



NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES

September
2020





News

Coronavirus Community Support Fund

We are extremely pleased to announce that funding from the Coronavirus Community Support Fund, distributed by the National Lottery Community Fund, has helped us to cover the running costs of our charity for the next 6 months enabling us to continue our service without worrying about how we have been significantly impacted by the loss of fundraising this year.

Thanks to the Government for making this possible.

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AGM 2020 Update – Elected Trustees

The NBB AGM was held on 17.9.2020, due to Covid-19 this was an online meeting only and all NBB members were invited to attend via weblink. One essential order of business was the election of Trustee posts that were vacant or were due for stand down election/re-election. The newly elected Trustees and existing Trustees are listed below. Please note that roles within the Trustee committee will be decided upon at the October 2020 committee meeting and we hope to update you in relation to this in the next newsletter. Congratulations to our new Trustees, thank you for volunteering for the role and a huge thanks to those Trustees that have agreed to be re-elected this year.

Newly Elected Trustees	Date Elected	Existing Trustees	Date Elected
Jason Cooper	17.9.2020	Alan Kinghorn	16.1.2017
Suzanne Hitchinson	17.9.2020	Kirsty Lawrence	15.9.2016
Mick Redpath	17.9.2020	Chris Mann	5.8.2019
Steve Tulloch	17.9.2020	Ronnie Paton	21.9.2017
		Sean Storey	15.9.2016
		Tiger Taylor	19.9.2019
		Stephen Winn	19.9.2019

Thank you to past Trustees

As a Trustee for the charity you are duty bound to progress the aims of the organisation and are bound by the Charities Commission regulations. Trustees for NBB fulfil committee positions and roles and these roles can be extremely demanding. We would like to thank all of the Trustees, who have worked so hard, over the years to make NBB the success it is today. We have been extremely fortunate to have such skilled and dedicated Trustees and we wish to thank them for their hard work, dedication and support.



Induction training September 2020

It was with some relief that our induction training team were finally able to restart the NBB induction meetings. This was organised by Steve Winn who was pleased to see some old and new faces within the group. The training was held at the Clarion Hotel, close to the Tyne Tunnel and there were 14 attenders spread throughout the day to manage the Covid-19 risk.

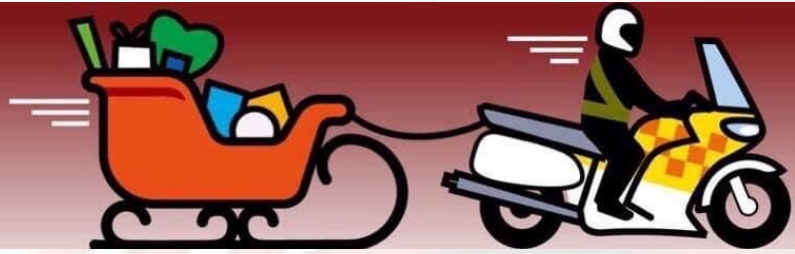


Thanks to Chris Tolley for bringing along the North Shields bike to give a show and tell, on the correct ways to strap and cover and protect the blood boxes and other items that we transport

Thanks to everyone who was able to safely attend and take part it was a great day.

Steve Winn





XMAS CARD COMPETITION 2020

Last month we announced our annual Christmas card competition. The closing date for entries was 30.9.20 and as always, we are excited to see all of the competition entrants designs and creativity. We will bring you the final winners in next month's newsletter but do watch out on our social media accounts for the winner's announcement. If you are wanting to send a Xmas card with a difference which, supports us too watch out for the winner's announcement.



I spy with my little eye..... a little NBB bear!

As Covid 19 has had us all having to adapt to online meetings and mastering (or not) Zoom, Teams and Houseparty, we also get a little insight into our volunteer colleagues worlds. At the recent AGM online meeting we could see an array of bookcases, house lights and even the odd member snacking. There were also tropical island and sunny shore back grounds to be found

Our eagle-eyed publicity officer Kirsty spotted this little chap hiding out and fell in love. The clever niece of our volunteer Jason has carefully crafted this gorgeous NBB Blood Bear.

