



NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES



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Hello!

Welcome to the April 2021 issue of NBB's Newsletter!

As winter draws to a close, we'd like to take a look back at all things NBB so far this year; including our 7th Anniversary and look forward to brighter days to come...

So, pop the kettle on, come on in and as always...Stay Safe!

The NBB Team





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7th Anniversary

At 7pm on February 3rd, Northumbria Blood Bikes reached its incredible 7th Anniversary!



Since we went 'LIVE', our volunteers have completed over 70,000 jobs helping to improve the lives and healthcare of many more people than figures will show.

This would not have been possible without the support we receive from our service users, our donors, our team of volunteer and of course the public who donate generously and continue to spread awareness of what we do.

THANK YOU to each and every single one of you!



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Relay Roundup

Our Rota Manager Chris Mann has coordinated 7 requests from other areas so far this year. This supports the relay of blood, blood products, baby milk, specimens, equipment and samples over longer distances in the UK.

Jeff and Ken have been working very hard on these requests, collecting a blood vehicle, and heading over to meet colleagues from other blood bike organisations or the NHS. A huge THANK YOU to all involved, teamwork at its finest and all provided free for the NHS. It is always a pleasure to work alongside other UK Blood Bike groups.

Blood Bikes Scotland Western General Hospital in Edinburgh to Newcastle Freeman Hospital

Jeff	12 th January
	2 nd February
	16 th February
	2 nd March
	9 th March
	16 th March



Shropshire Blood Bikes relay to QE Gateshead

Ken	3 rd February
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The total distance covered by items transported so far this year is a whopping 945 Miles!



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As ever, a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated to NBB this year already!

Check out where some of our donations have come from over the past few months...



Collection in loving memory of
Glenn Jones

£135

A heartfelt Thank You to all of
Glenn's work colleagues for
their collective donation

Northumbrian Water

£100



A huge Thank You to Lee
Edwards for dropping the
cheque into NBB.
Northumbrian Water, you
are amazing!

**Delves Lane Village Store
& Post Office**

Consett

£25



Fishnets
Greenside

£48.61

Our friends at Fishnets have
filled another collection box –
Thank You so much!

Porkies Butchers

Langley Park

£33.10



**Craig Nicholls'
Birthday Fundraiser**

£270

A massive Thank You to
Craig for his Facebook
fundraiser donation!

FACEBOOK FUNDRAISERS - DID YOU KNOW?
Facebook pays all the processing fees for you
so 100% of your donation goes directly to
your chosen charity!



If you would like to host a collection box, please contact:

Funds@northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk



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Northumberland Lottery Update

NBB are proud to be part of the Northumberland Lottery, set up on the principle of raising money *within* the community *for* the community. Empowering local good causes like us to raise money in a fun and effective way whilst connecting with our supporters.



A ticket costs just £1 a week. Half of this goes to your chosen good cause (obviously NBB!) and you could win up to £25,000! Take a look at our NBB supporters below who have won this year already...

To find out how to play, check out the website: www.northumberlandlottery.co.uk

Draw Date	Winners supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes
27 th Mar	Mr G (HEXHAM) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
6 th Mar	Ms R (North Shields) and Mr T (Chester-Le-Street) both matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
27 th Feb	Mr C (Newcastle Upon Tyne) & Mrs G (Hexham) both matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
20 th Feb	Ms P (Cramlington) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
13 th Feb	Mr M (Gateshead) matched 3 numbers and won £25.00!
6 th Feb	Mr M (Gateshead) and Miss L (Stanley) both matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
30 th Jan	Mr C (Seahouses) matched 3 numbers and won £25.00! Mrs T (Prudhoe), Mr L (Cramlington), Mr B (Crook), Ms T (Newcastle Upon Tyne) & Miss T (Stanley) all matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
16 th Jan	Ms T (Newcastle Upon Tyne), Mrs T (Prudhoe) and Ms P (Cramlington) all matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
9 th Jan	Mrs T (Stockton On Tees) matched 3 numbers and won £25.00! Mrs R (Washington) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
2 nd Jan	Mrs L (Stanley) matched 3 numbers and won £25.00! Mrs T (Prudhoe), Mrs T (Morpeth) & Miss H (Bishop Auckland) all matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets

Number of Matches	Prize	Chances
6	£25,000	1,000,000:1
5	£2,000	55,556:1
4	£250	5,556:1
3	£25	556:1
2	3 Extra tickets	56:1

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT, TO WIN IT!



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EasyFundraising

Shopping online is becoming more and more prevalent and so what better way to support NBB at NO EXTRA COST! EasyFundraising currently has over 1.9 million users doing just that, but how does it work?

Visit

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nbb

Join

Choose NBB as your cause to support and join for FREE - it only takes 2 minutes!

Shop

Shop as normal with over 4,200 retailers, just start your virtual shopping trip at easyfundraising.org.uk or download the App to browse all retailers.

Raise

Once you make a purchase, our retailer partners (some examples below) will make a small donation to your chosen cause to say "THANK YOU".

Look how much has been donated to NBB so far...





EVENTS



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NHS Day – 5th July



This summer, the North East's very own Joe McElderry will appear alongside other famous faces in a live-streamed star-studded show at the Tyne Theatre & Opera House. This will be the finale to NHS Day on July 5th (marking the day in 1948 the NHS was founded) celebrating our incredible NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers and an important opportunity to raise money for health charities too.

