



NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES



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Hello!

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

As we celebrate NHS Day on July 5th in honour of our amazing National Health Service, social care and frontline workers; this month we're preparing for the return of our events!

So, put your hands together for our heroes, come on in and as always... Stay Safe!

The NBB Team





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Young Drivers Event – Alnwick Community Fire Station



Our fabulous volunteers Carol and Ian attended Alnwick Fire Station as part of the Northumbria Police's Operation Dragoon in June.

This event was aimed at young drivers and their passengers between the ages of 14 and 24. Along with NBB; representatives from Northumbria Police, the Fire Service, the North East Ambulance Service, St. John's Ambulance and local driving schools were in attendance.

These events help educate young people about the consequences

of their actions when on the roads by using an impactful combination of presentations, demonstrations and real-life accounts by our service personnel.

Carol and Ian hope all that attended found NBB's stand, bike demonstration and representation interesting and informative.



All of us at NBB are so grateful for their attendance too – THANK YOU so much for what you do!

Beamish WI Talk

Another one of our fantastic volunteers Stephen held an informative talk for Beamish WI in June. Providing an update on how we've continued to provide our service throughout the pandemic and beyond, all members thoroughly enjoyed the event! Our event even attracted visitors from across the UK as part of the Women's Institute Wanderers!

Beamish WI and all of us at NBB would like to give Stephen a huge THANK YOU too!

**KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER, WHERE WE'LL BE BRINGING YOU
COVERAGE FROM THE NHS DAY EVENT AT THE TYNE THEATRE!!**

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Relay Roundup

Our Rota Manager Chris Mann has coordinated 4 relay requests from other areas over June. These requests support the relay of blood, blood products, baby milk, specimens, equipment and samples over longer distances in the UK.

Jeff has kindly been carrying out 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	1 st June
	8 th June
	15 th June
	22 nd June



The total distance covered by items transported so far this year is a whopping 2,385 Miles!



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As always, a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone continuing to donate to NBB!

Check out where some of our donations have come from over this past month...



Maxwells DIY
South Shields

£47.60

With so many of us doing DIY projects this year, we're very grateful to those who put a couple of pennies into our collection tin in the South Shields branch of Maxwells!

THANK YOU!



Coastline
Blyth

£42.76

Our friends at Coastline in Blyth have filled another collection tin! THANK YOU to all who popped some coins into the box and to Ian Macneish for collecting the tin!



Downey DIY
Sunderland

£35

You lot have been busy with your DIY work and kindly added to our fundraising efforts!

THANK YOU and also a massive THANK YOU to Tiger Taylor for collecting the tin!



£690

A heartfelt Thank You to the family, friends and colleagues of Sgt Keith Harriman for the donation from his funeral collection.

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 won in June...

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

Draw Date	Winners supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes
26 th June	Mr T (Chester-Le-Street) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
19 th June	Miss L (Stanley) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
12 th June	Mr M (Blaydon) matched 4 numbers and won a whopping £250! Mr W (Ryton) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets
5 th June	Mr W (Ryton), Mrs H (Cramlington) & Mr M (Blaydon) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets

Recycling for Good Causes



You can now donate your used stamps to raise funds for NBB! All kinds of stamps are welcome, on or off paper. Simply cut or carefully tear your postage stamps from the used envelope. Once you have a few to send to us, pop them in an envelope and send them to:

Northumbria Blood Bikes, PO Box 16992, Sutton Coldfield, B73 9YA (*postage needs to be applied*)

If you need any further information, you can visit: info@recyclingforgoodcauses.org



EVENTS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

We are still very much excited to start up our in-person appearances after such a long time away! We do still have some virtual events planned and may have to unfortunately rearrange some events should any government guidance change. Fingers crossed we'll be seeing you all out and about very soon! Here are some of this summer's events which we're looking forward to!...



Percy Hedley Summer Fair – Saturday 18th September

At this year's summer fair, NBB will be in attendance alongside a range of food stalls, rides and plenty of fun of course!

Great North Run - Sunday 12th September

All of our NBB places have been taken for the GNR 2021 and we can't wait to be there cheering on all the runners taking part! Catch us at one of the cheer points along the beautiful route from Newcastle through to South Shields!



Wilton-le-Wear WI Talk – Thursday 2nd September

Ouston Ladies Club Talk – Tuesday 7th September

All of the informative talks we give are important in order to highlight the work we continue to do and emphasise the support we need from fundraising so we can keep doing what we love!



M&S Door Collections: Silverlink 16th October

Arnison Centre 25th September

Our doorway collections are starting up again and we look forward to showing off our bikes and telling you all about the work we do! Stop by and say 'Hi'!

If your group or organisation would like us to join you for a 'virtual talk' or host a speaker when restrictions allow in person, please contact our talks coordinator to request a speaker via:

www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/contact/Request_A_Speaker



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 the following badges this quarter...

YOU ARE ALL AMAZING!

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 - Volunteer Drivers - Shift Controllers - Fundraisers & Support Roles

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

www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/membership_form



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>

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JUST FOR FUN

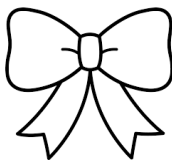


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BRAIN TEASERS

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Germany 2

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Mediterranean



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QUICK FIRE FACTS!

- ♥ The term "air ambulance" originated in France. The French military used balloons to transport injured soldiers as early as 1870 during the Siege of Paris.
- ♥ The average air ambulance flight is approximately 52 miles.
- ♥ St John Ambulance is an established organisation in over 40 countries.
- ♥ Founded in 1877, it's almost St John Ambulance's 150th Birthday!
- ♥ Nearly 60 years ago in 1962, was when blood bikes (Emergency Volunteer Service) began!

ANSWERS: 1. Bow Tie, 2. Seesaw, 3. Hand me down, 4. Doggy Bag