Can you count the number of times he appears in this month's newsletter?



Fundraising

A Head for Heights

ALLENDALE CO-OP

We were very excited to hear that Dave and Sue from Allendale Co-operative Society Ltd were planning a very big challenge and all for charity. The brave duo had agreed to abseil down the side of Langley Castle, to raise funds for the Great North East Air Ambulance and Northumbria Blood Bikes. They have raised an amazing £600 including an in-store collection that raised £80 and a very generous donation from the Allendale Co-operative Ltd Board of £100 to Dave's chosen charity NBB.



<http://allendalecoop.co.uk/>

Congratulations Dave & Sue

That is a fantastic amount raised for local charities and you have certainly scaled the heights for both the Great North East Air Ambulance and Northumbria Blood Bikes.

Thank you for showing us the ropes. We hope the view was great from the top and thank you both for your courage.



Fundraising

AmazonSmile

Shop through Amazon and donate to Northumbria Blood Bikes- at no cost to you

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.co.uk on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. You can manage your purchases and other account information on amazon.co.uk and AmazonSmile using a single account. You can use your existing amazon.co.uk account at smile.amazon.co.uk if you have one or create a new account if you don't.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organisation to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation. After selecting a charitable organisation, you can also activate AmazonSmile on the Amazon Shopping app.

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www.smile.amazon.co.uk

A screenshot of the AmazonSmile website interface. At the top, it says "smile.amazon.co.uk" with the Amazon logo. Below that, the heading "Experience feel-good shopping" is displayed. Underneath, it says "Shop at smile.amazon.co.uk and we'll donate to your favourite charitable organisation, at **no cost to you**." There is a yellow "Get started" button. At the bottom, it says "Same products, same prices, same service." and "Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases."



Fundraising

Great North Run 2020

Unfortunately our bike is not leading the elite runners to the finish line of the Great North Run, nor are our team of runners going to be running from Newcastle to South Shields. Like many plans this year things have changed and instead the Great North Run launched their virtual version with an app including the iconic sounds associated with the run.

One of team #bloodbikesgnr was still running the 13.1 miles in support of our charity. We wish our cheering squad could have been there to cheer you on Nicole - "go on Nicole", "keep running", "you're nearly there", "oggy oggy oggy" - we sent you our virtual cheers of support, that is certain.

Thank you for choosing to not only take on the virtual run but for being part of our team again next year, (where we will cheer even louder than before to make up for missing out!), the money you raise is greatly appreciated.

Please help Nicole to reach her fundraising target by sponsoring her run:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/nicoledavison1>



Our 2019 Runners you were amazing



Thank you, Nicole, for running in 2020



Fundraising

Easyfundraising- Donate by simply shopping

During August '20 the easyfundraising folks have been running a number of great promotions. For everyone who is already signed up and shopping, we hope you have managed to claim the extra donations to NBB thank you.

It is simple to sign up to and you just click on their link and shop at your favourite stores. It's amazing how a single purchase can add up to a fantastic donation to us.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

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£878.48 Total raised 88 Supporters

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Donations



Once again our little collecting boxes work their magic and bring your very kind donations to us.

If you would like to host a collection box we would be happy to arrange that for you. Just contact the email address below.

As they say every little helps, and whilst our other fundraising activities have been out of action, these little boxes of treasure have come up trumps for us.

Funds@northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk

Thank you - Fishnets Fish and Chip Shop

Lead Road Greenside, Ryton. NE40 4SW

Once again, the great customers at Fishnets Chippy have been generous to our cause. Their NBB collection box has a whopping £59.57 inside, that will go a long way. Thanks also to our volunteer Rob W. for collecting the box for banking. We hear that the fish and chips are delicious too, so thanks Fishnets folks, you are fabulous.





