



# NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES

October  
2020



Providing effective and timely transportation of essential blood and medical products  
Registered Charity Number 1166689



# News

## And it's a GOAL.....

A community minded local engineering company has paid for Northumbria Blood Bikes, to sponsor the New Herrington Oranges Football Team. This has not only given our charity the opportunity to advertise, in a different and brilliant way, but also supported a local children's football team with new strips and match day jackets. We wish to thank the engineering company for supporting two local causes so generously.

Good luck with the season U9's New Herrington Oranges from all of the NBB team it looks like a perfect score to us.



\*Please note photographs follow FA authorised coronavirus rules and restrictions at the time they were taken.



## Competition

Last month we announced our annual Christmas card competition. The closing date for entries was extended to 31.10.20 and as always, we were excited to see all of the competition entrants designs and creativity. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that took the time and put lots of effort into their entries for this year's design our Christmas card competition.

As with most things this year we had to hold an online selection panel with our volunteers, and they had the hard task of selecting their favourite. Unfortunately, we did not receive any adult entries but that did mean we could then choose two children's entries as this year's winners. Sorry to those who did not have their design chosen but we hope you join in again next year.

We would like to congratulate this year's winners Ruby-Jean, age 11, and Megan, age 15, they just so happen to be cousins. A huge well done to them both!



### Ruby-Jean's Winning Entry

Please keep an eye on the NBB website, Instagram and Facebook page for individual card links, as sadly we cannot print and sell the Xmas cards this year. However, there is still be a way you can share these fabulous designs, by Ruby-Jean and Megan. If you follow the link below you can arrange to save time, reduce your carbon footprint, and also support a charity in these simple steps.

Log in to [www.dontsendmeacard.com](http://www.dontsendmeacard.com)



Choose your charity- hopefully, that will be Northumbria Blood Bikes  
Decide upon your card design- a difficult choice between Ruby-Jean or Megan's design

Personalise your message

Donate the cost of sending your card to your charity

To sign up and donate please go to either:

<https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecard/148kt> or

<https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecard/r5Eo>



**Megan's Winning Entry**



# Fundraising

## Individual Great North Run

We have been amazed at the generosity and creativity of the people, who have chosen to raise funds for us, during this challenging year. Last month we told you about Dave and Sue from the Allendale Co-operative Society Ltd who braved the heights of Langley Castle to raise funds for NBB and the Great North East Air Ambulance.

We also heard that Nicole was still running an individual Great North Run of 13.1 miles and fundraising for NBB, as she did in the 2019 GNR, amazing. This month we have the incredible Pat Carrick to tell you about. Thankyou to everyone who raises funds for us you are all incredible.

**Thank you, Pat you are, a Cut Above the Rest!**





# Fundraising

## Hair Today Gone Tomorrow

During lockdown local lass Pat Carrick faced having to grow out her long black locks with the hairdressers being closed. Rather than rush to get booked in for it to be coloured, she decided to brave the chop and raise money for charity in the process. As an ex-biker she had met our NBB volunteers at an event three years ago and chose to support Northumbria Blood Bikes with her sponsored haircut.



Pat has not only raised an amazing £1107.00, through the donations she received, but has been helping to promote our charity and spread the word of what NBB do, whilst raising the funding.

Pat said: "I shed a few tears when I had my hair cut. People has said I've done great but all I did was get my hair cut and asked for money it's other people who have given the money. It's made me very emotional."



On behalf of Northumbria Blood Bikes, we would like to say a massive thank you to Pat and everyone who sponsored her chop. It has been a difficult year for us without our volunteers being able to get out to events to fundraise and promote our charity. This donation will help us to continue our service supporting our NHS at this critical time.



# Fundraising

## Easy Fundraising at Christmas time- shop and donate for free

We hate to mention the 'Christmas' word too early but.....it is fast approaching the festive season. Please remember you can use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 4,300 shops and sites will donate to Northumbria Blood Bikes **at no extra cost to you** - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping, or anything else!

