

# FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)

England & Wales · Charity number 299434

## Details

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**Other names** FREEWHEELERS EVS (YEOVIL), YFW BLOODBIKES

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1988-09-20

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND PROTECT HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORT OF URGENTLY NEEDED BLOODS, DRUGS, HUMAN TISSUES AND OTHER MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS ORIGINATING FROM HOSPITALS, OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES OR PATIENTS' HOMES THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH-WEST OF ENGLAND.

**Activities:** Transport of urgently needed blood, drugs, breast milk, human tissues and other medical requirements originating from hospitals, other health care facilities and patients' homes throughout the Southwest of England

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Devon
- Dorset
- Somerset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£177,155	£148,169	-	-
2023-12-31	£90,936	£89,677	-	-
2022-12-31	£90,000	£96,000	-	-
2021-12-31	£84,000	£64,000	-	-
2020-12-31	£133,997	£103,642	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr CHARLES ROLLASON CAMPION-SMITH</b>	Chair	2024-01-10
Gillian Longhurst		2026-02-23
Jonathan Trevor Anderson		2025-01-02
Sarah Louise Hall		2025-09-23

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# Accounts

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# Trustee Annual Report 2024



## Yeovil Freewheelers Emergency Volunteer Service

Charity registration number: 299434



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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

Charity name: Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (Yeovil)  
Charity registration number: 299434

## **Purpose of the Charity**

Relieve sickness and protect health by the provision of transport of urgently needed bloods, drugs, human tissues and other medical requirements between hospitals and blood transfusion banks throughout the South-West of England.

YFW operates from Yeovil District Hospital (YDH), Dorset County Hospital (DCH), Dorchester, and Taunton Musgrove Park Hospital providing a 24-hour service to deliver a fast, safe and effective emergency medical courier capability throughout the South-West, serving hospitals, hospices, care and nursing homes, laboratories and patients discharged to their own homes.

## **Main charity activities which benefit the public**

YFW carries urgently needed blood and blood products, blood samples, biopsies, MRI scans, X-rays, prescription drugs, a variety of medical equipment and patient notes to hospitals, hospices, and nursing homes as well as private addresses, which are often in isolated areas, across most of Somerset and Dorset, saving the NHS well over £400,000 while easing patients' suffering and helping to save lives.

*"Riding all year, in all weathers, 24hrs a day, free of charge."*



# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Charity Information

**~120 VOLUNTEERS**

Gave up their time to provide an incredible service, transporting blood products, urgent samples, donated breast milk and medical supplies to hospitals and other NHS partners across Somerset, Dorset and beyond, 365 days of the year.

**All free of charge to our NHS!**



Garages located at:

- Yeovil hospital
- Wincanton hospital
- Dorchester hospital
- Taunton hospital

Motorcycle fleet:

- 3 x BMW RT
- 5 x Triumph Tiger
- 1 x Yamaha Tracer

Car fleet: 2 x 4x4s



# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## 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).

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 which properly present the Charity's incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
3. 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, which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity, and enable them 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Remarks
Charles Campion-Smith	Chair	From 22-Feb-24
Alan Bond		From 22-Feb-24
Andrew Harries		Resigned 21-Nov-24
Vince Sharp		Resigned 6-Mar-25
Jonathan Anderson		From 2-Jan-25
Peter Baker	Secretary	From 22-Feb-24

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

I report to the trustees on my examination of Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (yeovil) accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

### Respective responsibilities a trustees and 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 the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the 2011Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(S)(b) of the 2011Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. 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 the seeking of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130of the 2011Act; and
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed .....  ..... Date ..... 21/5/25 .....

Mr T Robinson FCCA  
Lentells Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
17-18 Leach Road  
Chard Business Park Chard, Somerset, TA20 1FA



# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Financial Review

### FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and sponsorship	43,668	72,318	115,986	77,602
Collection tins	1,697	-	1,697	1,788
Grant fund applications	1,698	-	1,698	1,000
Investment income	1,151	-	1,151	786
VAT refunds	23,006	-	23,006	19,878
Fundraising	26,950	-	26,950	25,691
Reimbursements	497	580	1,077	8,029
Reimbursements - uniform	-	1,985	1,985	1,373
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>98,667</b>	<b>74,883</b>	<b>173,550</b>	<b>136,147</b>
Asset sales	3,605	-	3,605	5,691
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>102,272</b>	<b>74,883</b>	<b>177,155</b>	<b>141,838</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fuel	12,756	-	12,756	10,234
Repairs and maintenance	20,064	4,361	24,425	22,666
Reimbursed expenses	-	-	-	8,031
Insurance	12,653	-	12,653	9,737
Uniforms	1,074	1,985	3,059	2,245
Office expenses	5,114	580	5,694	4,917
Marketing	2,243	-	2,243	2,563
Other expenses	1,656	-	1,656	603
VAT claimed on expenses	21,955	-	21,955	19,664
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>77,515</b>	<b>6,926</b>	<b>84,441</b>	<b>80,660</b>
Asset purchases	26,714	37,014	63,728	57,516
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>104,229</b>	<b>43,940</b>	<b>148,169</b>	<b>138,176</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(1,957)</b>	<b>30,943</b>	<b>28,986</b>	<b>3,662</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END</b>	<b>106,646</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>109,049</b>	<b>105,387</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<b>104,689</b>	<b>33,346</b>	<b>138,035</b>	<b>109,049</b>

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## Financial Review

### FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>		Total funds	<u>2023</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Lloyds Bank current account	2,672	-	2,672	2,816
Lloyds Bank instant saver	101,712	33,346	135,058	99,407
Lloyds	97	-	97	4,673
Petty cash	96	-	96	240
Paypal	112	-	112	1,913
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>104,689</b>	<b>33,346</b>	<b>138,035</b>	<b>109,049</b>
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
VAT debtor	4,751	-	4,751	5,801
Prepayments	10,544	-	10,544	7,739
	<b>15,295</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,295</b>	<b>13,540</b>
<b>ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE</b>				
Motorcycles - net book value	102,277	-	102,277	78,314
Equipment - net book value	5,817	-	3,440	2,834
Garage - net book value	3,440	-	5,350	5,350
	<b>111,534</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,067</b>	<b>86,498</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accruals	602	-	602	112
	<b>602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>112</b>

These Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees on ..... 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 .....