Thank you- Haydon Bridge-Co-op

4 Ratcliffe Road Hexham NE47 6ET

Once again the generous customers and staff at the Haydon Bridge Co-op have come up trumps. Their collection box contained a fabulous £29. Thank you again that's amazing. Thank you to NBB volunteer Sam for returning the box to us.



Thank you- Rotary Club- North Shields

It was with mixed feelings that we received a very generous cheque for £295.00, from the Rotary Club of North Shields. Sadly, after working for 97 years with their members offering their time, talents, professional skills and energy to improving the lives of people in the local communities; they have made the very difficult decision to close. Thank you for the donation and also thank you for supporting the community in and around North Shields with your volunteer work and support. Even as they bring their chapter to a close, they continue to support others by making this donation to us. We hope we can honour it by continuing to provide our services free to the NHS and Great North East Air Ambulance.

Thank you Rotary Club of North Shields and the best of luck to all of your members.





Thank you-

The Cross Keys Pub

Esh Village, Front Street, Durham, DH7 9QR

Our volunteer Frank S. popped into the Cross Keys Pub to collect their overflowing NBB collection box. There was a very generous £95.60 donated by the customers and we would like to say a big thank you to them all. Our volunteer happened to be riding one of our Blood Bikes when he dropped in, and what a fab picture of Steve and Karen Laverick, the owners of the Cross Keys it is too- Cheers folks thank you for your welcome donations. Check out their website at:

<http://crosskeysh.weebly.com/>

Our NBB volunteer Frank S. was remarkably busy this week, as he also had a gravy tin collection box handed to him as well. Thank you to the anonymous donator who gave us the grand total of £16.50. that's a very generous donation and our thanks go to him.

It's been a tough year for fundraising as I am sure you will all be aware. All donations help NBB to go that extra mile for the NHS and Great North East Air Ambulance, so thank you to everyone who donates, big and small, you are all amazing.

Thank you- Hermod Motorcycles- Gateshead

Mayoral Way, Team Valley, Gateshead. NE11 0RT



Thank you to the staff and customers at Hermod for their kind donations of £4.30. We really appreciate you hosting our collection box.

Checkout their website: <https://www.hermod.co.uk/>



Thank you to the St. Mary's Inn- Morpeth

St. Mary's Lane, Morpeth. NE61 6BL

Our volunteer Tiger has also been busy this month collecting our invaluable donation boxes. A huge thank you to the customers of the St. Mary's Inn, Their collection box contained a fabulous £15.34. We understand that they are currently closed but hope we will be able to visit this lovely Inn soon.



<https://www.stmarysinn.co.uk/>

Thank you Custom Lids- Team Valley- Gateshead

Unit 6, Tenth Avenue West, Team Valley Trading Estate, Gateshead NE11 0GU.

A huge thank you to the staff and customers of Custom Lids, who have always supported us brilliantly. Your two collection boxes contained £49.54 and £32.69 a fantastic total of £82.23. That is a lot of fuel miles to our vehicles, as we support the NHS and Great North East Air Ambulance with our volunteer work. Check out their website at:

<https://www.customlids.co.uk/>





**Thank you- The General Havelock Inn
Haydon Bridge**

9 Ratcliffe Road, Haydon
Bridge, Hexham, NE47 6ER

Thank you to the staff and customers from The General Havelock Inn. Despite the difficult times for the hospitality industry an amazing £52.00 was in their collection box. Thanks to NBB volunteer Sam for popping in to collect the box. Cheers to everyone who kindly donated.

Check out their facebook page for more information:

<https://m.facebook.com/TheGeneralHavelock>

Thank you- McColl's- Darras Hall, Ponteland

25 The Broadway, Darras Hall, Newcastle upon
Tyne NE20 9PW



A thank you to the Darras Hall, McColl's who collected £5.60 in donations from customers and staff. Thanks to NBB volunteer Jim, who nipped in to collect the box and bring it to us. Thanks everyone.