Please sign up and help us raise more at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nbb/>

easyfundraising | £33M Raised  
feel good shopping

Help us raise **FREE** donations when you do your Christmas online shopping.

Logos for: ebay, JOHN LEWIS, M&S, GROUPON, Boots, Argos, moonpig, Booking.com

You Shop. 4,300 sites will Donate to us. For Free.



## Support Northumbria Blood Bikes

£881.39

Total raised

91

Supporters

[Support this cause](#)



# 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](mailto:Funds@northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk)**

## COASTLINE



**Thank you- Coastline Fish & Chips- Blyth**

Links Rd, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3PL

A big thank you if you popped into the Coastline for a delicious fish supper or gorgeous gelato and also dropped your change into our NBB collection box. There was an amazing £42.61 in the box. Thank you, Coastline team, for hosting our collection box and to our NBB volunteer Ian M. for bringing the funds in for banking.

**<https://www.coastlinefishandchips.co.uk/>**





**Thank you- Bondcare, Willington Care Village, Crook.**

Hall Lane, Willington, Crook, DL15 0PR

A big thank you to everyone at the Willington Care Village, who has made a donation to NBB. Your collection box contained a total of £14.10 which, we will put to good use.

Thank you to our NBB volunteer Frank S. for collecting the box in.

<https://www.bondcare.co.uk/care-homes/willington-care-village/>



**Thank you- Downey- DIY Sunderland**

4 St Luke's Terrace, Sunderland,  
SR4 6NQ



Well done and thank you to  
Downey DIY Sunderland staff

and customers, for the donations made. Our NBB volunteer Tiger picked up the collection box and it contained a fabulous £16.00. This will come in very handy and will fuel one of our blood bikes ready for a shift. Thank you so much for continuing to support us by hosting our collection box and helping us all to get all of those little and large jobs done around the house.

[www.downeydiy.co.uk](http://www.downeydiy.co.uk)



### **Thank you- Goosepool House and Café**

Behind Durham Tees Valley Airport- Darlington, DL2 1NL

If you need a handy stop near to Durham Tees Valley Airport, drop in for a bite to eat and a drink at Goosepool Café. Thanks to all the staff and customers who donated their change to NBB you collected a great £7.60. Thanks to NBB volunteer Tiger for dropping by to collect your donation box.

<https://www.facebook.com/GoospoolHouseCafe/>

### **Thank you- The Vigilant Inn -South Shields**

165, Sunderland Road, South Shields. NE34 6AE

Our NBB Volunteer Tiger dropped into the Vigilant Inn recently to pick up their NBB collection box. Thank you to the staff and customers who donated a super £7.30 to NBB. It has been such a challenging time, especially for hospitality led businesses so cheers and thank you so very much. If you fancy a takeaway pub lunch and are in South Shields be Vigilant!

<https://www.facebook.com/TheVigilantInn/>



### **Thank You- One Stop Shop-Brunswick**

12 Grey Street, Brunswick Village,  
Newcastle Upon Tyne. NE13 7DT



Thanks to the staff and customers of the One Shop at Brunswick who donated an amazing £19.38 to NBB. Thanks to Tiger our NBB volunteer who made 'one stop' off to collect the box, I wonder if she managed to leave without buying a tasty treat to keep her going. Thanks again everyone for donating your change. <https://www.onestop.co.uk/store/?store=ne137dt>



# Volunteer News

## Virtual Talk to Northumberland Freemasons.

Whilst the majority of NBB talk requests have been put on hold or declined due to Covid-19 restrictions our talks Coordinator Nigel Barlow, knowing volunteer rider and speaker John Watts is a keen user of "Facebook live" passed a request from the Northumberland Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons his way.



This organisation are regularly keeping in touch with members unable to meet physically using Zoom video conferencing technology and to interest and engage attendees have a guest speaker each Monday.