Signed .....  ..... (Trustee)

PRINT NAME ..... Charles Campion-Smith .....



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## Financial Review for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

The charity maintained its strong financial position in 2024 thanks to exceptional fund-raising efforts by members and volunteers and the continued generosity of donors.

Overall cash resources increased to £138,035 (2023: £109,049), despite asset purchases of £63,728 (2023: £57,516).

Total receipts rose by £35,317 to £177,155 (£141,838) with donations and sponsorship rising by £38,384 to £115,986. Fund raising increased by £1,259 to £26,950 and VAT reclaimed increased by £3,128 to £23,006.

Expenditure, excluding asset purchases, rose by £3,781 to £84,441 (2023: £80,660). The major areas of expenditure were fuel and repairs and maintenance totalling £37,181 (2023: £32,900) and VAT on expenditure was £21,955 (2023: £19,664).

The level of cash reserves held at the end of the year puts the Charity in a strong position to meet its expected future revenue and capital expenditure, although the plans to purchase dedicated premises will require an increase in fund raising over the next few years.

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## Governance

The Group shall be managed and administered in accordance with the Constitution (dated 22 April 2024), Policies, the Group Members' Handbook (v11.2 dated November 2024) and Service Level Agreements as updated from time to time).

## Chairman's Summary

Yeovil Freewheelers has had another successful year serving the local NHS and it is a privilege to present this annual report on behalf of the Trustees and the Committee.

In line with the amended constitution adopted at the last AGM there have been 5 Trustees for most of the year. Andy Harries resigned from the Board on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 and we appointed Jon Anderson as Trustee with financial expertise on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025. Vince Sharp resigned from the Board at the AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 so there is now a vacancy that has been notified to the membership. The Trustees have met four times in the year and jointly with the committee twice.

The new constitution now allows members to voting virtually if they are unable to attend an AGM or EGM in person. We are pleased that some members took advantage of the opportunity to cast their vote by proxy or on-line for the 2025 AGM.

Looking to the future, the AGM supported the Trustees' and the committee's proposal to start work to convert the Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The Trustees and Committee aim to bring back a detailed proposal, which will require the approval of two thirds of members voting, at a future AGM or EGM.

The Trustees also support the committee’s proposal to raise funds to enable the Charity to acquire dedicated premises. A subgroup of committee members and Trustees are looking at the capital and recurring costs that owning premises would incur.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (Yeovil)
Other name the charity uses	Yeovil Freewheelers EVS YFW Bloodbikes
Registered charity number	299434
Charity’s principal address	35 Mudford Road Yeovil Somerset BA21 4AE
Reporting Accountants	Lentells Ltd Chartered Certified Accountants 17-18 Leach Road Chard Somerset TA20 1FA

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees


Charles Campion-Smith
Chair
9 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

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England & Wales - Charity number 299434

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# Accounts

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# Trustee Annual Report 2023



Yeovil Freewheelers  
Emergency Volunteer Service

Charity registration number: 299434



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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

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### Respective responsibilities a trustees and examiner

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- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed ..... *J. Fursman* ..... Date ..... *5/8/2024* .....

Mrs Fursman FCCA  
Lentells Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Financial Review

**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted funds	Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donations and sponsorship	36,102	41,500	77,602	71,791
Collection tins	1,788	-	1,788	1,693
Grant fund applications	1,000	-	1,000	8,700
Investment income	786	-	786	50
VAT refunds	19,878	-	19,878	13,421
Fundraising	25,691	-	25,691	17,565
Reimbursements	-	8,029	8,029	8,159
Reimbursements - uniform	-	1,373	1,373	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>85,245</b>	<b>50,902</b>	<b>136,147</b>	<b>121,379</b>
Asset sales	5,691	-	5,691	2,775
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>90,936</b>	<b>50,902</b>	<b>141,838</b>	<b>124,154</b>
	Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted funds	Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Fuel	10,234	-	10,234	14,684
Repairs and maintenance	20,370	2,296	22,666	31,519
Reimbursed expenses	2	8,029	8,031	-
Insurance	9,737	-	9,737	7,733
Uniforms	872	1,373	2,245	4,288
Office expenses	4,917	-	4,917	3,753
Marketing	2,563	-	2,563	2,461
Other expenses	603	-	603	1,560
VAT claimed on expenses	19,664	-	19,664	16,674
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>68,962</b>	<b>11,698</b>	<b>80,660</b>	<b>82,672</b>
Asset purchases	20,715	36,801	57,516	47,628
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>89,677</b>	<b>48,499</b>	<b>138,176</b>	<b>130,300</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>(6,146)</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END</b>	<b>105,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,387</b>	<b>111,534</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<b>106,646</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>109,049</b>	<b>105,388</b>

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Financial Review

### FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Lloyds Bank current account	413	2,403	2,816	4,418
Lloyds Bank instant saver	99,407	-	99,407	89,621
Lloyds	4,673	-	4,673	6,897
Petty cash	240	-	240	223
Paypal	1,913	-	1,913	4,228
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>106,646</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>109,049</b>	<b>105,387</b>
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
VAT debtor	5,801	-	5,801	6,015
Prepayments	7,739	-	7,739	5,744
	<b>13,540</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,540</b>	<b>11,759</b>
<b>ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE</b>				
Motorcycles - net book value	78,314	-	78,314	57,530
Equipment - net book value	2,834	-	2,834	3,370
Garage - net book value	5,350	-	5,350	5,350
	<b>86,498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,498</b>	<b>66,250</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accruals	112	-	-	-
	<b>112</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

These Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees on 8-Jun-2024

Signed  (Trustee)

PRINT NAME Charles Campion-Smith

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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Financial Review Trustee Summary

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With the impact of Covid receding the Charity has continued to maintain a healthy income stream during challenging times when finances are being stretched and costs increasing.

The profile of the Charity has been kept high with exceptional support from members and volunteers who have made great efforts with the fundraising. These efforts have resulted in the overall level of income received by the Charity increasing when compared to the previous year and this is during a time when finances are being stretched.

