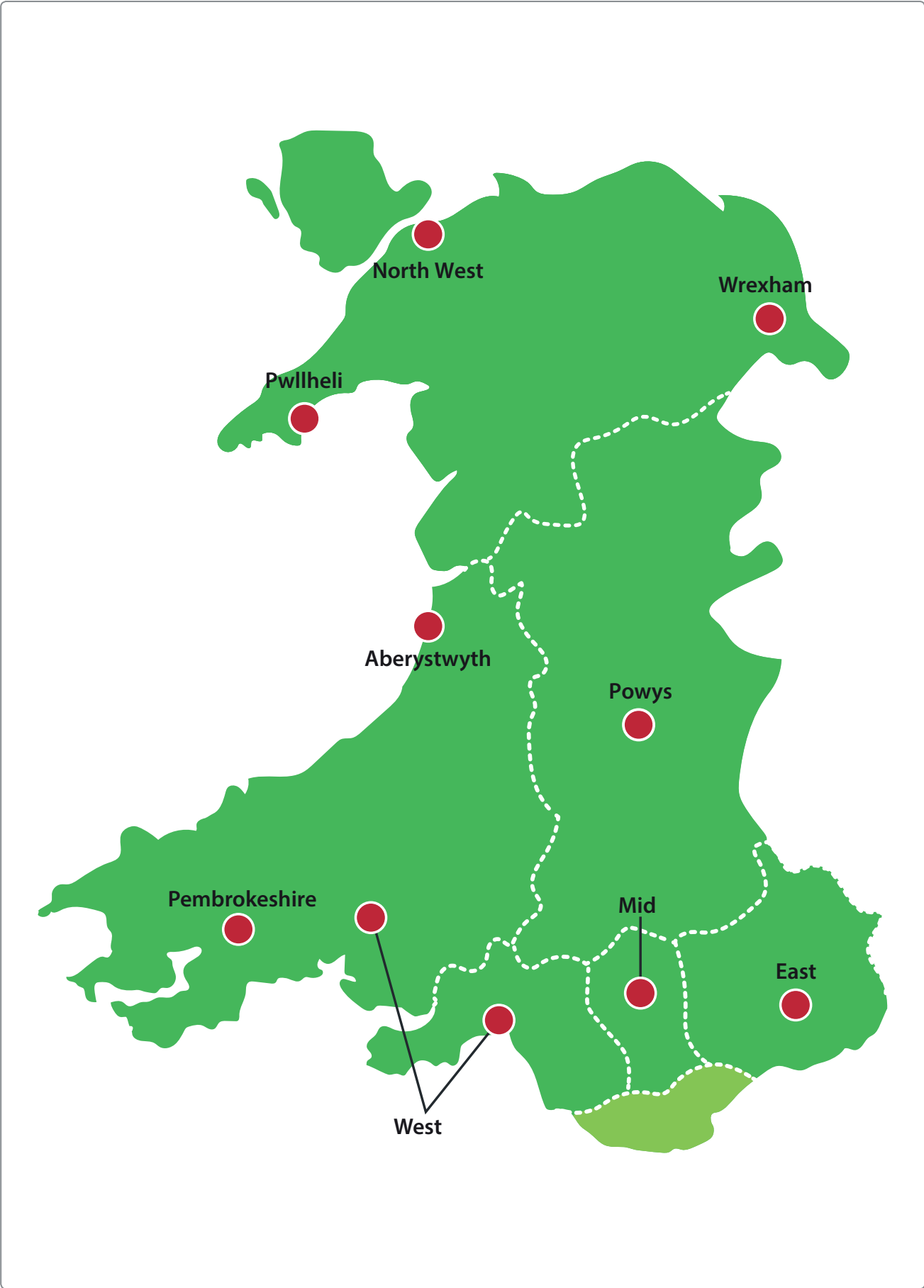
Job breakdown

Ad hoc	3,185
Routine	4,005
Milk	327
Total jobs last year	7,517

Trusts



Blood Bikes Wales Regional Bases



Treasurer's Report  
for the year ended March 31, 2024

It is my pleasure to report that Blood Bikes Wales enjoyed another relatively successful year. It is true that we did not do as well this year as last: our income was down, mainly due to fewer large one-off corporate donations, and our expenditure was slightly up. Nevertheless, we ended with a significant financial surplus.

Looking at the detail: our motorcycle running costs were down significantly reflecting the replacement of the older and more expensive bikes. We needed to pay professional fees for legal advice on the conversion of the original unincorporated charity to the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation. We have invested in newer IT equipment to improve operating efficiency and in additional merchandise, not so much as a way of making money but as a means to enhance our public profile.

We continue to benefit from all the effort invested by our volunteers in previous years. A momentum has developed and looks set to continue. We have reached a position where we have in place sufficient funds to replace one third of the fleet when necessary and to cover at least 6 months' running costs in the unlikely event that our cashflow from donations were to dry up.

Once again, I want to record my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who do such great work in raising awareness as well as funds from the varied events throughout the year. I am indebted to you all.