On Monday 2nd November, John, assisted by our new member Peter Boyle as socially distanced camera operator delivered such a talk. Using Blood Bike "Mark Master Mason" as a prop John thanked the virtual audience for the £18,000 grant from their national charity which paid for this Pan European motorcycle in 2016 and told them about some of the bikes missions during the 74,500 miles travelled on its 4 years of blood bike duty.

John was wearing one of our new Motorola radios also funded by the Freemasons Mark Benevolent Fund with a £24,000 grant earlier in 2020.

Whilst the purpose of this talk was awareness raising and a thank-you, NBB were delighted to subsequently receive a further donation from local masonic funds of £250 which had been unanimously agreed by members after John had



concluded the talk and left the Zoom meeting.

Richard Northey, Deputy Provincial Grand Master wrote, "Many thanks for joining us today and giving that superb presentation on the Northumbria Blood Bikes. It was much appreciated as was shown by the attendance and the extended Q&A session afterwards. I hope we didn't go on too long for you but there was a lot of interest in the Blood Bike work and many positive comments after you left the meeting to return the bike.

All I can say after all we heard this afternoon is keep up the fantastic work and well done."



Nigel Barlow, NBB talks coordinator who attended the talk and took photographs said, "It's been frustrating that our physical talks have been suspended to prevent the spread of Covid, but this is an excellent example of how we can still deliver Blood Bike presentations in a safe manner and if any other organisations would like a virtual talk I'll try to match a presenter with the request".



## **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 03.10.2020- Numbers- 2 4 1 0 1 3 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)**

Mr R (Wallsend) supporting [Northumbria Blood Bikes](#) matched 3 numbers and won £25.00

**TOP PRIZE WINNER**

**Draw 10.10.2020- Numbers- 9 5 8 5 9 7 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)**

Mrs R (Washington) supporting [Northumbria Blood Bikes](#) matched 3 numbers and won £25.00

**TOP PRIZE WINNER**

**Draw 17.10.2020- Numbers- 5 0 6 0 4 7 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)**

[Mrs L \(Gateshead\) supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes](#) matched 3 numbers and won £25.00

**TOP PRIZE WINNER**

**Draw 24.10.2020- Numbers- 7 1 0 4 9 6 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)**

No Winners this week. Are these your lucky numbers?

**Then join us and raise money for NBB**

**Draw 31.10.2020- Numbers- 2 4 2 2 6 5 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)**

Mr R (Wallsend) supporting [Northumbria Blood Bikes](#) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets

**Second Prize Winner**



# Relay Roundup

## Relay Roundup October 2020

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
15.10.2020	Jeff G.
19.10.2020	Jeff G.
26.10.2020	Jim L.



## Derby Royal Hospital to Royal Victoria Hospital Newcastle Upon Tyne Relay

On 25.10.20 our NBB volunteer Mick R. met up with Derbyshire Blood Bikes at Wetherby to transfer a very precious new-born baby sample, to the RVI in Newcastle. As always it is a pleasure to work alongside other Blood Bike services and provide support this special relay support to all of our amazing NHS colleagues. #BloodBikes #ItsWhatWeDo #TeamWork