Unsurprisingly costs have increased and, in particular, the fuel costs have risen quite significantly. In addition, the number of bikes has also increased. The rolling bike replacement policy continues and, as part of this, the Charity maintains good records about the running costs of each bike. Accordingly, it is able to identify the most efficient and least efficient vehicles. This information is then used to decide which bikes to replace and when.

The Charity is very aware that there are challenging times ahead with everyone suffering from the cost-of-living crisis therefore it continues to monitor the available cash funds to ensure the uninterrupted running of all activities should fund raising become less fruitful in the coming months. Overall cash funds are in a similar position as at 31st December (2023: £106,646 and 2022: £105,387). With current levels of cash reserves available, the Charity is able to continue operations.

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## Governance

The Group shall be managed and administered in accordance with the Constitution (dated 18 Feb 2022), Policies, the Group Members' Handbook (v11 dated 4 Sep 2023) and SLAs as updated from time to time.

## Chairman's Summary

2023 was a successful year for the charity with growth, increased output and many enjoyable events completed with the members.

Financially the charity is in good shape with sound reserves and steady income. The bike replacement policy has meant higher expenditure but the resultant newer equipment should pay dividends and act to reduce operating costs in the short to medium term.

The charity is well placed to continue supporting our local NHS services into 2024. It is a credit to the members and the hard work of the committee that the charity has seen growth and stability post a very busy and turbulent period of activity and movement.


## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (Yeovil)
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Registered charity number	299434
Charity's principal address	10 Summerlands Yeovil Somerset BA21 3AL
Reporting Accountants	Lentells Ltd Chartered Certified Accountants 17-18 Leach Road Chard Somerset TA20 1FA

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Charles Champion-Smith
Position (Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
Date	8-Jun-2024

**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**

England & Wales - Charity number 299434

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# Accounts

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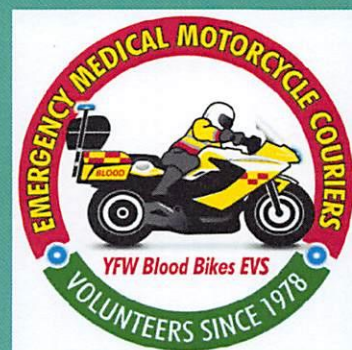
# Trustee Annual Report 2022



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## Yeovil Freewheelers Emergency Volunteer Service

Charity registration number: 299434



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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01 Jan 22 to 31 Dec 22**

Charity name: Yeovil Freewheelers (YFW) Emergency Voluntary Service (EVS)

Charity registration number: 299434

## **Purpose of the Charity**

YFW operates from Yeovil District Hospital (YDH), Dorset County Hospital (DCH), Dorchester, and Taunton Musgrove Park Hospital providing a 24-hour service to deliver a fast, safe and effective emergency medical courier capability throughout the South-West, serving hospitals, hospices, care and nursing homes, laboratories and patients discharged to their own homes.

## **Main charity activities which benefit the public**

YFW carries urgently needed blood and blood products, blood samples, biopsies, MRI scans, X-rays, prescription drugs, a variety of medical equipment and patient notes to hospitals, hospices, and nursing homes as well as private addresses, which are often in isolated areas, across most of Somerset and Dorset, saving the NHS well over £400,000 while easing patients' suffering and helping to save lives.

*"We operate all year round, riding in all weathers, 24hrs a day, entirely free of charge."*

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Charity Information

**126 VOLUNTEERS**

Gave up their time to provide an incredible service, transporting blood products, urgent samples, donated breast milk and medical supplies to hospitals and other NHS partners across Somerset, Dorset and beyond, 365 days of the year.

**All free of charge to our NHS!**



Garages located at:

- Yeovil hospital
- Wincanton hospital
- Dorchester hospital
- Taunton hospital



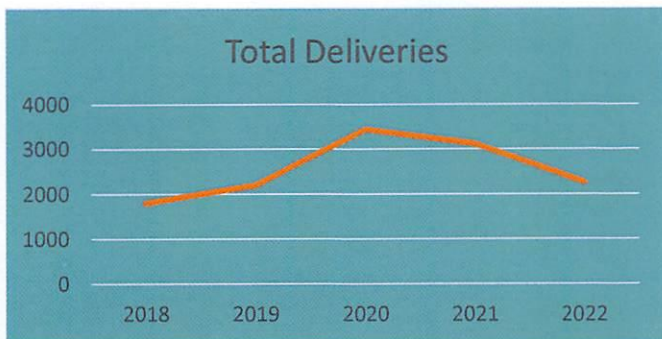
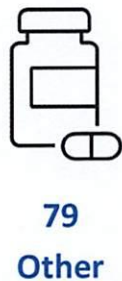
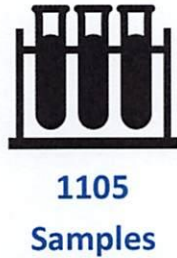
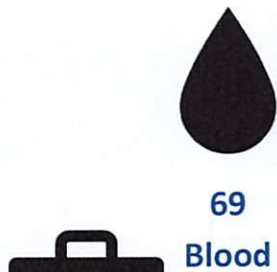
Vehicle fleet:

- 1 x BMW F800
- 3 x BMW RT
- 5 x Triumph Tiger
- 1 x Dacia Duster



# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Achievements and Performance



COVID continues to affect tasking and has resulted in deliveries remaining above historical average levels.



# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Achievements Against Charity Aspirations

### Governance

- 1 – Establish a board of five trustees. At the end of the period the number of trustees sits at four.
- 2 – Ensure committee is fully manned. The committee has been fully manned for the duration of the period.

### Equipment

- 1 – Manage fleet iaw fleet management policy. Two new bikes added to the fleet and one removed.
- 2 – Dacia Duster purchased in order to provide bad weather option and providing towing capability.
- 3 – Bike trailer purchased to aid with bike movements outside of tasking and provide breakdown recovery service.



### Operations

- 1 – Rationalise tasking volume. Tasking adjusted to compliment rider numbers/availability. Shift hours and patterns altered to encourage more rider support.
- 2 – Support hospitals during industrial action. Several postal strikes required additional tasking to support NHS output/activity.



# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Achievements Against Charity Aspirations

### Technology

1 – Embrace IT solutions that support YFW activity. **Achieved with 3Rs, STREAM, Lone rider (rider down), Asset trackers and bike cameras. NABB centralised delivery management system not yet online.**



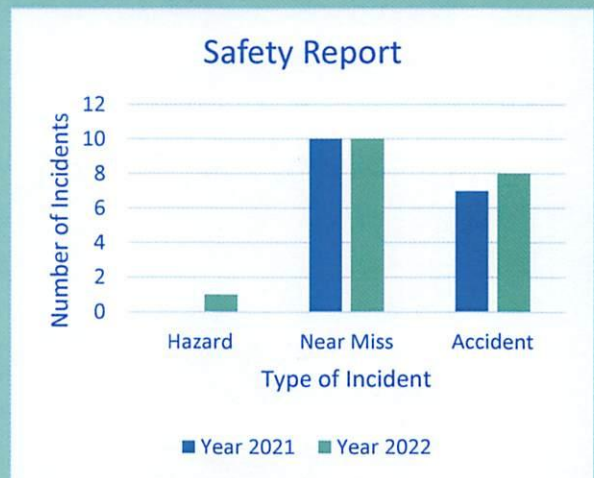
### Personnel

1 – Recruit volunteers and rationalise dormant members. **Recruiting has been promising following a poster campaign.**  
 2 – Equal geographic spread of riders' vs tasking area. **Improving due targeted recruitment drive.**  
 3 – Increase the number of duty riders volunteering for duties. **Ongoing.**  
 4 - Hold a charity social night. **Social and training days held and well supported by members.**



### Safety

1 – Reduce Accidents and Incidents.  
 2 – Engender an honest reporting culture.  
**Achieved.**



# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Achievements Against Charity Aspirations



### Training

- 1 – Initial and Continuation training/Annual check rides/3 yearly assessments/enhanced qualifications/Controller and Maintainer training. **Achieved.**
- 2 – Enhanced Qualifications. Two riders gained Masters qualification following award of YFW training sponsorship. Improving the riding standard of the group.

### Marketing and PR

- 1 – Establish committee marketing position. **Achieved.**
- 3 – Increase events attendance. **Achieved.**
- 4 – Improve online presence. **Achieved.** Website updated and all popular social media platforms utilised.
- 5 – Improve presence. The NABB stand at the annual motorcycle cycle show at the NEC was manned, in part, by YFW members.



### Control

- 1 – Establish sufficient duty controllers. There are now twenty three trained controllers who coordinate and direct the duty riders to ensure efficiency and timely tasking support.
- 2 – Duty of care also greatly enhanced by rider controllers.

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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## 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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Trustee name	Office (if any)	Remarks
Jeremy Gilmore	Chair	
Mark Thomas	Finance rep	
Mick Clark	Health and Safety rep	
Paul Wade	Operations	

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

I report to the trustees on my examination of Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (yeovil) accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 11.

### Respective responsibilities a trustees and 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 the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the 2011Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(S)(b) of the 2011Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. 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 the seeking of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130of the 2011Act; and
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed J. Fursman Date 27/2/2023

Mrs Fursman FCCA  
Lentells Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
17-18 Leach Road  
Chard Business Park Chard, Somerset, TA20 1FA

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Financial Review

**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and sponsorship	37,564	34,227	71,791	67,693
Collection tins	1,693		1,693	978
Grant fund applications	8,700		8,700	3,500
Investment income	50		50	8
VAT refunds	13,421		13,421	15,055
Fundraising	17,565		17,565	11,865
Reimbursements	8,159		8,159	2,675
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>87,152</b>	<b>34,227</b>	<b>121,379</b>	<b>101,775</b>
Asset sales	2,775	-	2,775	8,107
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>89,927</b>	<b>34,227</b>	<b>124,154</b>	<b>109,882</b>
	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fuel	14,684		14,684	9,214
Repairs and maintenance	31,519		31,519	30,491
Insurance	7,733		7,733	5,390
Uniforms	2,054	2,234	4,288	356
Office expenses	3,733	20	3,753	3,450
Marketing	2,461		2,461	2,705
Other expenses	1,560		1,560	29
VAT claimed on expenses	16,674		16,674	13,705
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>80,418</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>82,672</b>	<b>65,341</b>
Asset purchases	15,655	31,973	47,628	24,315
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>96,073</b>	<b>34,227</b>	<b>130,300</b>	<b>89,656</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(6,146)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,146)</b>	<b>20,226</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END</b>	<b>111,534</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,534</b>	<b>91,308</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<b>105,388</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,388</b>	<b>111,534</b>

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Financial Review

### FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Lloyds Bank current account	4,418	-	4,418	8,544
Lloyds Bank instant saver	89,621	-	89,621	92,072
Lloyds	6,897	-	6,897	6,262
Petty cash	223	-	223	259
Paypal	4,228	-	4,228	4,397
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>105,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,387</b>	<b>111,534</b>
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
VAT debtor	6,015	-	6,015	2,488
Prepayments	5,744	-	5,744	3,826
	<b>11,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,759</b>	<b>6,314</b>
<b>ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE</b>				
Motorcycles - net book value	57,530	-	57,530	47,670
Equipment - net book value	3,370	-	3,370	1,424
Garage - net book value	5,350	-	5,350	2,080
	<b>66,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,250</b>	<b>51,174</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accruals	-	-	-	100
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100</b>

These Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees on 10/02/2023

Signed J Gilmore (Trustee)

