



NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES



**November
2020**



News

Amazing fundraisers

It has been an exceedingly difficult year for us all, with a great deal of uncertainty. We have continued to be amazed that our fundraisers and donators, have still been able to get out and undertake challenges to raise money for charities. Every month we have reported on these fabulous people who have set aside their own needs and selflessly raised funds for NBB.

This month we are proud to introduce you to 11-year-old Dawson, who undertook a 'fundraising challenge' as part of his work as a Scout. Dawson completed a 100-mile cycle ride, with his dad Michael and chose to donate his sponsorship money of a whopping £95 to NBB. Thank you, and congratulations Dawson, on your amazing achievement. We hope you passed your Scout Challenge with flying colours.

Dawson's 100 Mile Route

Cycled over 3 weekends

Washington to Roker Pier and return

Swalwell to Prudhoe and return

Ebchester to Swalwell and return

Roker Pier to North Shields ferry and return

Broom Park Picnic area to Waterhouses, Brancepeth and Brandon and return

Broompark picnic area to Lanchester and return

Local evening rides to make the mile total up to:

100 Amazing Miles

CHALLENGE COMPLETED

Congratulations DAWSON and a huge thank you from everyone at NBB for the brilliant donation.





Christmas Past and Present

Stagecoach- still rolling along

It has been a difficult and challenging year for all of us, but Stagecoach and their fabulous drivers, have kept their buses on the road, much like NBB, providing support during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Stagecoaches Xmas Santa, Jonathan Middlemass, is normally to be found on the Santa bus in Newcastle at Christmas time. Sadly, due to the impacts of COVID-19, Santa has had to come up with a different plan to enable him to raise funds for chosen charities, the Chronicle Sunshine Fund and Northumbria Blood Bikes.

You will still find elves and Santa's and other festive characters driving your Stagecoach buses during this December. Jonathan and his colleagues are still determined to raise money for their charities. We hear that Santa has even been making some videos and reading out children's letters to Santa, with the help of the Sunshine Fund charity. A huge thank you to Jonathan and his colleagues at Stagecoach, who are hosting collecting buckets for both charities. The elves tell us that the buckets are beginning to fill up with donations from the generous people of the North East. We hope that you also enjoy the flashback of

Stagecoach Santa bus pictures of Xmas 2019-
Thanks Santa and his elves.





NBB Santa Run

Another NBB event that has been cancelled this year is the NBB Santa Run. Our very own Mrs Doreen Claus and Santa's elf Kirsty have organised, and collected in gifts from members and very generous donators. These have been delivered to children in hospital over Christmas time, on our NBB sleighs with our fleet of Santa's helpers. Due to the issues around COVID-19 and the safety and well-being of all involved, we have taken the very sad decision to cancel this event. We look forward to the future when we can carry on with our festive tradition. We hope you enjoy a few flashback photographs from Christmas past, when we were able to deliver 52 giant Santa sacks of gifts to hospitals for the children in hospital.





Committee News

We are delighted to announce that we have now been able to co-opt a new committee member who will take up the role of Secretary, thank you to everyone who showed their interest.

Trustees	Date Elected	Committee Role
Jason Cooper	17.9.2020	Fleet Manager
Suzanne Hitchinson	17.9.2020	Membership Officer
Alan Johnston	Co-Opted Nov'20	Secretary
Alan Kinghorn	16.1.2017	IT Officer
Kirsty Lawrence*	15.9.2016	Publicity Officer
Chris Mann*	5.8.2019	Rota Manager
Ronnie Paton*	21.9.2017	Chair
Mick Redpath	17.9.2020	Vice Chair
Sean Storey	15.9.2016	Hospital Liaison
Tiger Taylor	19.9.2019	Fundraising Officer
Steve Tulloch	17.9.2020	Treasurer
Stephen Winn	19.9.2019	Training Officer
*Re-elected 2020		



Fundraising

This Christmas you can support us by sending e-cards with DontSendMeACard.com and give the cost of printed greeting cards and stamps to Northumbria Blood Bikes. You can use this website to send e-cards for special occasions and donate the cost equivalent of sending printed greeting cards to us.



**Send E-Cards
This Christmas**

And Give The Cost Of Cards!

[DontSendMeACard.com](https://www.dontsendmeacard.com)

We have used the two winning designs from our NBB, 'design a Xmas card' competition. You can choose one of our charity Christmas card design winners by clicking on the links below:

Ruby-Jean's Reindeer design: <https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecard/r5Eo>



Megan's Christmas tree and presents scene:

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



Fundraising

Easy Fundraising at Christmas time- shop and donate for free

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!



