



BLOOD BIKES SCOTLAND



Annual Report 2024-25

Marking a year of growth

Scottish charity no. SC049314

Foreword from the Chair



Welcome to Blood Bikes Scotland's Annual Report for our 2024-25 financial year, which is intended to give all our stakeholders – NHS Scotland, our members, volunteers, supporters and donors – a detailed and informative review of our activities during the period. We are pleased to look back and celebrate a year of significant growth in all key areas of our charity, as we recognise the commitment and achievements of our volunteer team in enabling us to build on the positive progress outlined in our previous annual reports.

Our focus during the last twelve months has once again been on consolidating our service provision in the five NHS regions in which we operate, increasing the level of cost savings that we deliver to NHS Scotland as well as offering them services that they are not able to access elsewhere, and which have led to enhanced patient service. Much of what we do is not measured in purely financial terms, although the overall savings generated for the NHS by our activities in the period grew substantially for another year. At a time when the health service finds itself under increasing pressure to find savings, this financial contribution is very significant. Once again, Blood Bikes Scotland's service provision didn't stop there. On many occasions during the year, we collaborated with other NABB-affiliated Blood Bike groups and external partners to provide long distance and urgent services to the NHS which were not available from any other provider. We understand that a number of these jobs led to successful outcomes in lifesaving treatments, and we have also been advised that the provision of our services have, in some areas, led to extra patient appointments being made available.

But our service provision is not the only area where we achieved growth during the year. 2024-25 turned out to be a record year for BBS fundraising. We discuss this in more detail later in this report, and we are particularly delighted by the number of long-term and repeat funders now supporting our charity. I am happy to confirm that the charity remains on an extremely sound financial footing.

The governance of our charity has been greatly enhanced over the last two years, following the adoption of our new constitution and a review of all our policies and procedures. We once again held an extremely well attended AGM, and we also appointed two new Trustees – both of whom have worked at senior management level with NHS Scotland for many years. Our Board of Trustees meets quarterly, and our Management Committee continues to meet every week.

Lastly, I would like to offer my sincere thanks once again to all our volunteers, supporters and funders, and to our partners at NHS Scotland with whom we continue to develop closer and deeper working relationships. As always, none of what we were able to achieve during the year would have been possible without you, and the Trustees and Management Committee look forward to working with all our stakeholders as our charity continues to grow, evolve and flourish.

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Tim Bartlett

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Part 1 – The year in review

Who we are

Blood Bikes Scotland (BBS) was founded in 2012 by Ron Spalding and Brian Fraser who shared a desire to put something back into the community and initially launched a service for NHS Borders in 2014.

Since this modest start with one motorcycle, we have grown substantially and now have service level agreements with the NHS in Borders, Fife, Forth Valley, Lothian and Tayside. We cover a huge geographical area and a substantial part of Scotland. From those modest beginnings thirteen years ago, we now operate a fleet of 15 motorcycles and 6 cars, all of which are owned by the charity.

BBS is governed by its Board of Trustees and operated by a Management Committee and over 240 volunteers. It is a fundamental principle of our charity since inception that no one takes a salary or any form of remuneration.

We are totally funded by donations, both private and corporate – and contrary to popular belief, we do not receive any funding from the NHS or the Scottish Government. Our superb fundraising team is tasked with raising the approximately £8,250 monthly operating costs, as well as the cost of any additional or replacement vehicles. As demand for our service from the NHS continues to increase, so does our requirement for funding for our expanding service provision.



What we do

BBS was established to provide a free-of-charge, professional, rapid-response medical transport service for NHS Scotland. The purpose of our charity is defined in our constitution as “the advancement of health and the saving of lives”.

We deliver blood, blood products, diagnostic test samples, medications, FMTs (see below), documentation and smaller pieces of NHS equipment, such as surgical instruments and heart monitors between NHS sites or to patient’s homes and care homes in the community.

What we have achieved

BBS had another hugely successful year of delivery for our five NHS region partners during the period. The total savings we delivered to NHS Scotland were £359,304, up from £316,776 the previous year – an increase of 13%.



Although the financial saving to the NHS is our key metric, the extra services that we provide cannot always be measured in purely monetary terms. We have continued to be involved in supporting relays with other NABB-affiliated Blood Bike groups to facilitate faecal microbiota transplantations (FMTs), which we are advised have led to life saving-procedures. We have also been involved in organising long-distance UK-wide deliveries in support of our NHS partners, enabling them to achieve delivery timescales that were not available elsewhere, and avoiding considerable cost. Furthermore, the provision of extra BBS runs in some areas, including Edinburgh and Tayside, has allowed the NHS to create additional patient appointments. Indeed, we have been advised that the daily provision of BBS services to CTACS (Community Treatment and Care Service) establishments across Tayside has directly led to the creation of 21,696 additional

patient appointments in this reporting period. This is obviously a huge achievement by our Tayside team.

We held another productive and well-attended AGM in September 2024. As well as providing the Trustees and Management Committee with an opportunity to bring members up to date with developments in the charity, our volunteers engaged in a very constructive discussion session which was then followed by our Annual Volunteer Awards.