PRINT NAME J Gilmore

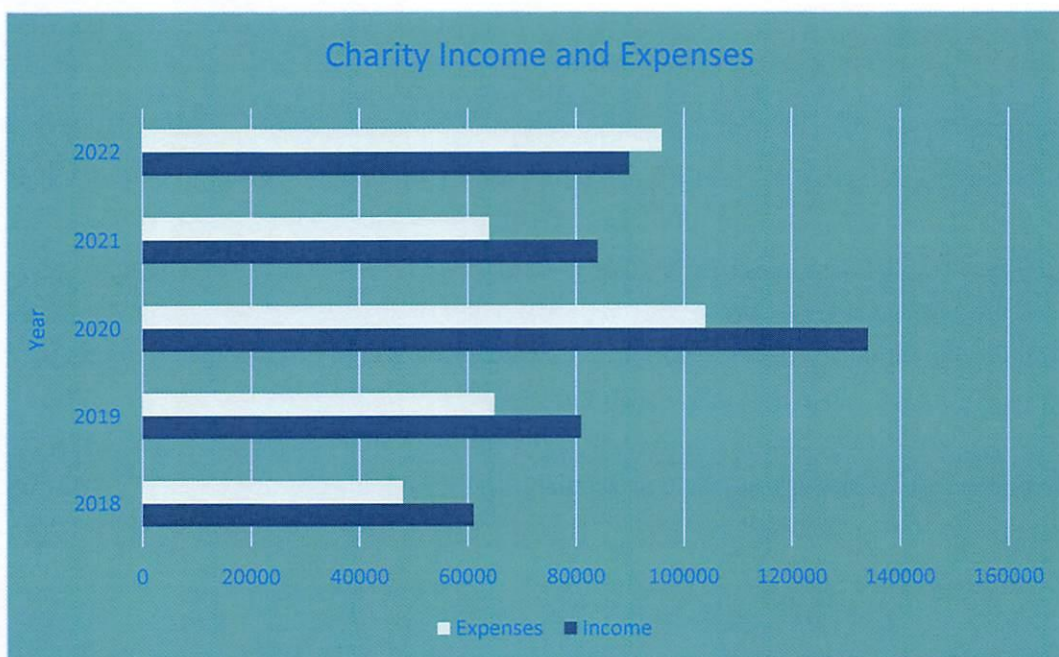
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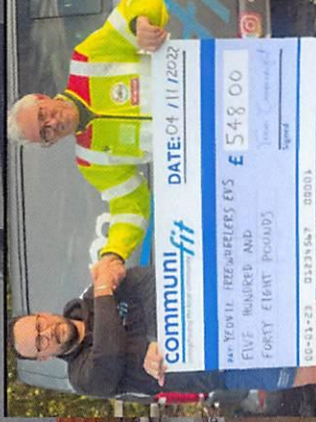
## Financial Review Trustee Summary

With the impact of Covid receding the Charity has continued to maintain a healthy income stream during challenging times when finances are being stretched and costs increasing.

The profile of the Charity has been kept high with exceptional support from members and volunteers who have made great efforts with the fundraising. These efforts have resulted in the overall level of income received by the Charity increasing when compared to the previous year and this is during a time when finances are being stretched.

Unsurprisingly costs have increased and, in particular, the fuel costs have risen quite significantly. In addition, the number of bikes has also increased. The rolling bike replacement policy continues and, as part of this, the Charity maintains good records about the running costs of each bike. Accordingly, it is able to identify the most efficient and least efficient vehicles. This information is then used to decide which bikes to replace and when.





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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Financial Review Trustee Summary

The Charity is very aware that there are challenging times ahead with everyone suffering from the cost-of-living crisis therefore it continues to monitor the available cash funds to ensure the uninterrupted running of all activities should fund raising become less fruitful in the coming months. Overall, these cash funds are slightly lower than as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 (2022: £105,387, 2021: £111,534) but, as already mentioned, funds have been reinvested in new and more efficient bikes.

Overall, there is a slight deficiency this year but this is mainly attributed to the effect of bike replacement policy. With the current levels of cash reserves available, the Charity is able to cope with this and continue operations.



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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Structure, Governance and Management

Yeovil Freewheelers is an unincorporated charity which is governed by the publications shown below. The processes and procedures that direct the charity and its members are approved by the Charity Commission and are reviewed regularly to remain best practice.



Charity Constitution dated 18 Feb 2022



Charity Handbook v10 dated Feb 2022

## Chairman's Summary

2022 was a successful year for the charity with growth, increased output and many enjoyable events completed with the members.

Financially the charity is in good shape with sound reserves and steady income. The bike replacement policy has meant high expenditure but the resultant newer equipment should pay dividends and act to reduce operating costs in the short to medium term.

The addition of the four wheel drive Dacia Duster is a key enabler for the charity which can now support tasking during bad weather and deliver to off road sites previously un-reachable.

The charity is well placed to continue supporting our local NHS services into 2023. It is a credit to the members and the hard work of the committee that the charity has seen growth and stability post a very busy and turbulent period of activity and movement.

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Yeovil Freewheelers (YFW) Emergency Voluntary Service (EVS)
Other name the charity uses	Yeovil bloodbikes
Registered charity number	299434
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Reporting Accountants	Lentells Ltd Chartered Certified Accountants 17-18 Leach Road Chard Somerset TA20 1FA

### Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Jeremy Gilmore
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
Date	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023



**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**

England & Wales - Charity number 299434

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# Accounts

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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01 Jan 21 to 31 Dec 21**

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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Charity Information

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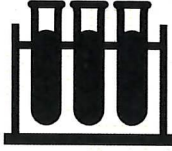
*“Volunteers pay for their own riding equipment including reflective Blood Bike vests and charity ‘uniform’ polo shirts.”*

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Achievements and Performance



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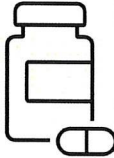
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Samples



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Medication




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Docs/Scans



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Other



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Platelets



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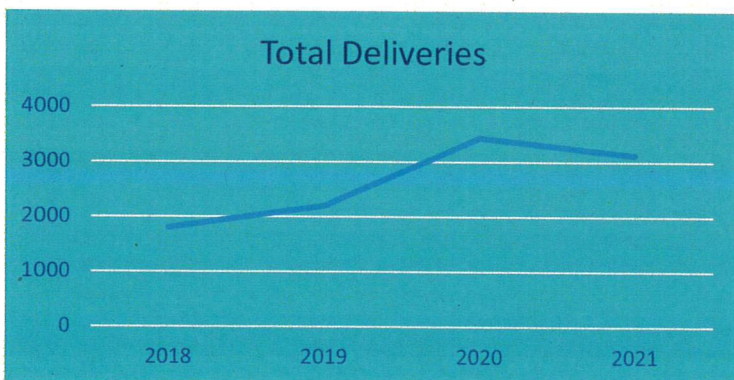


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**The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service**

We were very proud to be awarded The Queens Award for Voluntary Service, with a special recognition for our services during COVID-19.



