



NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES



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



News

70,000

Jobs Completed by NBB Volunteers

It is with the greatest pleasure we can happily announce that our charity is welcoming in 2021 by hitting a milestone number of jobs. NBB are delighted to announce that we have achieved an incredible **70,000** jobs, all completed free of charge to the NHS and Great North East Air Ambulance.

As we drew closer to seeing the end of 2020, and were ready to welcome in 2021, with the hope that it would be kinder to us all; our volunteers began 84 hours of continuous service. Following a year that has seen its fair share of difficulties, we could not be prouder of their dedication and how they have risen to the challenge. Our NBB volunteers have stepped up further, covering additional daytime service for our NHS, assisting with the transportation of PPE and COVID-19 samples. They have shown amazing team spirit throughout, despite all the challenges we have all faced privately.

We have, like most organisations, had to change some working practices, by implementing virtual training, talks and meetings. As we exist entirely on charitable donations from the public and corporate sponsorship, we had concerns about how we would continue to fund our running costs. We have however been overwhelmed by the continued donations and fundraising support we have received and appreciate it whole heartedly and with grateful thanks.

To all of our volunteers, their families, our NHS, the Great North East Air Ambulance, our fundraisers, donators and supporters, BP Limited, the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes and our wider national Blood Bike family we wish you all a very Happy New Year.



The National Emergency Services Museum

The Old Police/Fire Station, West Bar, Sheffield. South Yorkshire S3 8PT

Thanks to the National Emergency Services Museum for this highlight on their Facebook Account of the same name.

Did you know that this 2007 Honda ST1300 served with Northumbria Blood Bikes from 2013 - 2018 with the call sign 'Octagon'. Octagon is now part of the museum's collection and is used to showcase another vital emergency service! #everydayheroes BLOOD bikes are vital when a hospital needs blood urgently. The use of a bike allows for the blood to be transported through traffic much faster than a car. But did you know it's nearly always a volunteer giving their own time to provide this service? #BLOOD NHS Blood Donation Northumbria Blood Bikes





NBB 2020

NBB Highlights of 2020

THANK YOU

We would like to thank each and every individual, organisation and company who supported us with donations during 2020. We hope to see you all again during 2021

- Tesco Stores and the Annfield Plain store
- The Beer Drinkers and Hell Raisers
- Morpeth Charity Events Team
- Individuals- Ann B, David T, Mr and Mrs Conroy, Victoria and family, Family and friends of Kenneth Linney, Laura and Rob Smith, Dave and Sue, Nicole, Pat Carrick, Dawson and Michael, The Soulsby family, and Tony K.
- Tesco- Bags of Help
- Sainsbury's stores
- Sainsbury's Local Heroes Fund
- Northumbria Police- Ponteland- Tuck Shop
- Northumbrian Water for their continued support
- HMRC- Cessation Department Benton
- VW Corbett Lodge- Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes-Morpeth and District
- Belmont Cheveley Park Primary school
- Nissan Sunderland- Employees Council Charity
- Marks and Spencer's store – Arnison Centre Durham
- The Mayor of Morpeth- Alison Byard with the William Leech Trust and Northumberland Freemasons
- Stagecoach- North East
- Freemasons-Strathmore Lodge - Province of Durham
- Northumbrian Water Facilities
- Widow's Sons Masonic Bikers
- Mark Master Mason's Benevolent Fund
- Bikers Support- End of the Garden Rally
- INEOS Community Fund
- The Mallard Pub, Seaham, Gordon & Elaine Littlewood, staff team and customers
- The Chunky Ducks, Fundraisers, Seaham
- UK/DC Band- who played at the Mallard pubs event
- The Allendale Co-operative Ltd Board
- HM Government in partnership with the National Lottery Community Fund
- The Canny Crafters- Crafting Group
- Beeline Moto- Smart Navigation
- Pirate Escape -Whitley Bay
- All venues hosting our collection boxes



Fundraising Events- How We Miss You

At the beginning of the year things were looking busy in our event calendar. We love getting out and about to raise awareness of our work, recruit new volunteers and fundraise. Slowly as the Corona Virus began to take hold events were cancelled. We hope the picture changes for 2021 but the most important thing currently is maintaining the health and wellbeing of our volunteers.