For the first time in its history, BBS recruited two new Trustees from outwith the charity during the year. Miriam Watts is General Manager of Emergency Care at NHS Fife, and Martin Bell is former Director of Primary Care and Counter Fraud Services at NHS National Services Scotland. Their addition to our Board has enhanced our network across NHS Scotland, helping to raise awareness of our charity at senior management level, and providing our Management Committee with greater insight into NHS processes. These appointments have brought immediate benefit with much greater engagement at NHS Service Director level, including opening up discussions with the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS). This is an exciting opportunity to increase the breadth of services we can offer and add further value to NHS Scotland in the year ahead.

The team

Our service could not function without our outstanding team of committed volunteers. Our organisational structure includes the Board of Trustees, the Management Committee and Regional Representatives. The members of these teams during the period are shown overleaf.

Board of Trustees

- Martin Bell – Convenor
- Tim Bartlett
- Phil Dodsworth
- Roger Duerden – Secretary
- Ron Spalding
- Miriam Watts

Management Committee

- Tim Bartlett – Chair
- Mike Buchan – Fleet Manager
- Phil Dodsworth – Head of Fundraising
- Roger Duerden – Treasurer
- Brian Fraser – Founder
- Rob Fraser – Head of Onboarding
- David O'Rourke – Data management and analysis
- Ron Spalding – Founder and Vice-Chair

Regional Representatives

- Borders – Campbell Chatham
- Fife – Iain Stewart
- Forth Valley – Sandra Lang
- Lothian – Alan McNair
- Tayside – Scott Galloway

Other key roles

- Quartermaster – Campbell Chatham
- Relay co-ordinator – Joe Cairney

We would be unable to operate any services without an enthusiastic and committed group of active members, so the charity's emphasis on maintaining and developing volunteer engagement remains a priority. During the year we operated over seventy operational shifts per week across our five regions with a force of over 240 volunteers. This does not include additional shifts for long-distance relays, fundraising and public events.

The charity's volunteers completed a total of 21,248 recorded shift hours during the course of the year, which at the £11.44 per hour UK minimum wage during the period is equivalent to £243,077. This does not include the considerable amount of



additional time devoted by trustees, committee members, regional representatives, vehicle custodians and fundraisers to the charity. This is currently not recorded, but very conservatively estimated to be in excess of 3,000 hours – an additional £34,000 or more.

Our Regional Representatives continue to enhance communication with our members in each region and have helped significantly with volunteer engagement. They meet regularly with the Management Committee and are the conduit for information between the committee and volunteers in both directions. They welcome and guide new volunteers and engage with any volunteering issues that arise.

Our starred badge award scheme reflects important shift milestones, and the highly sought-after badges are proudly worn by our members on their hi-viz jackets when on shift. Members also receive enamel pin badges that they can wear at any time. The scheme has now been operating for three years and has both motivated our volunteers and generated some healthy competition between members. Volunteer engagement remains strong and the number of members leaving the charity has reduced to near zero. At the same time, we continue to receive a regular stream of enquiries and applications from prospective new members.

The fleet

We continue to monitor our demand for vehicles over the regions and replace them as age and mileage dictate. We purchased three new BMW R1250 RT motorcycles during the period (named Rosie, Sheila and Vera) as a result of BMW GB offering a substantial discount through The Crown Purchasing Scheme on remaining stock before introducing an updated model. (As a NABB-affiliated Blood Bike group, we are eligible to take advantage of the procurement agreements and services offered by this scheme.) This discount made the bikes viable for our charity, albeit still at the upper end of the price scale compared to alternative models. These new bikes replaced three high mileage BMW motorcycles in the fleet, two of which were sold at a modest surplus on book value.



We also purchased an additional car, which entered service in March. This allowed us to cover increased demand in the geographically large Tayside Region, in which we now have two cars. The Kia Rio had previously been our preferred car but had been discontinued by the manufacturer. We looked again to the Crown Purchasing Scheme and selected the Dacia Sandero. We now have at least one car and two bikes in all five NHS regions in which we operate. Tayside and Lothian have more vehicles, reflecting the demand, shift patterns and geography in these areas. By the end of the period, we had a total of fifteen bikes and six cars in the fleet, which are regularly monitored for mileage, tyre wear, maintenance needs and any other concerns. We continue to rotate our vehicles between locations to manage the total miles travelled in line with our replacement policy.

We operate with selected service partners around the regions – both main dealers and independent maintenance providers – which gives us flexibility to meet our need for routine servicing and the occasional unscheduled repair, ensuring that we keep the fleet in service.

Our policy remains to replace two or three vehicles each year as we keep the fleet within our agreed age and mileage limits. As always, we will remain open minded about the bikes and cars we purchase, bearing in mind that as a charity funded entirely by donations, we must always be conscious of cost/value calculations associated with operating and maintaining our fleet.