**Professor Roy Chandler**  
Treasurer



Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31st March 2024

		2024			2023
	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Collections & donations		-	237,509	237,509	252,121
Memberships		-	984	984	5,667
Miscellaneous income		-	443	443	-
Merchandise sales		-	1,736	1,736	2,726
		-	240,672	240,672	260,514
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Bank interest received		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources					
		-	240,672	240,672	260,514
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities:					
Motorbike running costs	3	-	112,696	112,696	152,388
Merchandise and promotions		-	12,878	12,878	6,558
Equipment repairs & renewals		-	32,178	32,178	9,717
Support costs:					
Management	4	-	29,835	29,835	15,261
Total Resources expended					
		-	(187,587)	(187,587)	(183,924)
NET INCOMING RESOURCES					
		-	53,085	53,085	76,590
Total funds: Brought forward					
		-	385,980	385,980	309,390
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD					
		-	439,065	439,065	385,980

The notes on pages 10 - 12 form part of these accounts.

“On learning of the activities of Blood Bikes Wales, I was really impressed. Keep doing the good work.”

(Anonymous donor)



Balance Sheet

as at 31st March 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	1 & 5	205,807	140,363
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	6	51,682	63,402
Paypal balance		250	2,395
Bank accounts		182,225	180,445
		234,157	246,242
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(899)	(625)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		233,258	245,617
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>439,065</b>	<b>385,980</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	8	<b>439,065</b>	<b>385,980</b>

The accounts were approved by the Executive Committee on August 4, 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Professor R.A. Chandler - Trustee

Date: August 4, 2024

The notes on pages 10 - 12 form part of these accounts.

“Thank you for your commitment and volunteering to help.”

(Anonymous donor)

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets

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

Motorbikes	3 years
Equipment	3 years

1.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024.

3. MOTORBIKE RUNNING COSTS:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fuel	33,076	33,063
Repairs & maintenance	42,713	39,575
Road Fund Licences	633	731
Insurance	17,945	15,752
Depreciation	43,550	75,686
Profit on sales of motorbikes	(25,221)	(12,419)
	<u>112,696</u>	<u>152,388</u>

“ Thank you for all your support for the nurses at our surgery.”

(Anonymous donor)

Notes to the Accounts

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4. MANAGEMENT COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Printing, stationery, I.T. & postage	11,794	604
Professional fees	5,905	3,534
Telephone etc	6,514	7,503
Sundries	<u>5,622</u>	<u>3,620</u>
	<u>29,835</u>	<u>15,261</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor Vehicles
	£
COST	
At 1st April 2023	298,053
Additions	151,997
Disposals	<u>(145,652)</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>304,398</u>

DEPRECIATION	
At 1st April 2023	157,690
Charge for the year	43,550
On disposals	<u>(102,649)</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>98,591</u>

NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2024	<u><u>205,807</u></u>

NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2023	<u>140,363</u>



“ Well done. You do great work. We really appreciate all of your efforts.”

(Anonymous donor)

Notes to the Accounts
(continued)

6. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
V.A.T.	36,782	23,503
Gift Aid rebate due	2,171	2,532
Prepaid Insurance	12,578	11,655
Deposits paid for motorbikes	-	25,565
Sundry debtors	151	147
	51,682	63,402

7. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fees	625	625
Sundry creditors	274	-
	899	625

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds	At 1.4.23	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£	£
	385,980	240,672	187,587	53,085	439,065

Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees/Members of Blood Bikes Wales
On the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages eight to twelve.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion as to whether the financial statements present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- \* the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- \* the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- \* the accounts did 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 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.

D. M. Samothrakis

Deborah Mary Samothrakis BSc FCA
Tester Accountancy & Bookkeeping Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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Date: August 4, 2024

"Keep up the great work."
(Anonymous donor)





## Social Media



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by Holly Wadman · 7 November 2022 · 100

We're delighted to be supported by the [Steve Morgan Foundation](#) in the continuance of our work.

#ItsWhatWeDo #BloodBikesWales 🇬🇧 🇨🇪 🇮🇹



 **Steve Morgan Foundation**  
28 October 2022 · 49

The [Steve Morgan Foundation](#) has tidied to the rescue of a charity which provides a free courier service for the NHS.

**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by Chris Jones · 18 January · 2

Last year blood bikes wales were 1 of the chosen charities of Toyota in Deeside who donated £3,000. Today Keith Williams and Ian Davies went along to be presented with a check for £15000. What an amazing gesture. On behalf of all of our volunteers, can I say a huge thank you. This money will go a very long way to helping our NHS. Doich



 **Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by [Nigel Ward](#) · 22 Apr · 🌐

Had this off Jim McKellen Wrexham today

Every so often there is a moment on BB that epitomises the joy in what we do. Not satisfaction, joy, leaving the Path Lab yard after a usual drop off, a child of about 10, clearly on the Autism spectrum, sees the bike and goes mad with excitement. To me it's a must. Stop and spoil them. After pulling over and putting him on the seat, for the obligatory photos and his Nan close to tears, I rise off breping my horn and waving and watching him wave furiously until out of sight I realise my smile was sooooo much bigger than his. Joy.