Thanks to M&S Arnison Centre Durham for Hosting Us



Northumbria Police Engagement Event

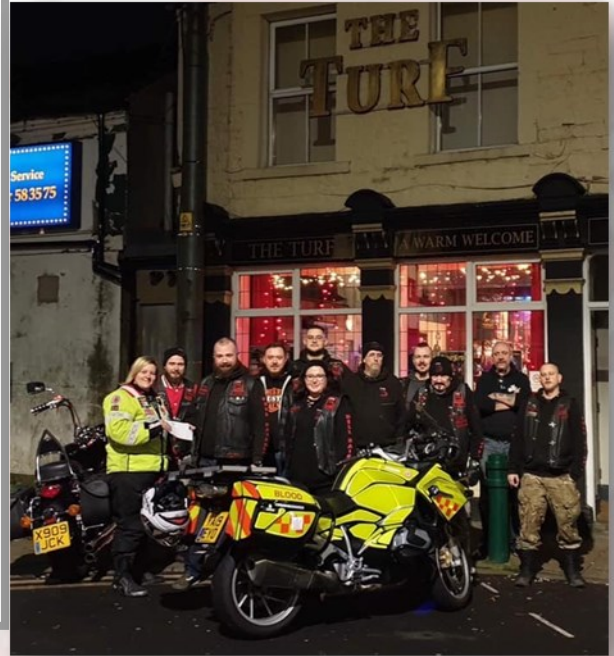
25-26th July 2020 Kielder





A fantastic donation was received from the 'Beer Drinkers and Hell Raisers' of £1100 in January 2020. This was raised from their 'Dane Curran' Memorial Run.

A huge thank you to them for their generous donation and thanks for the hospitality shown to our NBB rider Tiger



Thanks to the Tesco Centenary Grant and votes from the public we were awarded a massive £15,000.

This enabled us to purchase a new Blood car to join our vehicle fleet. Check out Sir John 'Jack' Cohen.



We were very fortunate to be asked for a second year, to be included in the Stagecoach Christmas Santa Bus event, held in Newcastle city centre during December 2019.

We received an incredible cheque of £4,700. An amazing amount thank you.



We know that in 2020 those amazing Key-Working drivers have been donning their Christmas festive outfits again and raising money for us

You really are fantastic!

We will keep you all posted and, in the meantime, do not forget to thank your drivers for getting you safely from A to B.

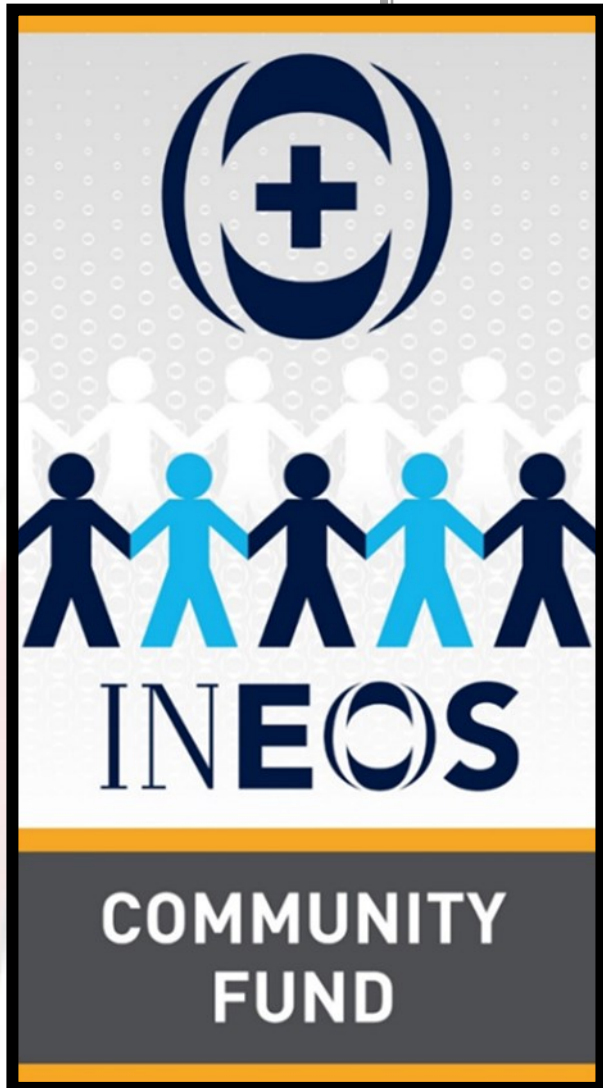


A huge thank you to the INEOS Community Fund for their very generous donation of £6000.