Fundraising

As a charity that receives no statutory funding, BBS is entirely dependent on fundraising to maintain its operational service and cover the cost of capital outlays that the charity must accommodate, such as the purchase of new vehicles and equipment. We engage in a variety of activities and events throughout the year to raise the public profile of Blood Bikes Scotland and attract funding and donations.

During the 2024-25 period, the charity achieved its best-ever annual fundraising result, bringing in £156,243 in donations, gift aid and grants. This represented a 14% improvement on the previous record set in 2022-23, when we received a significant one-off corporate donation of over £50,000. To achieve a new fundraising record without a similar single donation was remarkable, and we are extremely proud of the team effort that went in to making this happen. Over the course of the period, twenty-seven donors or fundraising activities each generated more than £1,000, two generated more than £5,000 and four generated more than £10,000, a significant increase on the previous year.



The outlook for 2025-26 year looks very positive indeed as the challenging years following the Covid Pandemic now are well behind us. We have set ourselves the target of beating our fundraising record yet again to keep pace with the growth of the charity's operations, and encouraging levels of activity and achievement at the start of the new financial year are certainly cause for optimism.

Sources of funding can be broadly split into the categories set out below, and our strategy to meet our funding target focuses on a mix of all these categories, both tactically and opportunistically.

Outreach

Raising the public profile of our charity is critical to our engagement with all donors – from large corporates to individual members of the public. Making donors aware of what we do as a

volunteer service and the benefit we deliver to NHS Scotland is ultimately what motivates them to support us. And awareness begins at the grassroots.

Our outreach activity is largely focused on talks and presentations to a variety of community groups, such as Rotary and Probus Clubs, Parish Guilds and the SWI. We receive two to three invitations every week to present to groups, and whilst we don't typically charge for giving these talks, many groups go out of their way to help us financially, for which we are extremely grateful. It is surprising how many talks lead to a donation –



either on the day or further down the line, often as a result of fundraising activity by the group on our behalf. During the 2024-25 period, we gave over sixty talks and presentations, with audience sizes ranging from 15 to 50 – all keen to understand more about how we help the NHS.

An unexpected but extremely welcome result of raising the public profile of our charity was the receipt of two anonymous donations during the period, which together were worth £30,000.

Cash collections

Our volunteers carried out regular cash collections at busy retail locations and areas of high footfall, such as major supermarkets and sporting events. We are always able to attract attention at such collections and achieve a significant level of public engagement. It is heartwarming to



experience the generosity and support that we receive. Taking part in fundraising activities is very popular amongst our members, as well as financially rewarding for our charity.

Support from all the major supermarket chains in Scotland remains strong, and collection activities at these locations are largely focused on key calendar events such as Christmas or Halloween when customer footfall is traditionally higher.

The importance and value of cash collections to the charity must not be underestimated. In total, we raised £17,407 in this way during the 2024-25 financial period, an increase of 20% over the previous period. To put this in context, this is enough to purchase and equip a brand-new blood bike.

Events

Over the year, more people approached us than ever before with ideas to help us raise funds. This led to a diverse range of events and activities taking place during the year – from a world champion sheepdog demonstration, to a 24-hour computer “gameathon”

For a second year, we received a generous donation from the Wanlockhead Inn from funds raised as part of their Numb Bum Challenge endurance motorcycle ride.

Corporate donations

Engagement with Scottish businesses – both large and small – continues to be crucial to us in reaching our fundraising target. Aberdeen Investments, Barnett Waddingham and Quilter Financial Planning all made donations to BBS during the period. And at the small business end of the scale, Borders-based upcycling specialist and long-term Blood Bikes Scotland supporter, Sadie’s Shed made a similarly generous donation.

Grants

Making successful applications for funding from grant-giving funds, trusts and foundations is increasingly difficult because of high levels of competition, but we were grateful to receive support from The National Lottery Community Fund, The Lang Foundation and the Miss A M Pilkington Charitable Trust during the period.

Individual donations

BBS continues to receive support from individual donors as well as from other charitable organisations, community groups and clubs. We were especially honoured to accept several significant donations from bereaved families and friends whose loved ones had received specific support from the NHS or our services.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following organisations for their particularly generous support during the period:

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| • Currie, Balerno and District Roundtable | • Lodge St John 540 |
| • East Linton Bowling Club | • London Reels |
| • Inner Wheel of Tranent | • Scotland’s Gardens |
| • International Women’s Club of Edinburgh | • Stirling District Classic Car Club |
| • Kirkcaldy Rotary Club | • Thornton Golf Club Seniors |
| | • Westfield SWI |

Donation platforms and social media

A total of £21,074 was generated during the year via online donation platforms and social media, up 41% on the previous period. Give As You Live is our primary online fundraising platform, enabling supporters to make recurring or one-off donations, or to raise money for the charity at no cost to themselves when shopping with over 6,000 online retailers that are signed up to the scheme. Of the above total, £7,497 was generated from individual fundraisings activities via Just Giving, with three donations exceeding £1,000.