Well done mate 🙌👍



**Blood likes Wales**  
Published by Matthew Leaman · 17 December 2022

Evering Guys – just wanted to say a massive thanks to those of you who were able to come along yesterday to the collection day at Tesco. Despite the immense financial strain on household incomes at the moment, and the looming cost of Christmas just a week away, we still managed to collect a staggering £567.57...thank you so much to all those who so kindly stopped for a chat & supported us. 🙌🏻💚🇬🇧



**Blood Sives Wales**  
Published by [Methew Lawrenson](#) · 27 August 2017 · ...

They think its all over ...its is now ...Aled finished 8th in class out of 38 ...Great effort, I'm sure you'll all join me in congratulating Aled on an amazing result...Well done that man M...  
Aled was raising money for Bloodsives Wales...at midday today, his total was just over £1000.00 ...Diodly yn Fawr Mr Lewis...



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
 Published by Chris Jones on 28 November 2022

Great day at the Mold Frost Fair yesterday for the Wrexham crew.



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by Postcards on 14 March 2019

We would like to thank the Pwllheli community, and ASOA for their generous donations of £540.13!

An additional thank you goes to our NW Blood Bike riders and volunteers for their time and efforts to support Blood Bikes Wales.



**Blood Blues Wales**  
Please join me in wishing our members Ryan Thomas, Ois Smith, and Wendy Searchfield the very best of luck today as they're taking the Cardiff Half Marathon Good Luck all! 🍀🍀🍀❤️🙌🏻



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by Hootsuite • 21 October 2002

You know what they say about bikes. But this was an infrequent occurrence as 4 of our bikes simultaneously were at @philglenclay David I was relaying from @holyhead to Hugh. The letter was then riding to #chester to meet with @sheepshire + @staffordshire + @cheshire Blood Bikes for them to carry onwards for @whiteknights Yorksire. Blood Bikes to take to the final destination in Leeds.

In the meantime, Phil introduced 5 Wales transferse Jenny to his new patch.



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by Hedsrble • 12 November 2022

At the beginning of October, Ryan Thomas completed the [#Cardiff100](#) to raise money to support our work. Here rider Mark House gratefully accepts a cheque for £610. Many thanks, Ryan and an outstanding effort.



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by [Chris Jones](#) · 28 May · 2

Bury day in the Wrexham group today 2 events one in Rhodfa for festival another in Llay church thanks to all involved.



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by [sallybedlin](#) • 14 January

Volunteers Stephen and Dale, along with the Carmarthenshire bike visited Llanarth/Capel Dewi Young Farmer's Club (CFFI Capel-ARTHUR YFC) this evening. Stephen was seen receiving a very generous donation from the proceeds of Christmas carol singing around the locality.

Thank you all so much for this generous donation!



On Friday, controller Lesley and rider Martin started a relay of samples from Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity Cardiff to Great Ormond Street Hospital and Children's Charity, Nick of SKRV Surrey & London picked up the baton in Slough. A long trip and every mile free of charge to our #NHS #ThisWhatWeDo



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by Holly Edman · 23 December 2022

Volunteers, Gerard and Lorraine, went to Maesmau today to accept a donation of £465 from the [Most Stitching Team](#) who have been raising funds for us this year. They made a fabulous quilt which they then gave away to the person who was the closest in guess how many hexagons were in it.



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by [Welly Sadman](#) • 23 February

Volunteer Lorraine spent a lovely few hours with Caersws Friendship Hour Club, at Caersws Village Hall. They are a fabulous, friendly group with excellent tea and cake! 🍵🍰🍰  
Very generous too, with a total of £104.17 received in donations which was greatly appreciated!



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by Chris Jones · 2 June · 🌐

Blood Bikes Wales received a nice presentation today from Gary Evans who ran his first London Marathon this year in aid of Blood Bikes Wales.



**Blood Bikes Wales**  
Published by [melly.sabam](#) • 14 May • 🌐

We had such a fun day at Swansea Comic and Getting Convention today! 🥳

• If you see yourself, please feel free to tag yourselves and any social media accounts you have for people to find & follow you! •

Thank you for having us and thanks to everyone for coming over and saying hi! See more



**Blood Sikes Wales**  
Published by **Vicky Sadman** · 16 January

We have gratefully received a donation from the John 'Moranedi' Memorial fund for £1350. John 'Moranedi' Griffiths was a really keen boxer all his life, and a very well respected Marshal.

We also met his wife, Ann, at the talk we gave to Newborough WI, in 2022. Following this talk, John wished that a collection should be made for us at his funeral.

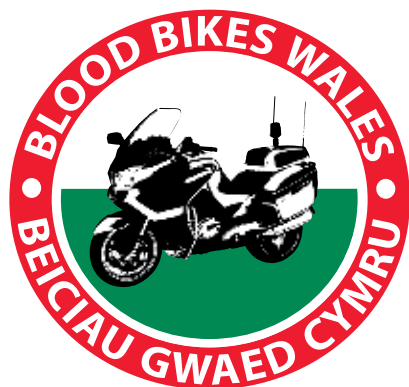
The caricature depicts him attempting to get into Heaven without paying (his favourite occupation apparently 😂).

His daughter G. See more



## Social Media





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