The INEOS Community Fund was established by the company to support vital local charities, around its sites during the Covid-19 pandemic. Former NBB rider Steve

Brown, put us forward to his employers as a local, worthy, cause for the fund. NBB fundraising officer Tiger Taylor wanted to send a special thank you to Steve Brown and David Rey (INEOS Group Finance Manager) for their support in arranging the donation. With all charities struggling to fundraise at the moment, the donation from the INEOS Community Fund is fantastic and generous, and will assist us to keep our NBB services running through the next few months.

Alongside the INEOS Community Fund, the company has also jumped into action creating hand sanitiser in reponse to the pandemic. They have built 4 plants in the UK (one near Newton Aycliffe), France, Germany and the USA which, each supplied 1 million bottles of sanitiser, per month, free to the NHS and frontline health care workers. The hand sanitiser is now available to the general public. **Thank you INEOS you are life saving!**



Harrogate Tipple Kindly donated hand sanitiser for use by volunteers during their shifts

Cheers Harrogate Tipple and thank you for your donation of a different but valuable kind!





The Marvellous Mayor of Morpeth-

Alison Byard

We would like to say a special thank you to Alison Byard Mayor of Morpeth 2019-20, for nominating NBB as her charity of the year. We will also be excited to see a new addition to the NBB fleet from her fundraising activities. Many thanks also to those who have donated directly to the Mayors charity

Message from Alison Byard- Mayor of Morpeth

“I am delighted to announce that my fundraising total for my charity Northumbria Blood Bikes has reached £35,000!!!”

This includes a generous donation of £3,000 from Northumberland Freemasons and £10,000 from the William Leech Trust. House builder William Leech lived in Morpeth and his company-built Lancaster Park, Stobhill Grange and Kirkhill.





Thank you- Master Mark Mason's

Mark Benevolent Fund

Easter was a time of great excitement and joy when the Freemasons, Master Mark Masons' Mark Benevolent Fund advised us that they were donating £23,541 to us for a new communication system. This incredible donation has enabled us to equip our 14 blood bikes and cars with new radio equipment. In addition, we now have new software for our volunteer shift controllers to use as they guide and monitor our riders and drivers on their jobs to assist the NHS and North East Air Ambulance. To cap off this amazing donation there was enough funding to facilitate a three- year support package for the equipment.

We cannot thank the Master Mark Masons' enough for this generous donation that will help us all to keep talking and safely undertaking the work to support the NHS and North East Air Ambulance.



NBB MILESTONES

3.2.20 saw NBB's 6th year anniversary. We had also completed over 55,000 jobs for the NHS and Great North East Air Ambulance.





Talks given by our NBB volunteers to raise awareness of the work that we do

Sadly, this year we were only able to undertake a few of our talks before the Covid-19 pandemic halted group meetings. We hope to return in 2021 however until then we have trialled a virtual event with Northumberland Masons which was popular. If this might work for your group, please do get in touch via the website, Choose the 'Contact Us' tab and scroll to 'request a speaker'

www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk

Before the COVID-19 restrictions we were delighted to have the opportunity to speak at :

- CAER URFA- U3A
- The Women's Institute- Greenside
- Prostate Cancer Group
- RoSPA,
- Monday Club- Forest Hall
- Etherley Methodist Church
- Northumberland Freemasons





Covid-19 March 2020 to Date



Thankyou NHS, The Great North East Air Ambulance, All Key Workers and our other Emergency services, Police and Fire brigade personnel, as well as the Armed Forces and the incredible groups of volunteers helping communities throughout the country,

YOU are AMAZING !!

We also include all of our NBB volunteers, every single one of you are supporting our amazing NHS and Care staff during this incredibly challenging period.

NBB PROUD TO BE SUPPORTING OUR  HEROES



NBB Supporting The NHS and All Keyworkers -Clapping for Carers



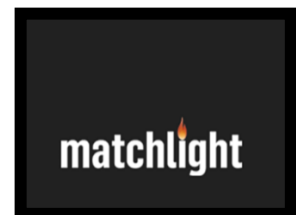


Lights Camera, Action.....

In 2019 we were invited to be part of this new documentary featuring night workers across the North East. During the winter months the film makers followed our services.