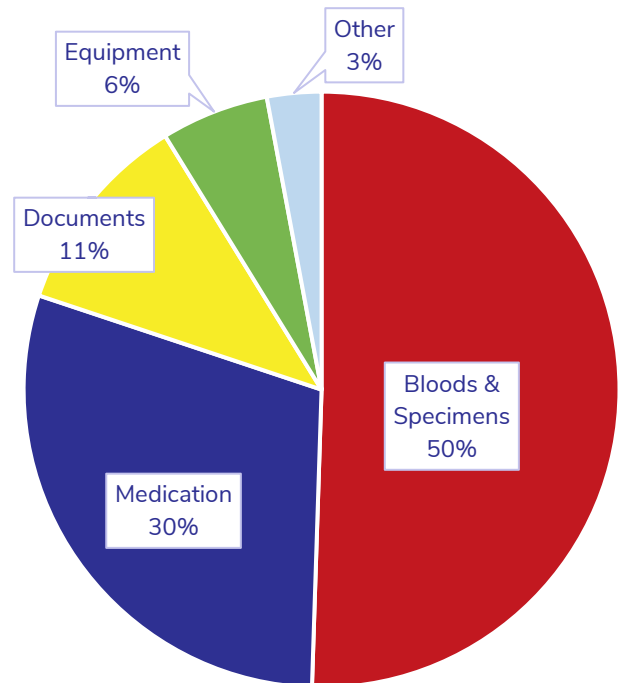
Performance statistics

BBS publishes monthly statistics to provide stakeholders with regular snapshots of its service delivery performance and the cost savings delivered to NHS Scotland. We present a more detailed analysis of the data for the 2024-25 period below.

2024-25 at a glance

243 volunteers up 14% from 208 at start of period
21 vehicles 15 motorcycles, 6 cars
10,206 job requests from NHS Scotland 9,196 jobs delivered
292,573 miles travelled
21,248 volunteer hours worked
£156,243 received in donations, grants and Gift Aid
£98,955 incurred in charity running costs*
£359,304 cost savings to the NHS up 13% from £316,776 in 2023-24 OR £16.91 per volunteer hour up 5% from £16.06 in 2023-24

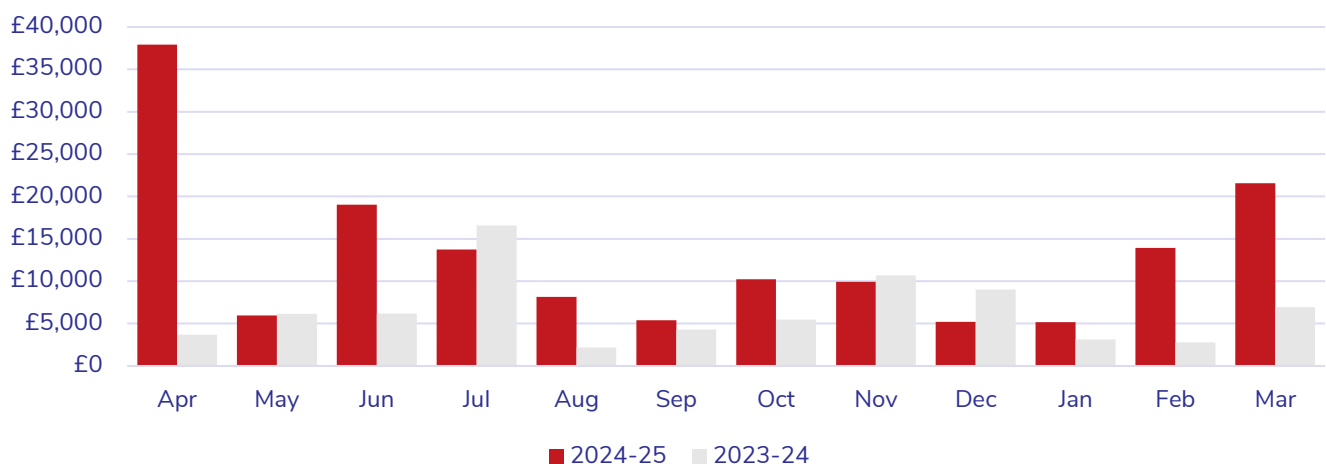
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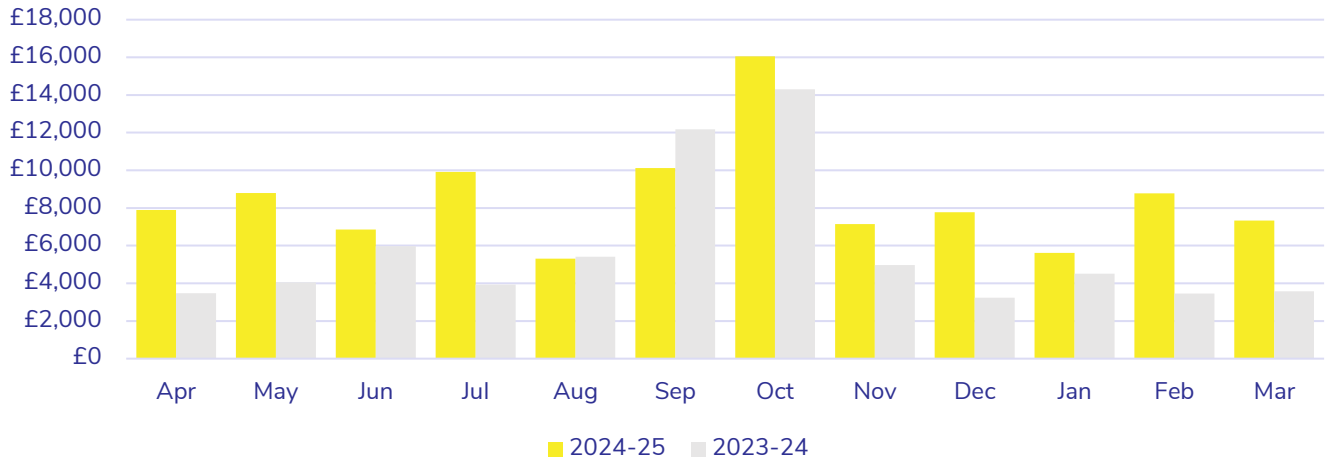
* Charity running costs exclude bank charges, official fees, independent examination fees, depreciation, and profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets

Income and expenditure

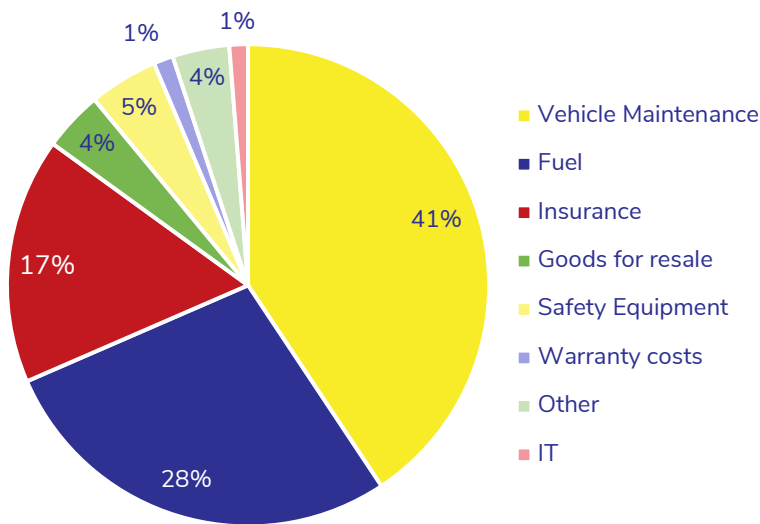
Monthly donation income



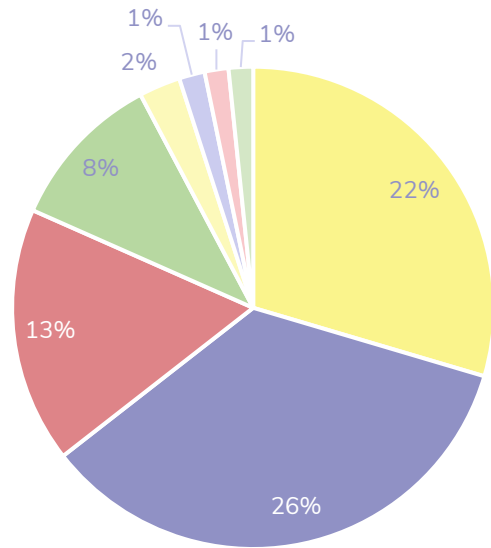
Monthly charity running costs



Charity running costs 2024-25

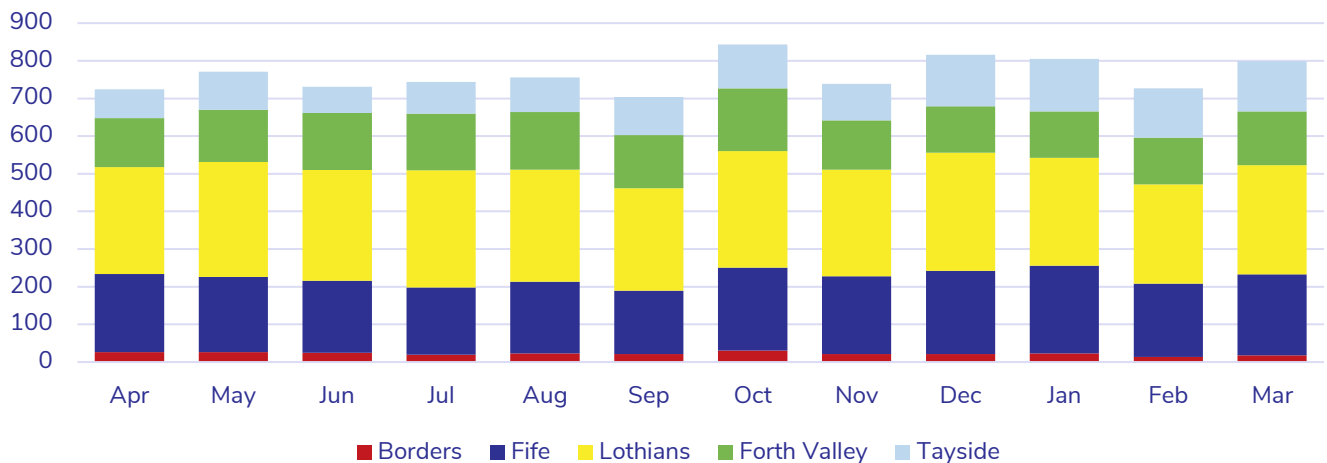


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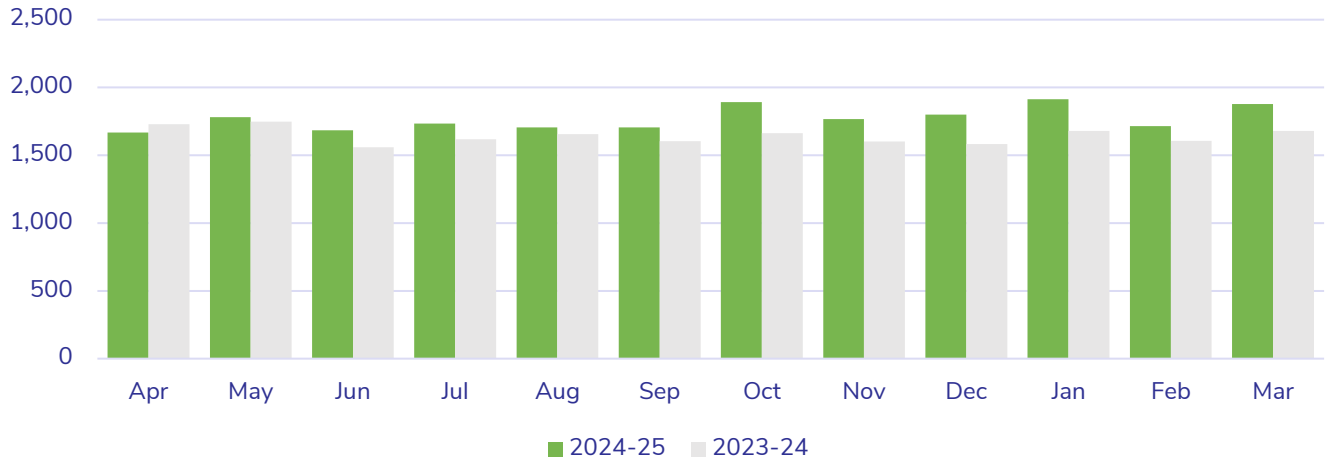