Thank you Collectors Cellar- Hexham

11 Hencotes, Hexham, Northumberland
NE46 2EQ



The owners and customers of the Collectors Cellar were 'modelling' their great generosity, by raising a fabulous £63 for NBB in their collection box. Thanks also to NBB Volunteer Alistair for popping in to see them and returning the box to us. Thank you all for the brilliant donation.

<http://www.collectorscellar.co.uk/>



Volunteer News

Volunteer of the Year

Each year we ask our volunteers to nominate their Volunteer of the Year which we award at our annual AGM. Unfortunately we couldn't award this year's in person and had to do so via an online meeting.

We are extremely pleased to announce that our 'Outstanding Volunteer' for 2020 is awarded to Frank Soulsby.

He was nominated by his fellow volunteers for his passionate commitment to our charity through duty shifts, fundraising and encouraging local businesses to support our charity.



He does whatever is required without complaint. He is always so polite and friendly and gets the job done at hand. Even after personal losses he thought of our charity to receive donations.

We are proud to have Frank as part of our #BloodBike team and family. This recognition is very much deserved and a huge congratulations from all of us at Northumbria Blood Bikes.

Congratulations Frank



Quarterly Badge Awards



Regular readers of our newsletters may be familiar with our NBB Volunteer Badge Awards. Our volunteers are usually pretty shy about the hard work and time, they put in to working for us. They are more enthusiastic about supporting the NHS and Great North Air Ambulance and highlighting how volunteering for NBB can be so rewarding. As a small way of acknowledging the huge amount of time, energy and enthusiasm, our volunteers offer to the charity we have our award badges. The badges as you can see range from the bronze- 25 shift badge to the coveted 200 shift- red and rose gold colour badge. Congratulations to everyone who has been awarded a badge this quarter and indeed to all of our volunteers, you are all amazing and we simply could not do it without you.

Bronze- 25 Shifts	Silver- 50 Shifts	Gold- 100 Shifts	Red/Gold-200 Shifts
Ian B.	Paul F.	John B.	Ken T.
Rob P.	Stephen M.	John R.	
		Michael R.	
		Paul C.	
		Ria B.	
		Ruth A.	



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Northumberland Lottery Update

It's so easy to play. Log in to the website below, search for 'Northumbria Blood Bikes' and Register for an account, choose your lucky numbers and set up your desired payment. No subscription required so you can stop playing whenever you like. But as they say- 'You've got to be in it to win it!'

<https://www.northumberlandlottery.co.uk/>



Draw 05.09.2020- Numbers- 689020 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)

- Mr G supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes- Matched 2 numbers and Won 3 extra tickets
- Mr T supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes- Matched 2 numbers and Won 3 extra tickets

Draw 12.09.2020- Numbers- 250080 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)

- Mrs T supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes- Matched 3 Numbers and won £25

Draw 19.09.2020- Numbers- 301948 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)

No NBB lucky winners this week. If these are your lucky numbers get in quick and snap up those tickets for a chance to win and donate to our NBB charity!

Draw 26.09.2020- Numbers- 389132 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)

- Ms R supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes- Matched 3 numbers and Won the **top prize** of £25
- Mrs R supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes- Matched 2 numbers and Won 3 extra tickets



Relay Roundup

Our rota manager Chris Mann also manages the requests from other areas to support the relay of blood, blood products, baby milk, specimens, equipment and samples. He sends a special thanks to the volunteers who, sometimes at short notice collect a blood bike or blood car and head over to meet colleagues from other blood bike organisations or the NHS. Team-work at its best and all free for the NHS. Great to work with you UK Blood Bike groups.