The documentaries were aired from 16.4.20 and NBB were highlighted in the opening credit footage and featured in episode nine. If you have missed it, there has been a re-run recently and

this can be found on BBC iPlayer.



National Volunteers Week 1st-7th of June 2020

Celebrating and thanking our NBB volunteers for the amazing work they do, particularly during the Covid- 19 pandemic and for the continued support to our NHS and Great North East Air Ambulance.

NBB is completely volunteer led and run and this is our opportunity to celebrate all the work that they do for the charity. We really cannot thank everyone enough, for their support, dedication, and professionalism. Genuinely, we could not do it without each and every one of you.



No Longer Taxing.....

Thanks to the hard work of the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes we no longer have to pay vehicle road taxes for our fleet. This is an amazing achievement, and we cannot thank NAB enough

Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes

DVLA
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency

Vehicle details V5C-0119

A: Registration number	BB99 NHS
B: Date of first registration	18 12 2018
[B.1]: Date of first registration in the UK	18 12 2018
D.1: Make	YAMAHA
D.2: Type	RP28
Variant	A
Version	EURO 4/07
Euro status	
Real driving emissions	
D.3: Model	FJR 1300 AE
D.5: Body type	MOTORCYCLE
[D]: Taxation class	NHSV
[D.6]: Suspension type	
[Y]: Revenue weight	
P.1: Cylinder capacity (cc)	1298 CC
V.7: CO ₂ (g/km)	
P.3: Type of fuel	PETROL
S.1: Number of seats, including driver	2
S.2: Number of standing places (where appropriate)	
[D.4]: Wheelplan	2-WHEEL
J: Vehicle category	L3

HM Treasury

PPE collaboration with Bloodrun EVS

At the end of April 2020, we worked in partnership with Bloodrun EVS and The Blacksmith Arms, Swainby, to distribute essential PPE. The Blacksmith Arms have been producing visors for those on the front-line after launching a support campaign with Bloodrun EVS at the end of March 2020



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Fleet Naming Ceremonies for 2020

In Memory of Owen Kerry Lost Boy Legacy

In June '20 Northumbria Blood Bikes were immensely proud to introduce our newest bike to our fleet 'Lost Boy'. After the hard work of Owen Kerry's family and friends who have fundraised over the last few years creating a lasting legacy in his honour.

Rachel Kerry, Owen's mother, said: "We chose the name 'Lost Boy' because this was the name of one of the songs played at Owens funeral. We feel that it's fitting because he's our boy and he's no longer with us. The name also links into Peter Pan and that Owen will never grow up and will stay the fun-loving young man we all know.



In Memory of Sir John 'Jack' Edwards Cohen



The Tesco bags of Help -Centenary Grant donated £15,000 to NBB which enabled us to purchase a new Blood Car. This vehicle has been named in memory of Sir John 'Jack' Cohen the founder of Tesco. We cannot thank Tesco enough they have always been amazing supporters of NBB and we are honoured to have 'Jack' on the fleet.



Fabulous Fuel Support for NBB Vehicles from BP Ltd

THANK YOU BP Ltd

During the First COVID-19 Lockdown BP Ltd agreed to completely fund the fuel costs for all Blood Bike Groups registered with the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes. (NABB). This was an incredibly generous gesture by BP Ltd and we cannot thank them enough. As you are all aware charities like NBB rely wholly upon donations to fund their activities. There are no paid employees of NBB and we do need to raise approximately £5,000 per month

to cover our overheads. As you can imagine fuel is a large chunk out of our budgets and we deliver services across a wide geographical area. Finding out that BP Ltd were providing fuel for our fleet during the first lockdown period was an amazing boost for us.

Kirsty our publicity officer asked for pictures from all volunteers re-fuelling at the BP garages across our region. She cleverly formed these into the above collage, to publicise the generous donation given by BP at this challenging time. Thank you BP Ltd you really are our NBB community Champion.

BP Ltd and National Association of Blood Bikes (NABB) did not stop there however, they went back to the table to discuss ongoing support for registered Blood Bike organisations. BP agreed to provide fuel discounts cards to all of our NBB fleet.