Fulfilment

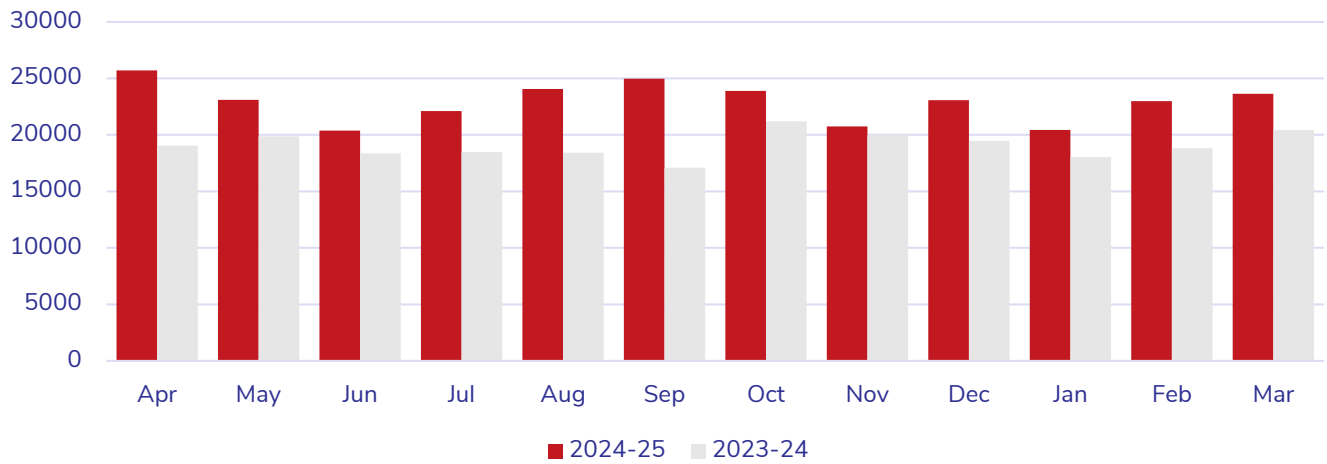
Job allocations by NHS region



Volunteer hours on shift

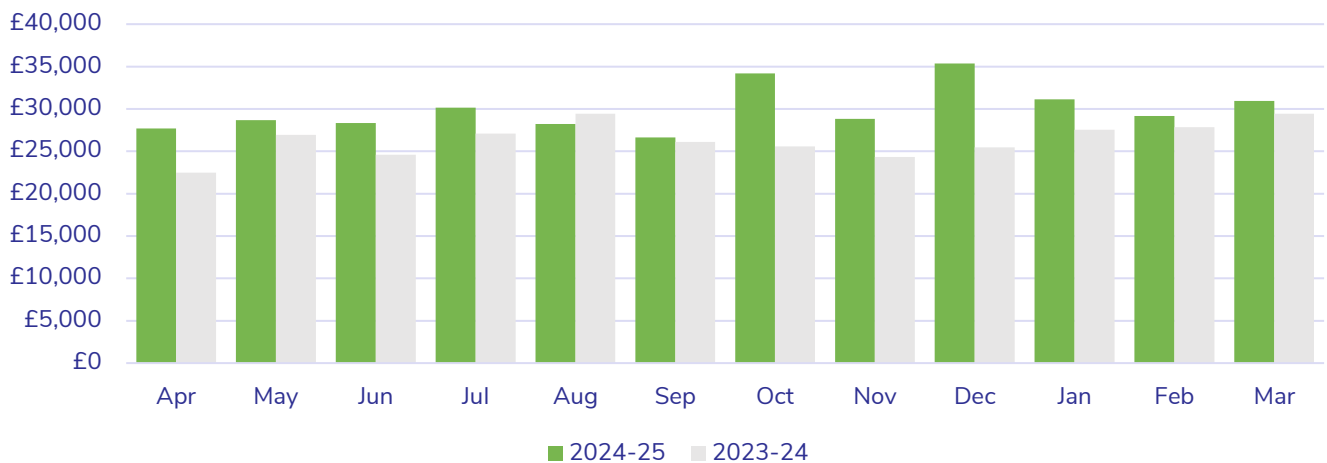


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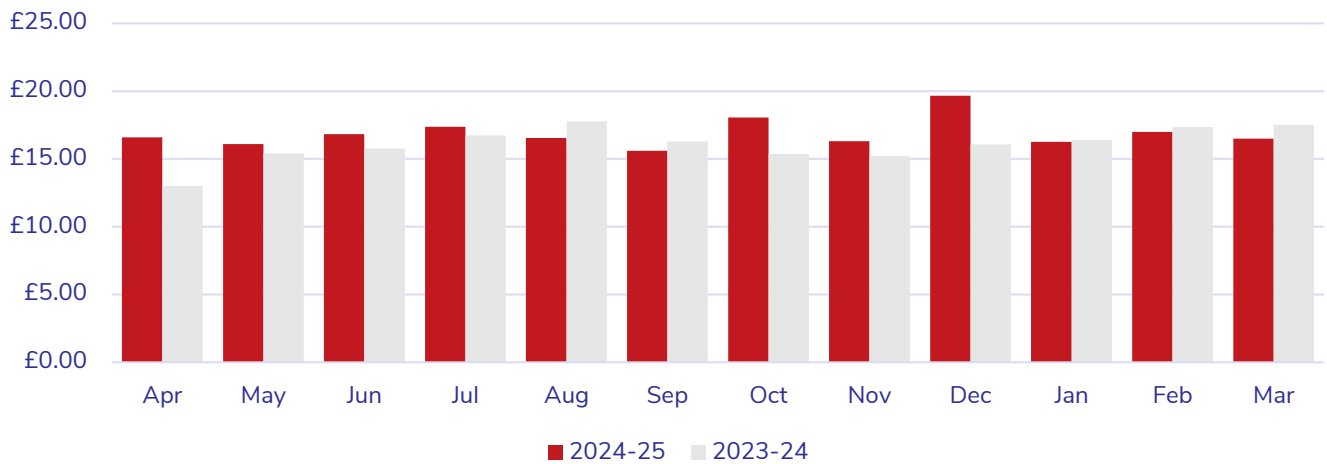


Cost savings to NHS Scotland

Total cost saving



Saving per volunteer hour



Signing up to Give as you Live to support Blood Bikes Scotland when shopping online is quick and easy and will cost you nothing

www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/bloodbikesscotland

Part 2 – Annual Accounts

The Trustees of Blood Bikes Scotland present their Annual Accounts together with the Independent Examiner's report, for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and the charity's Constitution.

Legal and administrative information

Blood Bikes Scotland (hereafter referred to as BBS) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator number SC049314.

Governing Document:	Constitution (dated 11/09/2023)
Trustees:	Timothy Bartlett Martin Bell (appointed 21/11/2024) Philip Dodsworth (resigned 31/03/2025) Roger Duerden Ronald Spalding Miriam Watts (appointed 16/09/2024)
Convenor:	Martin Bell
Treasurer & Secretary:	Roger Duerden
Principal office:	112 Echline Drive, South Queensferry EH30 9XG
Bankers:	Bank of Scotland (current and reserve accounts) Royal Bank of Scotland (35-day Liquidity Manager account) Virgin Money (30-day deposit account) Cambridge & Counties Bank (fixed-term charity bonds) SumUp Payments (card payments)
Companies House ref:	CS004019
Independent Examiner:	Robert W Gordon BFP FCA ATT FMAAT

Financial Review

The Trustees consider that the outgoing resources for the period of £132,273 was reasonable in view of the operation and nature of BBS. This figure represents an increase on the previous period (£110,097) reflecting, in part, a general rise in costs overall in line with inflation; but also driven by higher expenditure on vehicle maintenance associated with the charity's decision to retain vehicles on the fleet for longer – although this is offset by a reduction in depreciation.