Due to the COVID demand surge, total deliveries and miles completed remain well above average levels for the charity. Extraordinarily volunteer effort has risen to meet the challenge.



# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Achievements Against Charity Aspirations

### Governance

- 1 – Establish a board of five trustees. **At the end of the period the number of trustees sits at four.**
- 2 – Ensure committee is fully manned. **The committee has been fully manned for the duration of the period.**
- 3 – Update Charity Documentation. **Achieved. Constitution upload online in Q1 2022.**

### Equipment

- 1 – Manage fleet iaw fleet management paper. **Achieved. Blues and twos equipment removed in May 21 following Police Chief's Council direction. Members content with fleet size/type.**



### Operations

- 1 – Rationalise tasking volume. **Tasking adjusted to compliment rider numbers/availability. Some localised COVID tasking prioritised in favour of longer range tasking.**
- 2 – Produce a 5 year strategy. **Achieved. Further charity objectives set for the upcoming year as guided by the strategy.**

### Control

- 1 – Establish sufficient duty controllers. **Achieved.**

### Personnel

- 1 – Recruit volunteers and rationalise dormant members. **Recruiting has been promising and unactive members have been reduced.**
- 2 – Equal geographic spread of riders' vs tasking area. **Improving due to latest recruitment drive.**
- 3 – Increase the number of duty riders volunteering for duties. **Ongoing.**
- 4 – Hold a charity social night. **Not achieved due to continuing COVID situation. Event planned but cancelled at late notice.**

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Achievements Against Charity Aspirations

### Technology

1 – Embrace IT solutions that support YFW activity. **Achieved with 3Rs, STREAM, Lone rider (rider down), Asset trackers and bike cameras. NABB centralised delivery management system not yet online.**



### Finance, Fundraising and PR

1 – Fundraising. **See below.**  
2 – Annual Budgeting. **Achieved.**  
3 - Establish YFW patron. **Achieved May 21, Alex Lovell, a BBC presenter.**  
5 – Increase events attendance. **Achieved where possible with COVID restrictions.**

### Training

1 – Initial and Continuation training/Annual check rides/3 yearly assessments/enhanced qualifications/Controller and Maintainer training. **Achieved where possible with COVID restrictions.**  
2 – Enhanced Qualifications. **2 riders gained Masters qualification.**

### Safety

1 – Reduce Accidents and Incidents. **Incident and accidents have reduced with an 'honest reporting culture' returning a higher number of 'near misses' reported.**

Note - 2 RTC's, one resulting in a significant injury, riders not at fault. Emergency Action Plan developed as a lesson identified.

2 – Engender an honest reporting culture. **Achieved as demonstrated on a couple of occasions. More expected with face to face meetings.**

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

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Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates
Jeremy Gilmore	Chair	
Mark Thomas	Finance rep	
Mandy Carney	NHS rep	Until Jun 21
Karen Keogh	Human Resource rep	Until Oct 21
Mick Clark	Health and Safety rep	From Nov 21
Paul Wade	Operations	From Nov 21

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

I report to the trustees on my examination of Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (yeovil) accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 10.

### Respective responsibilities a trustees and examiner

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Signed ..... *J. Fursman* ..... Date ..... 11/4/2022 .....

Mrs Fursman FCCA  
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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Financial Review

**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Unrestricted funds	2021 Restricted funds	Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donations and sponsorship	42,003	25,690	67,693	108,302
Collection tins	978	-	978	723
Grant fund applications	3,500	-	3,500	-
Investment income	8	-	8	24
VAT refunds	15,055	-	15,055	6,768
Fundraising	11,865	-	11,865	4,905
Reimbursements	2,675	-	2,675	9,275
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>76,085</b>	<b>25,690</b>	<b>101,775</b>	<b>129,997</b>
Asset sales	8,107	-	8,107	4,000
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>84,192</b>	<b>25,690</b>	<b>109,882</b>	<b>133,997</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
	£	£	£	£
Fuel	9,114	100	9,214	11,049
Repairs and maintenance	28,491	2,000	30,491	32,513
Insurance	5,390	-	5,390	6,655
DVLA	-	-	-	459
Uniforms	356	-	356	2,840
Office expenses	1,571	1,880	3,450	1,896
Marketing	2,705	-	2,705	53
Other expenses	29	-	29	604
VAT claimed on expenses	13,705	-	13,705	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>61,361</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>65,341</b>	<b>56,070</b>
Asset purchases	3,340	20,975	24,315	47,572
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>64,701</b>	<b>24,955</b>	<b>89,656</b>	<b>103,642</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>19,491</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>20,226</b>	<b>30,355</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END</b>	<b>91,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,308</b>	<b>60,953</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<b>110,799</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>111,534</b>	<b>91,308</b>

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Financial Review

### FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Lloyds Bank current account	8,544	-	8,544	4,624
Lloyds Bank instant saver	92,072	-	92,072	81,064
Lloyds	6,262	-	6,262	2,869
Petty cash	259	-	259	127
Paypal	4,397	-	4,397	2,625
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>111,534</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,534</b>	<b>91,308</b>
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
VAT debtor	2,488	-	2,488	4,112
Prepayments	3,826	-	3,826	4,947
	<b>6,314</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,314</b>	<b>9,059</b>
<b>ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE</b>				
Motorcycles - net book value	47,670	-	47,670	54,113
Equipment - net book value	1,424	-	1,424	1,899
Garage - net book value	2,080	-	2,080	-
	<b>51,174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,094</b>	<b>56,012</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accruals	100	-	-	-
	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

These Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees on 29/03/2022

Signed J Gilmore (Trustee)