We would like to thank the NABB for their incredible support in negotiations with

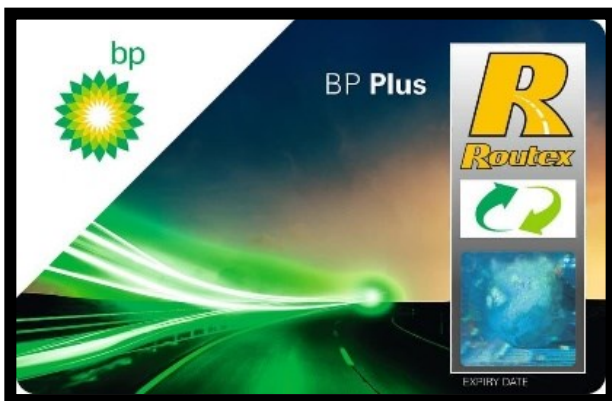




BP Ltd and championing our cause. The new BP fuel cards are now with us and we can benefit from the generous discounts offered by BP Ltd, that will make such a difference to us financially. These discounts will help us to go that extra few miles in support of the NHS and the Great North East Air Ambulance.



BP Ltd and NABB helping your donations to go further, simply fantastic.





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.



Thank you Staff at the RVI Reception

Our volunteers had a lovely surprise when they went on shift during December. The kind and generous reception team at the RVI had left four large tubs of chocolates for them. Thank you so much, somehow chocolates seem to make the shift much sweeter.

A huge thank you to everyone over this year, who has dropped by and given us thank you cards, chocolates, drawings, biscuits, drink donations and even home baking. We really do appreciate your thoughtfulness. It has been a challenging year for us all, so these kind gestures have been especially gratefully received by our sweet-toothed riders and drivers on their shifts supporting our incredible NHS



This amazing couple, Christine and Rick Peacock challenged themselves to a 12-day trek of Everest Base camp in 2019. We were very excited to find out that the couple had also raised sponsorship and that funds received, would be donated to Northumbria Blood Bikes. This very adventurous couple have presented us with £800 of their hard-won sponsorship money. Congratulations on your amazing achievement





Fundraising

Amazon Smile

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

Northumbria Blood Bikes recently received a quarterly donation of £41.52 from Amazon Smile, thanks to customers shopping at AmazonSmile. To date, Amazon has donated a total of **£164.98** to Northumbria Blood Bikes.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Northumbria Blood Bikes by shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk or with AmazonSmile turned ON in the app. You can track your impact throughout the year at the Your AmazonSmile Impact page. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as amazon.co.uk, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity.

Want to know how to join?



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. They 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. Millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for smile.amazon.co.uk donation" on their product detail pages. When you shop AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as amazon.co.uk, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity.

Easy Fundraising - shop and donate for free- Even in the January Sales!

Please remember you can use #easyfundraising when you do your 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 bargains, gifts,

Raise donations for Northumbria Blood Bikes whenever you shop online

Turn your everyday online shopping into
FREE donations

Over **£32m** raised for good causes through easyfundraising



Support Northumbria Blood Bikes

£886.29

Total raised

99

Supporters

Support this cause



and even your weekly shop.

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!

Easy Fundraising - shop and donate for free- Even in the January Sales!

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

Planning to renew your insurance or energy provider?

<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 heading 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, comparemarket, and Money Super Market. Below the list is a "Switch now" button. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a banner for easyfundraising that says "£32M Raised" and "Trustpilot" with a star rating. Below the banner, the text reads "EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK Raise BIGGER Donations | easyfundraising You Shop. Your cause gets money. For Free."



Sainsbury's Washington

Just before Christmas we had the pleasure of attending a cheque handover for £2358.50 from Sainsbury's Washington. This was championed by the lovely Lynne who unfortunately could not be there to hand this over. The fundraising was done in Sainsburys throughout the pandemic so this is a phenomenal amount under such trying circumstances. This charity means so much to the staff at Sainsburys Washington store as colleague Malcolm Farley volunteers for us in all weather's transporting whatever is needed. They hope to be able to continue to support our charity into next year in Lynne's memory. Lynne made this happen and we can not thank her enough! Thank you to all the team at Sainsbury's Washington!





Fabulous Fundraisers

All fundraisers are valued highly and we cannot thank you enough for donating to NBB. During these more challenging times our little NBB collection boxes have been working hard and it's amazing how quickly the change donated adds up. So if you do come across one please remember even a few pennies add up quickly to provide us with fuel for our vehicles.