Edinburgh to Newcastle Relays

Our NBB Volunteer rider/drivers meet up with Blood Bikes Scotland to transfer and deliver urgent samples from the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh to the Newcastle Trust Hospitals



Date	Volunteer
22.9.2020	Jim

Edinburgh to London Relay

On 15.9.2020 our NBB volunteer Jeff met with Blood Bikes Scotland to transfer samples on ice from Edinburgh Royal Infirmiry to St Thomas Hospital in London. Jeff travelled from Berwick to Scotch Corner where he handed the samples over to the next blood bike group.

Edinburgh to Leicester Relay

On 21.9.20 our NBB volunteer Jeff met with our Blood Bike Scotland to relay medical equipment from Berwick to Scotch Corner. These were then handed over to other Blood Bike colleagues and delivered to Leicester.



Sunderland to Birmingham Relay

Blood Car 'Jack' took part in his first ever relay in September 2020

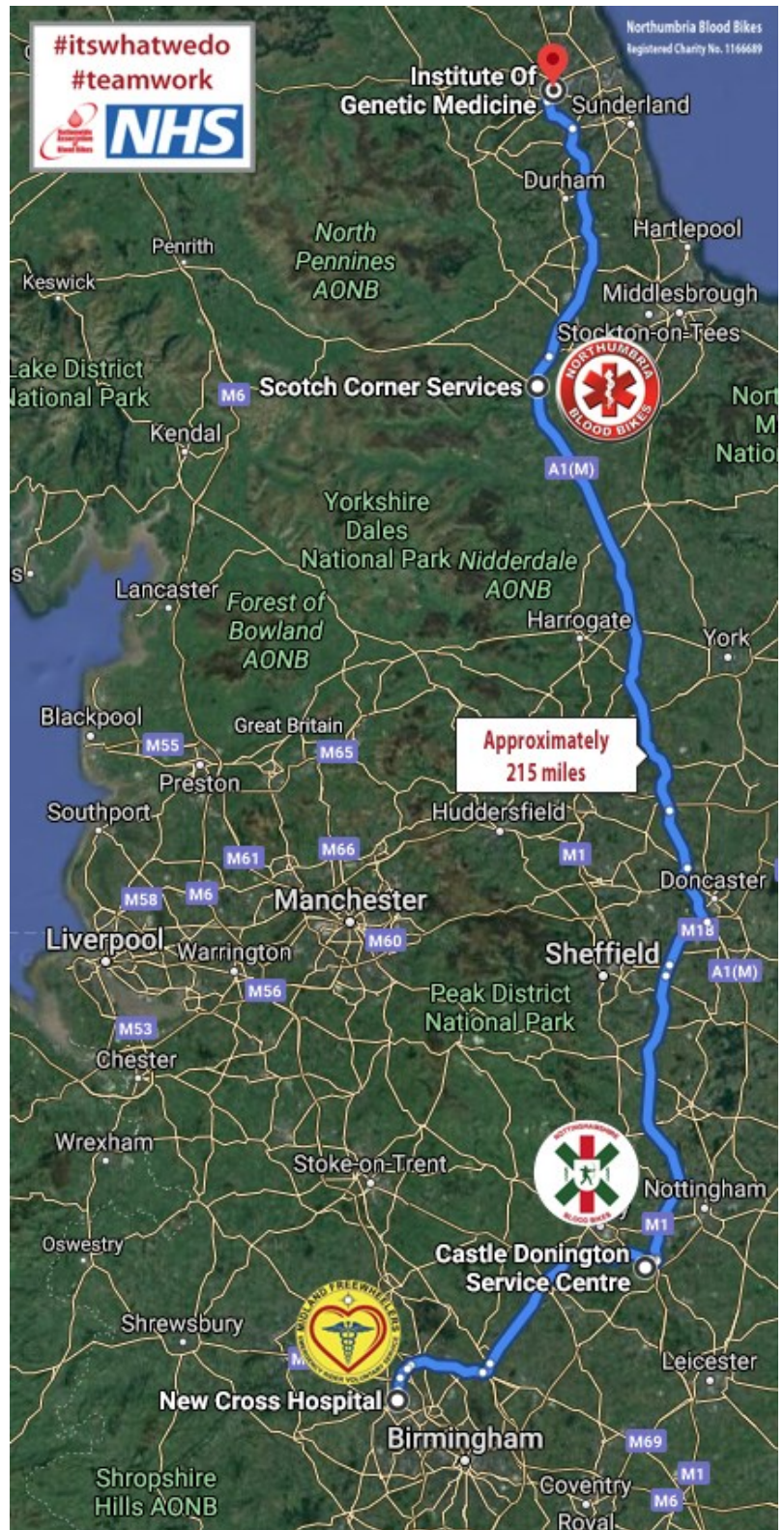
'Jack' and driver Chris were the last link in the chain in a relay of Genetic Blood Samples from New Cross Hospital, in Wolverhampton, to Northern Genetics Services, Bao Medicine East (Centre for Life), in Newcastle Upon Tyne.