PRINT NAME J Gilmore

# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

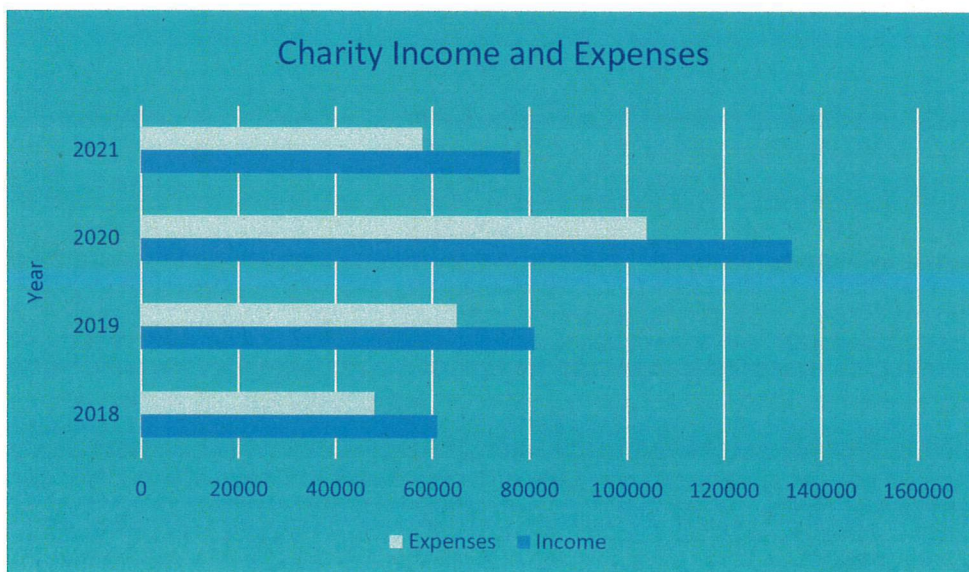
## Financial Review Trustee Summary

Following on from the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 when, despite the circumstances, the charity had an exceptional year, this year it has managed to maintain an income level to match pre-pandemic times.

Most income streams remain comparable to the previous year other than from sponsorships when, in 2020, the charity was very fortunate to benefit from some very generous sponsors. The overall effect of this is that income was received of circa £77k which compares to circa £130k in the previous year. The reduction of circa £53k can be mainly attributed to the sponsorships received.

The overall day-to-day running costs of the charity have increased when compared to pre-pandemic times but this is due to an increase in the number of motorcycles in operation. However, the operational efficiency of running the motorcycles has improved following a review of the individual running costs of each bike. This resulted in the decision to retire and sell older, less efficient, motorcycles and replace them with new, more efficient, bikes.

Despite the increase in costs, the charity continues to generate a surplus of funds which puts it in a strong position to maintain its operations and provide confidence that it can continue to meet its objectives.



After 2020's truly exceptional year for fundraising, providing the charity with stability and resources to grow, 2021 remained impressive, especially against the backdrop of lockdowns and fundraising opportunities. The fundraising team have much to be proud of.



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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Financial Review Trustee Summary

With strong financial measures in place, the charity has managed to increase its cash reserves from circa £91k as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to circa £111k as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

In line with the previous years report, the charity still aims to increase its cash reserves to a level where the day-to-day running costs of the charity can be met solely from these funds in the event that no other income is received. The charity is able to achieve this aim and with strive to maintain this reserve level in the future.

Whilst appreciating that times remain uncertain; the charity recognises that demand upon its services remains strong and plans to expand operations further. With this in mind, a 5 year strategy plan has been compiled supported by the bike replacement program.



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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

## Structure, Governance and Management

Yeovil Freewheelers is an unincorporated charity which is governed by the publications shown below. The processes and procedures that direct the charity and its members are approved by the Charity Commission and are reviewed regularly to remain best practice.



Charity Constitution dated 18 May 2020



Charity Handbook v9.3 dated 17 Aug 2021

## Chairman's Summary

2021 was a very successful year for Yeovil Freewheelers EVS. After much uncertainty and rapid change to the charities service that was necessitated in 2020, the charity excelled itself and has continued that positivity in all aspects this year. Volunteering effort and commitment has been awe-inspiring with personal contributions exceeding expectations to deliver the aims of the charity.

Yeovil Freewheelers ends the year better funded, better equipped, better staffed and better trained which will provide a solid foundation to develop the charity in 2022 and provide enhanced support to the NHS.

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# Yeovil Freewheelers EVS


## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Yeovil Freewheelers (YFW) Emergency Voluntary Service (EVS)
Other name the charity uses	Yeovil bloodbikes
Registered charity number	299434
Charity's principal address	35 Mudford Road Yeovil Somerset BA21 4AE
Reporting Accountants	Lentells Ltd Chartered Certified Accountants 17-18 Leach Road Chard Somerset TA20 1FA

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Jeremy Gilmore
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
Date	29th March 2022

**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**

England & Wales - Charity number 299434

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# Accounts

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**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**

Registered Charity Number: 299434

**UNAUDITED**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**



17-18 Leach Road, Chard Business Park, Chard, Somerset TA20 1FA

**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 Jan 20 to 31 Dec 20

**Charity name:** Yeovil Freewheelers (YFW) Emergency Voluntary Service (EVS)

**Charity registration number:** 299434

The Yeovil Freewheelers (YFW) Emergency Voluntary Service (EVS) is a Registered Unincorporated Charity, founded in 1978 by Mr Cecil Turner and is the longest serving Blood Bike group in the country.

## Objectives and Activities

### **Purpose of the Charity**

YFW operates from Yeovil District Hospital (YDH) and Dorset County Hospital (DCH), Dorchester, providing a 24-hour service to deliver a fast, safe and effective emergency medical courier capability throughout the South-West, serving hospitals, hospices, care and nursing homes, laboratories and patients discharged to their own homes. YFW carries urgently needed blood and blood products, blood samples, biopsies, MRI scans, X-rays, prescription drugs, a variety of medical equipment and patient notes.

### **Main Activities**

The service is provided free of charge to the NHS. YFW relies entirely on volunteers and public donation to conduct its activities. Every penny raised goes to running the Charity and no member of the Charity is paid for their services. High priority is given to fundraising, service promotion and teamwork to ensure the delivery of a reliable, valued and professional service to the NHS and the community.