It's time to enter the #easyfundraising Advent Calendar! You could WIN a £250 donation EVERY day for Northumbria Blood Bikes until Christmas. For each day you enter, you'll also get a FREE entry to the Christmas Day Grand Prize Draw for £2,000 to spend at John Lewis & Partners and a £2,000 donation for us! Visit

Please sign up and help us raise more at:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/
causes/nbb/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nbb/)





Fundraising

Planning to renew your insurance or energy provider?

Those clever people at easyfundraising have also come up with another way that you can help us. If you're planning to switch your car and home insurance or energy provider, you can save money and raise up £45 for Northumbria Blood Bikes when you use #easyfundraising. Uswitch, GoCompare, Confused.com and many more will all donate to NBB for FREE!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/compare-and-raise>

A screenshot of the easyfundraising website. At the top, the URL "https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/compare-and-raise" is displayed. Below the URL, the main text reads "Raise up to £45 for us when you compare & switch providers". To the right of this text is a list of partner companies: Confused.com, GoCompare, Uswitch, comparethemarket, and Money Super Market. Below the list is a dark blue banner with the easyfundraising logo, the text "£32M Raised", a Trustpilot star rating, and a pink "Switch now" button. At the bottom of the screenshot, the text reads "EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK", "Raise BIGGER Donations | easyfundraising", and "You Shop. Your cause gets money. For Free."



[Support NBB -Join the Northumberland Lottery](#)

Since launching Northumberland Lottery we have seen quite a few of our supporters win prizes. Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week. Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That is a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery. From every £1 ticket sold 60p will be given to NBB, which is a fantastic and simple way to support us.

I bet we could all make good use of £25,000 but you have got to be in it to win it so they say! Sign Up Today:

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

#makeadifference #GivingTuesday #CharityTuesday #bloodbikes



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



Donations

Thank You- Canny Crafters

The amazing Canny Crafters- crafting group have made an incredible donation to NBB. They have been using their talents to not only make some amazing items, but in doing so have also raised a whopping £1900. That is an awesome amount. Thank you to everyone involved, we think you really live up to your group name too.



Thank You- Porkies Butchers- Durham

47 Front St, Langley Park, Durham, DH7 9XB.

Thank you to all the generous team at Porkies Butchers and their customers, who donated an amazingly meaty £63.00 to NBB via their collection box. It is always great to be able to shop local, we hope that you lucky Durham folk get the chance to visit, and pick up your festive food and treats. Thank you to NBB volunteer Jason for popping in to collect the box.



<https://www.facebook.com/porkies.butchers>



BEELINE

Thank You -BEELINE MOTO - Keeping us on track

<https://beeline.co/>

We were lucky enough to be chosen as a #charitypartner of Beeline Moto #blackfriday. Beeline Moto produce smart navigation devices for use with motorbikes and bicycles. On top of the Black Friday deals they offered to customers, they are donating 5% of their Black Friday weekend revenue to Blood Bike Organisations, Northumbria Blood Bikes and SERV Herts and Beds Blood Bikes, and Wheels for Wellbeing organisations to help support the fantastic work that the charities are doing particularly during the pandemic.

We would like to send our sincerest thanks to Beeline Moto and to all of their customers as they raised an amazing £954.70 for each of the Blood bike Charities. It has been a really difficult year for everyone, but this donation will help us to keep our wheels turning so that we can support out NHS partners.

A huge thank you Beeline Moto for including Blood Bike Charities as your charity partners this year. There are some great articles regarding their fundraising this year, if you head over to their webpages, there is even a write up about our NBB Volunteer Ian:

<https://beeline.co/blogs/motorcycling/giving-black-friday-blood-bikes>





PIRATE ESCAPE
Whitley Bay

Thank You- Pirate Escape

4A Park View, Whitley Bay NE26 2TH

The Pirate Escape Room staff and customers know quite a lot about getting out of tricky situations. Their ingenuity around tackling the Covid-19 business closure has been amazing. They created some unique 'Treasure Trail' games to play at home, so their customers would not miss out.