Great teamwork from our Blood Bikes family-Midland Freewheelers Blood Bikes and Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes.

#BloodBikes #TeamWork
#ItsWhatWeDo
#MakeADifference #BagsOfHelp

It has been a little quieter than normal this month, but we remain ready to go and our volunteers continue to work hand in hand with other Blood Bike organisations to support the NHS.

#BloodBikes #ItsWhatWeDo
#TeamWork





Just for Fun



Northumbria Blood Bikes Blood Theme

Word Search

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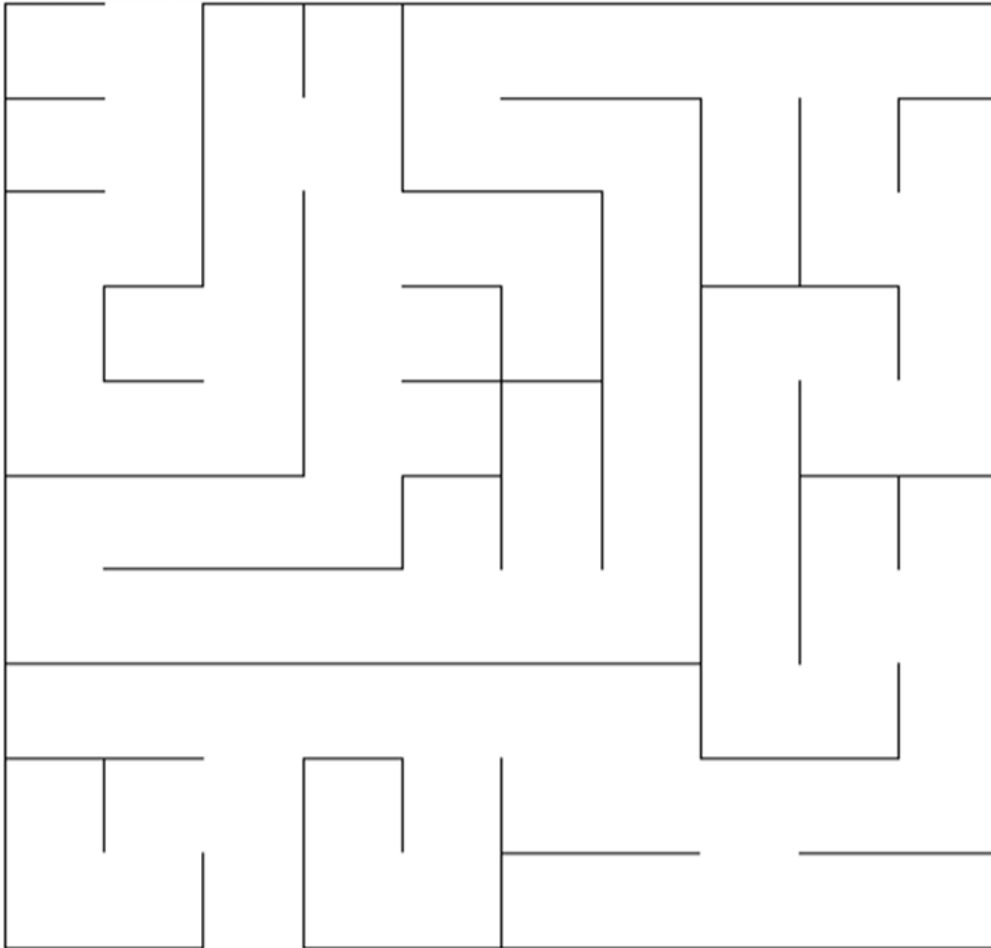
Just for Fun