Maintaining high, professional riding standards is essential to the efficiency of the service, the safety of YFW riders, the reliability of YFW motorcycles and the reputation of YFW and motorcyclists in general. The safety of YFW members and the public is paramount. It has taken many years and considerable work to develop a positive relationship, based on mutual respect, between YFW, the Police, the NHS and the public.

YFW is a member of the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes (NABB).

The charity currently operates 8 motorcycles in bloodlike livery equipped with blue lights and sirens. Volunteers pay for their own riding equipment including reflective Blood Bike vests and charity 'uniform' polo shirts.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Headlines**

- 164,301 miles covered.
- Welcomed 44 new members.
- Utilised 39 different riders delivering each month (up from 29 last year).
- Through partnership with other NABB groups, we've brought tissue for life saving surgery from Birmingham, medicine from Stoke Mandeville and we've taken pathology samples as far as Leeds. Most weeks we take at least one blood sample to NHSBT Filton for emergency cross matching.
- COVID has seen us stretch to a 125% increase in tasking at its peak, working flexibly to assist with emerging NHS testing initiatives.
- Media interviews and support have been on the increase with radio, television and online presence all flourishing during 2020.
- We are in discussion with Alex Lovell of BBC Points West with a view to her joining us as Patron.

### **Impact/Outcome**

- 3,437 deliveries made.
- Completed 2 x CAT 1 life-saving jobs every week.
- Made 3.5 deliveries of medicine to patients' homes each night resulting in an extra 3.5 beds available to YDH every day.

### **Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set**

The object to maintain 12 months minimum reserve running costs was set against the backdrop of COVID 19. This figure was estimated to be £36k. Fundraising has surpassed this amount whilst also providing for a bike replacement figure of £45k. Whilst this is a promising result, demand is expected to increase due to the continuation of COVID and the anticipated shift towards the backlog of operations such as cancer treatments.

At the same time as experiencing an unprecedented increase in demand, our ability to raise funds from public events is significantly curtailed. With public fundraising projections cut by 80% for 2021, we are having to rely more heavily on other sources of funding that do not require public contact such as sponsorship and funding bodies.

### **Financial Review Summary**

Whilst income from fund raising activity halved during 2020, other income streams such as donations and sponsorships have realised an overall income increase from circa £78k during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 to circa £130k in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

With the expectation of an increase in demand for the services provided during the year, the Charity decided to invest some of these additional funds into newer motorcycles and sold an

older, less economic, motorcycle. It is also noted that a further two motorcycle replacements are due in 2021 at an anticipated cost of £45k.

As the number of vehicles and activity has increased it has led to an increase in the charity running costs by approximately one third. These costs have increased from circa £41k in the previous year to circa £56k in the current year.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 there were cash reserves of circa £61k. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 these had increased to circa £91k.

The aim of the Trustees is still to improve cash reserves to allow the operating activities of the Charity to continue for 30 months and the target to do this is now 4 years. However, times are still very uncertain so the Charity is continuing to maximise all fundraising opportunities in anticipation of fallow times ahead.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

YFW activities are monitored by a Board of Trustees, which consists of a minimum of three trustees, one of whom is a YFW rider or exrider.

The Charity is run by an Executive Committee, all of whom are volunteers.

The charity is governed by its Constitution - version 20200519\_YFW\_Constitution\_v2.0 dated 18 May 2020 and its guidance and procedures are laid down in its handbook - Charity Handbook version 8.0 dated 30 Jun 2020.

## **Reference and Administrative details**

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## **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

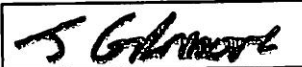
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Leon Jennings	Chair / rider	To April 2020	As per charity constitution and handbook
2	Jeremy Gilmore	Deputy Chair / rider	Chair from April 2020	As per charity constitution and handbook

3	Mark Thomas	Finance rep		As per charity constitution and handbook
4	Paul Allaway	Health and Safety rep	To Jul 2020	As per charity constitution and handbook
5	Mandy Carney	NHS rep		As per charity constitution and handbook
6	Sam Blackmore	Health and Safety rep	From Aug 2020	As per charity constitution and handbook
7	Karen Keogh	Human Resource rep	From Sept 2020	As per charity constitution and handbook

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above are aware of the Charity Commission guidance and applied it to the charity appropriately.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Jeremy Gilmore
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair
<b>Date</b>	22 Feb 2021

## **FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**

### **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).

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 which properly present the Charity's incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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, which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity, and enable them 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (Yeovil) accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 10 to 11.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiners' report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. 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 the seeking of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiners' statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

J Fursman

Date

25/2/2021

Mrs J Fursman FCCA  
Lentells Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
17-18 Leach Road  
Chard Business Park  
Chard, Somerset, TA20 1FA

**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Donations and sponsorship	108,302	-	108,302
Collection tins	723	-	723
Investment income	24	-	24
VAT refunds	6,768	-	6,768
Fundraising	4,905	-	4,905
Reimbursements	9,275	-	9,275
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>129,997</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,997</b>
Asset sales	4,000	-	4,000
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>133,997</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,997</b>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Fuel	11,049	-	11,049
Repairs and maintenance	32,513	-	32,513
Insurance	6,655	-	6,655
DVLA	459	-	459
Uniforms	2,840	-	2,840
Office expenses	1,896	-	1,896
Marketing	53	-	53
Other expenses	604	-	604
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>56,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,070</b>
Asset purchases	47,572	-	47,572
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>103,642</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103,642</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>30,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,355</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END</b>	<b>60,953</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,953</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<b>91,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,953</b>

**FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>			
Lloyds Bank current account	4,624	-	4,624
Lloyds Bank instant saver	81,064	-	81,064
Lloyds	2,869	-	2,869
Petty cash	127	-	127
Paypal	2,625	-	2,625
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<u>91,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,308</u>
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>			
VAT debtor	4,112	-	4,112
Prepayments	4,947	-	4,947
	<u>9,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,059</u>
<b>ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE</b>			
Motorcycles - net book value	54,113	-	54,113
Equipment - net book value	1,899	-	1,899
	<u>56,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,012</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accruals	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees on .....22/02/2021.....

Signed ..... *Gilmore J* ..... (Trustee)

PRINT NAME ..... GILMORE J .....