With the success of their stay and play at home games they also raised an incredible £1000 for NBB. We cannot thank you enough 'me hearties' and we hope you will soon be back hosting your fantastically fun escape room

Thank you- Northumberland College

Kirkley Hall, Ashington and Berwick Campus

A big thank you to staff, students, and visitors of Northumberland College, who kindly donated a total of £15.68 to NBB. We know it has been a demanding time for universities and colleges, so we really appreciate that you donated via our NBB collection box. Good luck with your



Thank you – to the Soulsby Family

We would like to offer our condolences and our grateful thanks for the donation of £111 from the estate of a family member. We are always amazed at the thoughtfulness and courage shown by people during difficult times. Take care and thank you from all at NBB.



Volunteer News

Volunteer News October 2020- Newsletter

Induction Training for new and returning NBB Volunteers

Our training officer Stephen Winn has been keeping very busy lately getting our Induction sessions up and running for new and returning NBB volunteers. We reported the success of the first face-to face and socially distanced sessions, in last month's newsletter. Sadly, due to the second lockdown, Stephen and his team have been working hard to set up an online 'Zoom' induction platform for volunteers. They have also arranged for pre-induction tech check sessions, so that everyone taking part can check out their IT and iron out any glitches. This is great news for everyone, as bringing more volunteers on board is essential for NBB and we do know prospective and returning volunteers have been eager to get started. Thank you everyone for your patience, we look forward to working with you all.

If you do want to book an NBB Induction, please ensure that you have read up on the volunteer information on the NBB website. registered as an NBB member then head to the events calendar on the main NBB website and sign yourself up to an Induction session.

NBB Website:

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

NBB Volunteer Information:

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

NBB Events Calendar:

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



Members Badge Awards



Our amazing NBB volunteers truly do work for free, there are no paid roles within the charity. Our volunteers are a dedicated and shy bunch when it comes to celebrating the amount of time and dedication, they offer to NBB, they are simply happy to be involved. We do however have a way of recognising and celebrating the hard work and commitment of our volunteers, via our badge awards. Well done to every one of our volunteers who has achieved a new badge this quarter, we are always thrilled to be able to recognise your achievements. This year has been a particularly challenging one for all of us. It has been amazing to see the dedication our volunteers have shown and their desire to support our NHS and Great North East Air Ambulance colleagues despite the impacts of Covid-19 on their own lives.

This quarter NBB are proud to celebrate the following badge awards that have been achieved, we really could not do it without you.

Bronze- 25 Shifts	Silver- 50 Shifts	Gold- 100 Shifts	Red/Gold-200 Shifts
David M.	Edward G.	Ann B.	Carol N.
			David.S



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 07.11.2020- Numbers- 8 1 3 2 9 4 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)

Mrs G (Hexham) supporting [Northumbria Blood Bikes](#) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets

Mrs A (Durham) supporting [Northumbria Blood Bikes](#) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets

**WOW-There was also a £2000 prize winner this week who matched 5 numbers
Join in to get a chance to Win**

Draw 14.11.2020- Numbers-1 8 3 4 6 6 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)

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

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

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

Draw 21.11.2020- Numbers- 4 4 7 8 3 1 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)

There were no NBB winners this week sadly

So if these numbers are your lucky ones, you could be in with a chance to win

Draw 28.11.2020- Numbers- 2 4 6 7 3 0 (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



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
2.11.2020	Jeff G.
9.11.2020	Jeff G.
16.11.2020	Jeff G.
23.11.2020	Jeff G.
30.11.2020	Jeff G.