Help Northumbria Blood Bikes To Find The Quickest Route To Collect The Blood Box



Maze 4



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Spot the Difference

Can you spot the 10 differences between the 2 pictures below?





Spot the Difference

Solution- Last Editions 'Spot the Difference'
Did you get them all?





Messages

Committee Updates Sept 2020

Sean Storey- Hospital Liaison

Demand has continued for our services and the Job data for August 2020 shows that we completed 1145 jobs this month. We continue to provide a specific COVID-19 service and monitor this to ensure that it meets the needs of our NHS partners. Our BoB (Blood on Board)- services the Great North East Air Ambulance and we are delighted to work in partnership with this emergency flying service. Thank you to all of our volunteers for their hard work.

August 2020- NBB Job Statistics	
Trust	Number of jobs
Newcastle	716
Northumbria	161
Gateshead/South Tyneside	57
County Durham and Darlington	77
BoB-GNAAS	58
Relay	52
Corbridge Medical Group	24
Other	0
Total number of jobs	1145

Chris Mann- Rota Manager

A huge thank you to everyone who is stepping up to ensure the rota is fully staffed. I know the rota assistants have been getting busier, as our volunteers grab themselves well deserved holidays and as work commitments increase. It is great to see some new volunteers' names on the rota and thank you to everyone, particularly those that often step in at very short notice to ensure that our NBB services run smoothly. Thanks to our brilliant rota assistants, who keep us all up to date and ensure we continue to support our NHS and Great North East Air ambulance colleagues, as fully as possible. Thank you to all of our volunteers we really could not do it without your hard work and support.



Tiger Taylor- Fund Raising Officer

Events- Sadly many of the events we might usually attend to raise awareness and raise donations have been cancelled. We did have a presence at the Police Engagement event in July 2020 held at Kielder and it was great to be there with our new NBB gazebo's.

Events Storage -We have been busy sourcing storage facilities for the events equipment and are now pleased to say this has been secured. We have built up a wide range of fundraising equipment over the years, including our new inflatable gazebo's. We are asking all volunteers who have very kindly hosted events equipment to get in touch, so that we can make arrangements to bring the equipment into this central storage facility, please email me at the address below.

Collecting Boxes- Our little collecting boxes certainly have been working hard for us. We have now made the decision to collect them in on a regular timetable and issue empty ones. This means we will bank the funds more quickly and that our kind hosts of the collection boxes, will have more room for those invaluable donations.

Fundraising- As you can see from the article in the fundraising section of the newsletter, we have been successful in securing financial support from the Coronavirus Community Support Fund, distributed by the National Lottery Community Fund. We were so excited to hear this great news, as every charity is struggling to fund raise in this challenging time. Thank you to the Government for making this possible.

Merchandising- Our NBB reusable/washable face masks have done well and we are looking at other opportunities for raising funds from NBB Merchandise- Watch this space

Northumberland Lottery News- Congratulations to all of the winners coming through from the Northumberland Lottery. Our aim is to sell 100 tickets for NBB and we are currently standing at 69 tickets sold. It would be great to see that number rising this month. If you have not yet joined it's a simple sign up and only £1 per ticket, please head to:

<https://www.northumberlandlottery.co.uk/support/northumbria-blood-bikes>

If you do have any events you wish us to attend, then please don't hesitate to contact me: funds@northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk



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