We would also like to mention the following people who came up with unique ways to fund raise for our charity. We are always blown away by the creativity you show, thank you so much for donating your funds raised to us. You are Awesome!

Christine and Rick Peacock who trekked up to Everest Base Camp to raise funds for NBB.

NBB volunteer Victoria and her family- Made re-usable facemasks for donations to NBB.

Ann B and family for raising funds at their daughter's birthday party, including all the prize donators.

Dave and Sue from the Allendale Co-operative Society Ltd, who abseiled down the side of Langley Castle to raise funds for NBB and The Great North East Air Ambulance.

Nicole for running her own individual Great North Run completing 13.1 miles to raise fund for us.

Gordon and Elaine Littlewood from The Mallard pub in Seaham who hosted an outdoor socially distanced event to raise funds for us.

Pat Carrick who bravely faced the chop and had her hair cut to raise funds for us.

Dawson and his dad Michael who got on their bikes and cycled 100 miles to raise funds for us

Everyone who made a private donation particularly when they were facing difficult family circumstances.

You are all Amazing and thank you for thinking of us at such a challenging time



Donations

As everyone knows, it has been a difficult and challenging year in many ways. We usually are able to raise funds through a range of activities, but Covid-19 has put restrictions upon us all. We are so amazed that incredible donations are still coming our way. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation during this year. It means so much to NBB and helps us to continue our work supporting the incredible NHS and Great North East Air Ambulance.

Thank You- Judith R. and George

A huge thank you to our NBB volunteer Judith for facilitating a fantastic donation of £190, on behalf of her father George. George has moved house now, at the grand age of 97 years into a care home. Good luck in your new home George and thank you both for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Thank You- Tony K and his generous donators

Our NBB volunteers continue to support us not only by undertaking their volunteer roles but in direct fundraising. Tony K put a shout out to his friends and colleagues, highlighting the work that NBB does. His kind donators raised a fabulous £245 for NBB, that is amazing. Thank you Tony, for your brilliant work in supporting NBB



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**



As we reported last month, we had heard that the hardworking Stagecoach Drivers were determined to raise funds for their chosen charities. Mindful of the Covid restrictions to activities they donned their favourite festive outfits to bring cheer to passengers and other road users. Our NBB Volunteer and Head Elf Adam M. had tidings of great joy to bring to us.

' We never , ever expected anywhere near the donation level of past year with Covid affecting the Christmas spirit. I am very grateful and blessed to not only be part of the great charity but to announce that once again Johnathan (Santa) and his amazing Helpers and the beautiful public of the Northeast have shown what this region is all about, and I am honoured to announce the news that a massive £10,438 has been raised. Stagecoach have added to this fantastic sum and the Chronicle Sunshine Fund and NBB will receive £5500 each. Bless you all and I hope the coming year is better for us all'

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.



Thank you to everyone involved this is an incredible and heart warming event. Thank you to each and every Stagecoach worker, especially

Santa (Jonathan) and Head Elf (Adam) for making this possible you are all amazing.





Volunteer News

Memorial to Carole Snee

You may have noticed and wondered why in December we changed our profile picture online to our logo with a black band through it. This has been done as a mark of respect for a much beloved volunteer who has sadly died. Carole Snee volunteered with Northumbria Blood Bikes for three years as a passionate fundraiser and a superb shift controller looking after our volunteers on shift and dispatching jobs. Her husband, Harry, rides, drives and fundraisers regularly for our charity also.

Carole was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in Spring 2019 and against all odds beat it. Sadly, in June 2020 the cancer returned and during the last weeks of her life, both she and her family, received support from Marie Curie. Due to the current circumstances, numbers are limited at her funeral, and it will be family flowers only but they have chosen two charities to support in her memory if you would like to make a donation.

All of the team, and NBB family, are sending our deepest condolences to Carole's family and our thoughts are with them at this difficult time. Carole you will be greatly missed by us all.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SomeoneSpecial/CaroleSnee>





THANK YOU- to all Keyworkers Including our fabulous NBB Volunteers

Throughout the year our volunteers provide support to the NHS and Great North East Air Ambulance. This includes all of the weekends and bank holidays and of course Christmas and the New Year. Our services start largely when the hospital courier staff teams finish their working day.