Just for Fun



Northumbria Blood Bikes Committee/Trustee Theme

Word Search

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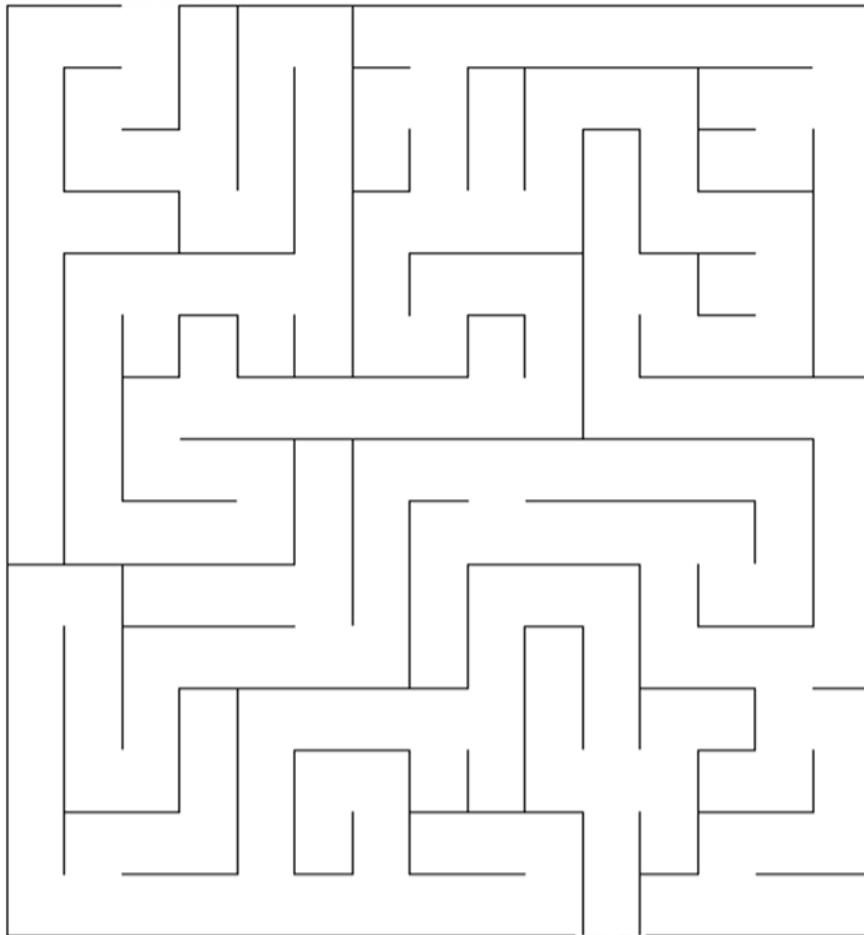
Just for Fun



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



Maze 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 November 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. October saw demand for services increase to previous levels, as we approached a further lock-down period. 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.

October 2020 NBB Job Statistics

Trust	Number of jobs
Newcastle	591
Northumbria	123
Gateshead/South Tyneside	38
County Durham and Darlington	85
BoB-GNAAS	58
Relay	63
Corbridge Medical Group	19
Other	0
Total number of jobs	977

Chris Mann- Rota Manager

The darker nights and poor weather of winter do not seem to deter our hardy riders and drivers, who have been out and about making deliveries as always. A special thanks to our shift controllers, they may not be seen, but are very much critical to ensuring that jobs are carried out effectively. The rota has been filling up quickly so a huge thank you to everyone who has booked shifts over the month, particularly those stepping up at last minute.

would also like to send a special thanks to the Vocare Staff team, who provide control support to our riders and drivers Monday to Thursdays between 1am and 7am and Friday to 7am (excepting bank holidays).



Jason Cooper- Fleet Manager

The winter months make it even more critical to ensure that all our vehicles remain roadworthy for the safety of our volunteers. Even with the longer periods of darkness and inclement weather our volunteers will continue to be on the roads supporting the NHS. I would like to thank the Fleet Assistants who are key to ensuring that routine and planned fleet maintenance is effective. Thanks also to our service agents - BDS Motorcycles, Fred Henderson, KBY Autos and National Bike Tyres for their ongoing support.

Stephen Winn- Training Officer

The online volunteer induction sessions via Zoom are up and running and it's great to see everyone joining in. The induction dates can be found on the training calendar, on the NBB website, so do sign up if you are a new or returning volunteer as we would love to see you.

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

Tiger Taylor- Fund Raising Officer

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 77% of tickets sold. It would be great to see that number rising again 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 £75 which, will take one of our vehicles a good few miles. If you know anyone who would like to host a collection box, please just get in touch.



Easy Fund Raising- Still have some Xmas gifts to buy? You can sign up to Easy Fund Raising and make donations to us, at no cost to you as you click and shop. You could even win a prize of £2000 and a donation to us of £2000 so it really is worth signing up this month 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 Dawson's- 'Scout Fundraising Challenge' and his epic 100- mile cycle ride. A huge thank you to Dawson and his father Michael for taking to the saddle to support us. Thank you to every single fundraiser you are incredible.



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](https://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/contact/Request_A_Speaker)

For more information on becoming a NBB volunteer please see our website and online membership form available at:

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

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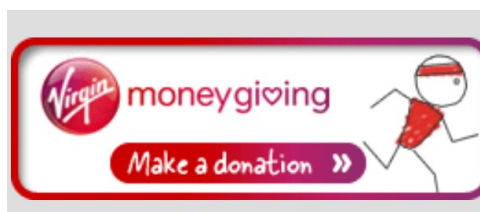
Our Facebook site: **Northumbria Blood Bikes**

Our Instagram account: **Northumbriabb**

Our Twitter account: **@NorthumbriaBB**

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And Search For:
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