



NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES



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Hello!

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

As we settle into the second half of the year, this month we're looking forward to some more in-person events and making the most of those sunny days!

So, slap that sun cream on, grab an ice cream, come on in and as always... Stay Safe!

The NBB Team





NEWS



NHS Day at The Tyne Theatre - 5th July



We all thoroughly enjoyed watching the NHS Day coverage at the Tyne Theatre at the start of July, the representation from our fabulous volunteers Carol and Eamonn made us so proud!

With entertainment from the host Tom Whalley, the show had us entertained from start to finish. We had comedy from the very funny Cal Halbert and his uncanny impressions! Joe McElderry was on form with some very energetic numbers, which got the audience boogeying! We also had a lot of belly laughs courtesy of comedy circuit star Steffen Peddie.



The night featured a series of video shorts from our NHS heroes and drove home the very reason for the day itself and this celebration show too.



Along with poetry read by our volunteer Eamonn and an engaging interview with Carol, a couple of local celebrities popped by to give their thanks too. Support messages came from the North East's very own Ant and Dec, Carl Hutchinson, Sarah Millican and Vasta Blackwood.

The total amount raised to date via GoFundMe is **£770!** NBB hope All those involved, in attendance and those of us who watched along online, all had a fabulous night! And don't forget...



...In the words of Sarah Millican,
"You're all absolute legends!"

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



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Owen Kerry Charity Football Match



Our amazing volunteers Tiger and Rianne attended the Owen Kerry charity football match in July and collected a total of **£46.30** in their buckets!

At the event, Owen's family got to see their NBB bike 'Lost Boy' for the first time at the charity match organised by the Kerry family in Owen's memory. 'Lost Boy' was purchased with the fundraising efforts of the Kerry family and their friends in tribute to Owen.

The name 'Lost Boy' was chosen by the family for the bike, after Owen tragically died on Christmas Eve in 2016. Last year Owen's mum Rachel said,

"We wanted to create his legacy and we were desperate for something positive to focus on and to be able to help others and potentially save lives. To know that we have raised enough money to support the community in this way is comforting for us all".

(Pictured Right: Owen's family Rachel, Summer, Keith and Valerie meeting NBB's 'Lost Boy' for the first time)

We are so pleased Owen's family have now finally been able to see 'Lost Boy' in person and we would like to sincerely thank the Kerry family once again for their ongoing fundraising efforts and for creating Owen's legacy through NBB.

THANK YOU!



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Relay Roundup

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

Jeff and Ken have 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

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| Jeff | 6 th July |
| | 13 th July |
| Ken | 20 th July |



The total distance covered by items transported so far this year is a whopping 2,745 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...



Delves Lane Village Store and Post Office
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£29.72

Our lovely friends at Delves Lane Store have filled another collection box!
THANK YOU!



£205

A heartfelt Thank You to the family of Jean Brown, a beloved family member of one of our amazing volunteers.

ASDA

Peterlee

£461.64

THANK YOU to all you lovely lot popping your pennies into our buckets and also a massive THANK YOU to volunteers Tiger, Harry and Gordon for collecting!

Spennymoor Gala

A huge THANK YOU to all of those who stopped by our stall at the Spennymoor Gala last month to say hello to our fantastic volunteers Eamonn, Gordon and Anthony. We were delighted to raise **£48** from donations put in our buckets too!



Our volunteers were also delighted to be joined by some of the gala's beautiful butterfly performers for a photo op!

Our volunteers love speaking with members of the public at events like these, to raise awareness of what we do at NBB and help raise those all-important funds.



If you would like to host a collection box or event, 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 July...

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

| Draw Date | Winners supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes |
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| 24 th July | Mr N (S. Shields) matched 3 numbers and won £25! Mrs L (Stanley) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets |
| 17 th July | Mr M (Whitley Bay), Mr T (Darlington), Mr G (Blyth) & Mr T (Chester-Le-Street) all matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets |
| 10 th July | Mrs R (Washington), Mr T (Chester-Le-Street) & Mr W (Butterknowle) all matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets |
| 3 rd July | Ms R (N. Shields) & Mr T (Chester-Le-Street) who both 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 so excited to have started up our in-person appearances, seeing all our supporters and raising vital funds! We hope to be seeing many more of you 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 through Newcastle!



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

West Aukland WI Talk – Monday 6th 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 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...

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| <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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QUICK FIRE FACTS!

- ♥ Mosquitos are more likely to nibble on people wearing black clothes!
- ♥ You have up to 4 million sweat glands in your body.
- ♥ The lawnmower is the most accountable piece of equipment for garden-based accidents in the UK (Approx. 6.500 each year).
- ♥ Flowerpots are a close 2nd, accounting for approximately 5,300 accidents annually!
- ♥ The fuller your fridge is, the more energy efficient it is!

ANSWERS: 1. Painless Operation, 2. Odds & Ends, 3. United States, 4. Syrup