Thank you to all our volunteers for covering the Christmas and New Year rota and making sure our services continue, whilst most of us are tucking into our Xmas dinner and putting our feet up. Thank you also to all of the keyworkers, police, fire and NHS staff who will also continue working hard over the holidays, you are awesome.



Northumbria Blood Bikes Festive Operating Hours 2020

Monday 21st December	Business as usual from 7pm
Tuesday 22nd December	Business as usual from 7pm
Wednesday 23rd December	Business as usual from 7pm
Christmas Eve	Business as usual from 7pm
Christmas Day	24 hours
Boxing Day	24 hours
Sunday 27th December	24 hours
Bank Holiday Monday	24 hours
Tuesday 29th December	Business as usual from 7pm
Wednesday 30th December	Business as usual from 7pm
New Year's Eve	Business as usual from 7pm
New Year's Day	24 hours
Saturday 2nd January	24 hours
Sunday 3rd January	24 hours

www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 1166689



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>



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. 74% of our tickets have been purchased so get in quickly.

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>





Fancy being in with a chance to win a £100 Etsy Gift Card?

Your Chance to Support Independent & Support Community!

Play now to **WIN 1 of 5 £100 Etsy gift vouchers & £100 for your supported Good Cause** in the national draw on the 27th February. Terms and Conditions Apply

Remember, there are also weekly cash prizes up to £25,000!

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


Congratulations

Draw 05.12.2020- 9 7 1 5 2 8 Numbers- (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)

There were no lucky winners from NBB this week. If these are your lucky numbers you could be in luck if you sign up

Draw 12.12.2020- Numbers- 3 8 3 4 7 3 (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

Mrs T (CHESTER LE STREET) supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets

Draw 19.12.2020- Numbers- 6 9 9 3 3 0 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)

Mx T (NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE) supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets

Draw 26.12.2020- Numbers- 3 0 0 1 9 3 (match the first 2-6 numbers in a row to win!)

Very unusually we had two weeks with no winners during December.
Are these your luck numbers grab them quickly ?



Relay Roundup

Relay Roundup December 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
15.12.2020	Jeff G
21.12.2020	Jeff G
29.12.2020	Jeff G

#BloodBikes
#ItsWhatWeDo #TeamWork





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

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. As we approached Lockdown three, we saw demand for our services increase. 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.

Chris Mann- Rota Manager

Thank you to everyone who signed up for a shift over the last month. As always, the winter becomes a little more of a challenge as we sometimes need to take our Blood Bikes off the road for safety reasons. In addition to this the lower external temperatures, can result in us needing to transport blood by car only. Thank you all for being flexible and adaptable and for working with our great controllers to ensure that we support our NHS as fully as possible.

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

Sadly as we are now in a further Covid-19 lockdown we have needed to suspend our riding and driving assessments. This means that there may be delays for new volunteers moving on from induction stages. We hope that anyone affected by this can bear with us, until it is safe again to re-commence. Existing members will also have their re-assessments delayed until we can safely schedule



these again.

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- Fancy being in with a chance to win a £100 Etsy Gift card? Then just go to the Northumberland Lottery website, sign up and purchase a ticket and you will be entered into the draw. More details in this newsletter 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 74% 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- If you know anyone who would like to host a collection box, please just get in touch.

Easy Fund Raising- Still grabbing those January sales bargains? -You can sign up to Easy Fund Raising and make donations to us, at no cost to you as you click and shop. The same goes for utility hunting, use the website and earn funding for NBB at no cost to you.

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

Amazon Smile- If you so use Amazon for shopping you can also sign up to raise funds for us at no cost to yourself. Checkout our 'how to join' article in this newsletter and follow the links. A little goes a long way and we are always very grateful to receive funds.



<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Amazing Fundraisers and Donators- A special thank you this month to Stagecoach and Adam Morris for securing a generous and amazing donation of £5k. Once again, the hard-working Stagecoach Santa staff have brought festive cheer to the buses and the generous passengers have made donations. Thank you everyone one involved I would like to send a special thank you to everyone who has raised funds for us, made a donation or nominated us for a funding award. We really would not be here without the generous support and our incredible NBB volunteers. It has been a challenging year for all, and we have not been able to access our usual avenues for fundraising. We have been successful at applying for some community and charitable funding and that has really made a difference. We could not support our NHS and Great North East Air Ambulance partners without your incredible support, thank you so very much.

Committee Details

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		



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 and online membership form available at:

<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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