

Trustee Annual Report 2024



Yeovil Freewheelers Emergency Volunteer Service

Charity registration number: 299434



Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Charity name: Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (Yeovil)

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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."

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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



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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

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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

Financial Review

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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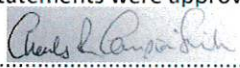
Financial Review

FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
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
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	104,689	33,346	138,035	109,049
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
VAT debtor	4,751	-	4,751	5,801
Prepayments	10,544	-	10,544	7,739
	15,295	-	15,295	13,540
ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE				
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
	111,534	-	111,067	86,498
LIABILITIES				
Accruals	602	-	602	112
	602	-	602	112

These Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees on 9th May 2025

Signed  (Trustee)

PRINT NAME Charles Campion-Smith

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Financial Review for the year ended 31st 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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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.

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 21st November 2024 and we appointed Jon Anderson as Trustee with financial expertise on 2nd January 2025. Vince Sharp resigned from the Board at the AGM on 4th 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 th May 2025