# Just for Fun



## Northumbria Blood Bikes Hospital Locations

### Word Search

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 CRAMLINGTON  
 NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE  
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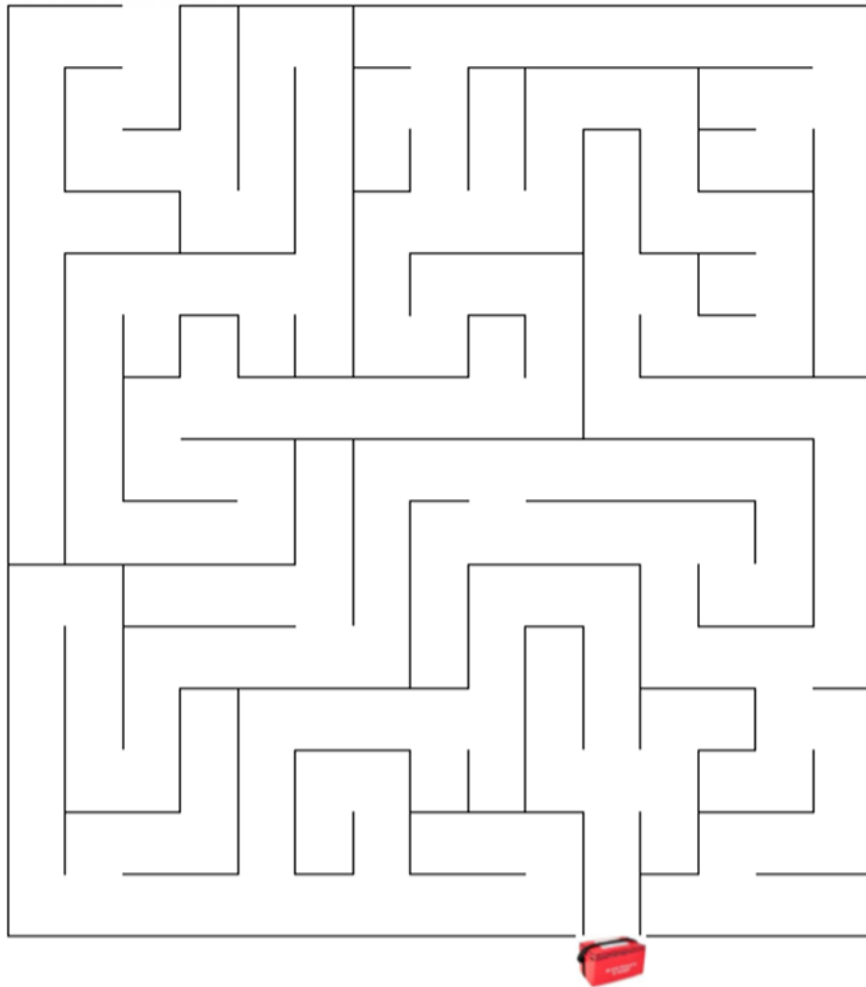
# Just for Fun



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



Maze 5



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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 October 2020

### Sean Storey- Hospital Liaison

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who continue to deliver services, to our NHS and Great North Air Ambulance Service partners. September saw a reduction in demand for services, however support from NBB was gratefully received from our NHS and the Great North East Air Ambulance partners. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic we have continued to deliver and support the NHS and have been operating a dedicated COVID-19 sample service. This could not be done without the hard work of our NBB volunteers and the donations of our generous supporters, thank you all.

### September 2020 NBB Job Statistics

<b>Trust</b>	<b>Number of jobs</b>
<b>Newcastle</b>	336
<b>Northumbria</b>	78
<b>Gateshead/South Tyneside</b>	22
<b>County Durham and Darlington</b>	44
<b>BoB-GNAAS</b>	58
<b>Relay</b>	55
<b>Corbridge Medical Group</b>	15
<b>Other</b>	22
<b>Total number of jobs</b>	<b>630</b>



### **Chris Mann- Rota Manager**

We are seeing a few more gaps in the rota appearing and the rota team have been doing a great job in notifying NBB volunteers about vacant shifts. Thank you to everyone who keeps stepping up to ensure our services are delivered effectively to our partners. I would particularly like to thank those riders and drivers who have extended their support shifts, to support their overnight shift colleagues, it is greatly appreciated and has made a huge difference, thanks everyone we couldn't do it without you.

### **Suzanne Hitchinson- Membership Secretary**

As I am new to the committee and role, I thought it might be helpful to know a little more about me. Prior to retirement I used to be a Forensic Manager with the police. I have wanted to do the Membership Secretary role for some time because I think that with my previous management experience, I have the prerequisite skills. I have been with NBB for 5 years as a rider and driver. I have not managed to do a shift for a while due to work being all over the place, but I am on the next induction course hoping to be back up and running soon.