In addition to the online audience, the theatre will host key worker representatives from the NHS, North East Ambulance Service, Great North Air Ambulance Service and Northumbria Blood Bikes.

The show is sponsored by Northumberland Freemason's and the United Grand Lodge of England and will be FREE to watch; however, donations are encouraged and will go to helping NHS-related charities.

A link to watch the show live will be released closer to the day. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the next issue of the NB Newsletter!

In the meantime, to donate go to www.gofundme.com/f/NHSatTT



GET INVOLVED



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Northumbria Blood Bikes rely on the voluntary contributions of its members to run and deliver the service. So, how can you be involved in supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes with your time?

Volunteer Riders – Collecting and delivering blood or other important medical supplies to and from hospitals using one of our liveried bikes, you will have an advanced riding qualification.

Volunteer Drivers - Performing the same role as a rider, but when the weather is below a certain temperature or it is unsafe to ride, one of our liveried cars is used. The car will also be used for attending fundraising or publicity events.

Shift Controllers - Working from home answering calls from hospitals and passing jobs on to our riders and drivers, you will keep track of the riders, making sure they have reached their destination and made it back to base safely.

Fundraisers - Attending events on behalf of the NBB with other volunteers, aiming to raise funds for our operations, increasing awareness about who we are and what we do are just some of the important activities our fundraisers get involved in.

Support Roles – Behind the scenes, lots of support work goes into the smooth running of NBB.

If you would like to apply for membership, please complete our online Membership Application

www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/membership_form

We currently have a total of **284** incredible volunteers at NBB which includes...



103 Riders



95 Drivers



38 Coordinators



33 Fundraisers

All new members are allocated one of our 16 mentors to guide them through the early stages



OUR SPONSORS



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Northumbria Blood Bikes exists entirely on charitable donations. However, demand for the service we provide doesn't stop. We need £5,500 a month to continue to operate. Northumbria Blood Bikes welcomes sponsorship from companies and can include:

- An acknowledgement and Thank You for your contribution on our website, incorporating your logo and a link to your website.
- Photo opportunities with vehicles, handing over the cheque for your corporate publicity and press.
- Incorporating your company name/logo on a bike as appropriate if a bike is funded.

Your donations are so important to us, they help us with...

<p>Blood Bikes</p>  <p>Without our bikes we can't deliver urgently needed blood and medical supplies</p>	<p>Hi-Vis Jackets</p>  <p>Each of our riders needs a Hi-Vis jacket to ensure they are safe and seen on the roads</p>	<p>Defibrillators</p>  <p>Our cars are fitted with semi-automatic defibrillators in case they are ever required</p>	<p>Vehicle Tyres</p>  <p>Due to the miles covered by our vehicles on shift, tyres need replacing more often than tyres on personal vehicles do.</p>
<p>Blood Cars</p>  <p>Our cars are required for larger item transfers and also when it becomes unsafe to use our bikes due to adverse weather conditions.</p>	<p>First Aid Kits</p>  <p>A First Aid kit & fire extinguisher are needed for each vehicle in case of emergency</p>	<p>Insurance</p>  <p>Our bikes cost £800 each year to insure. It's an essential cost to keep us on the road.</p>	<p>Fuel</p>  <p>It requires £3000 of fuel per month to keep our vehicles on the road, without fuel, we cannot survive.</p>

Please contact our Fundraising Officer for more information about becoming a NBB sponsor via our website, alternatively you can write to us or call 0191 364 3113



OUR PEOPLE



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Quarterly Recognition Badge Awards

Our volunteers don't ask for anything in return for their hard work, time and energy volunteered to NBB, but to show our appreciation we have our fabulous award badges. The badges range from the 25 Shift Bronze badge to the phenomenal Red and Gold 200 Shift badge. A huge THANK YOU to every single one of our volunteers and CONGRATULATIONS to those receiving following badges this quarter...

YOU ARE AMAZING!

BRONZE



25

Debra T

SILVER



50

Alex J
Gareth H
Ian B
Jordan T
Robert C

GOLD



100

Charles W
Harry S
John D
Wilfred M

GOLD & RED



200

Frank S
Ian M
Malcolm C

Volunteer Profile - John Watts



How did you become a rider with NBB?

I only started riding bikes after retiring following 32 years in the police. Soon after passing my bike test, I saw an article in the regional Freemason's magazine about a Bloodrun volunteer and thought I'd like to do that! I completed my advanced qualification and applied.

How long have you been a blood biker?

Around 5 years now.

What bike do currently ride?

BMW RT1250

What's the most rewarding thing about being a rider for you?

The most rewarding element of being a blood biker has been riding our blood bikes Mark Master Mason and Durham Mason; of which I helped obtain funding for with the Masonic Charitable Foundation.





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BRAIN TEASERS

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WATER

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2. Aid
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QUICK FIRE FACTS!

- ♥ 6 million biscuits are eaten after giving blood every year in the UK
- ♥ A single donation of blood can help save the lives of 3 adults or six children
- ♥ One person alone can enhance the lives of up to 75 others through organ, eye and tissue donation
- ♥ Blood contains around 0.2 milligrams of **GOLD**
- ♥ The first successful human blood transfusion was performed in 1818; the first internal combustion petroleum fuelled motorcycle was built 67 years later, in 1885!

ANSWERS: 1. Blood is thicker than water, 2. First Aid, 3. Double over in pain, 4. Making up for lost time