I will soon be carrying out an audit of members to ensure that we hold the correct details for them on record, but I have quite a lot of preparation to do before I start contacting members. I would also like to say thank you to everyone who has joined NBB this year. There have been some delays to inductions and training, due to COVID-19, but your skills are still valued and needed. I understand that some members are awaiting their Advanced car and motorbike training and as we enter a second lockdown, you may be facing further delays; please do stick with it, we will still be excited to hear from you whenever, you obtain your Advanced qualification.

If NBB members need any information or support with any NBB queries, please do not hesitate to contact me: [membership@northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk](mailto:membership@northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk)

### **Jason Cooper- Fleet Manager**

It has been a busy month ensuring that all our vehicles remain roadworthy for the



safety of our volunteers. Along with the planned vehicle maintenance (Annual servicing, MOT's, tyres, and brakes). We were unfortunate to have a spate of punctures, two of which, were during the same shift. Thanks to a great bit of teamwork we were able to continue our services seamlessly. Special thanks to volunteers Chris T. and Neil H. for their assistance. I would also like to thank the Fleet Assistance Harry Snee and Paul Gilligan and our service agents - BDS Motorcycles, Fred Henderson, KBY Autos and National Bike Tyres for their continued support during these challenging times.

### **Stephen Winn- Training Officer**

It was with great pleasure that we held the first 'socially distanced' induction session, in person, last month. Sadly, due the second COVID-19 lockdown, we have now had to postpone these face-to- face sessions. I am however pleased to advise that we have been trialling a new online 'Zoom' Induction programme. For those who wish to test their IT log in systems, we have introduced a pre-training test log-in session and we have had positive feedback so far. Existing NBB members can find the induction sessions on the events calendar.

### **Tiger Taylor- Fund Raising Officer**

**Coronavirus Community Support Fund-**We are so grateful to the Coronavirus Community Support Fund, distributed by the National Lottery Community Fund, who approved our application, awarding us with enough funds to cover the running costs of our charity for six months. This has been a major boost to our fundraising this year which, as you know has been challenging due to the COVID -19 pandemic.

**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% of 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>

**Collection Boxes**-Thank you again to everyone for hosting and donating to our collection boxes. This month we received over £100 which, is worth several tanks for fuel for our blood bikes. If you know anyone who would like to host a collection box, please just get in touch.

**Easy Fund Raising**- Due to the second lock down you may be thinking of doing some online Xmas shopping. If so please consider signing up to Easy Fund Raising and making donations to us, at no cost to you as you click and shop. Take a look via the link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nbb/>

**Amazing Fundraisers**- We have been very lucky to have some daring individual fundraising escapades over the last few months. In this month's edition you can read about the hair-raising fundraising adventure of Pat Carrick. A huge thank you to them all, we really appreciate the imaginative events you have devised to raise money for NBB, you are all amazing.



## **Contacting NBB**

Our website can be found at:

<https://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/>

If you have any enquiry in relation to NBB then you can contact us online, by completing the form on the link below:

<https://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/contact>

Alternatively, you can write to us at: Northumbria Blood Bikes, Northumbria House, Abbey Road, Pity Me, Durham, DH1 5FJ

If you want to book a speaker for an event or group, complete the form at:

<https://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/contact/Request A Speaker>

For more information on becoming a NBB volunteer please see our website:

<https://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/support/volunteer>

## **Social Media**

Our Facebook site: **Northumbria Blood Bikes**

Our Instagram account: **Northumbriabb**

Our Twitter account: **@NorthumbriaBB**

## **Donate to Us**

Via Virgin Money giving: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/>





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- Tickets only cost £1 per week!
- Support us and win prizes - WIN WIN!

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And Search For:  
**Blood Bikes**



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