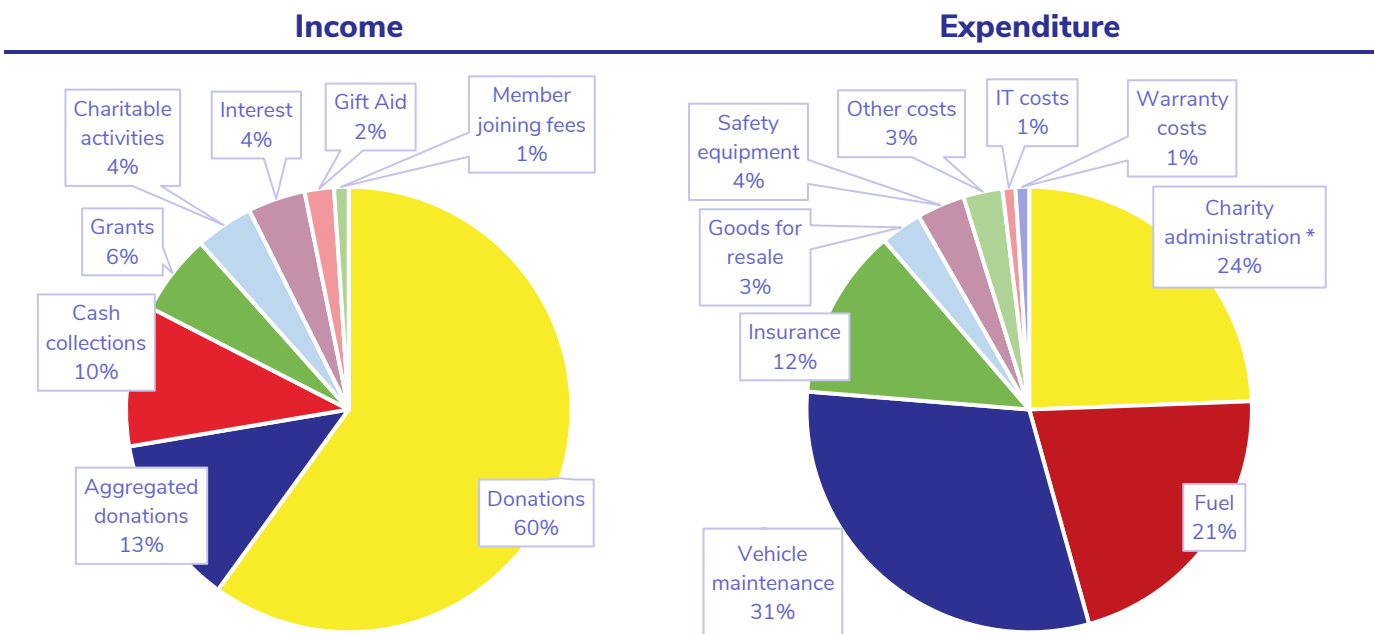
Our financial health and future sustainability are reflected in a strong balance sheet, showing a surplus (net movement in funds) of £37,695 (compared to a deficit of £24,451 in the previous period) and an 11% increase in total funds year on year. BBS achieved its best-ever year in terms of fundraising, receiving a total of £156,243 in donations, grants and Gift Aid during the period (the previous record of £136,663 being set in 2022-23). This allowed the charity to add three

motorcycles and a further car to the fleet (two motorcycles were sold during the period) and the Trustees remain confident that the financial health and long-term sustainability of the charity are secure.

The total investment income during the period was £7,136, an increase of 86% compared to 2023-24. £4,262 of this was generated by the investment in the previous period of £85,000 in a one-year fixed-term bond with Cambridge & Counties Bank at an interest rate of 5%. This matured in January 2025, and the Trustees decided to reinvest £85,000 in a similar bond at an interest rate of 4.5%. A further £85,000 was placed in an RBS 35-day Liquidity Manager account at the start of the period. However, this account was found to be difficult to manage because of the restricted online banking facilities offered by RBS. The decision was taken to replace it with a Virgin Money 30-day account and the full balance was transferred in February 2025.

Income from charitable activities (predominantly a raffle and the sale of charity event tickets and branded merchandise) reduced by 23% year-on-year to £7,197. As in previous years, BBS received direct financial support from NABB to offset the costs of workwear and public liability insurance.

The following charts summarise the principal sources of income and expenditure over the period.



* Charity Administration comprises independent examination fees, depreciation, and surplus/deficit on disposal of assets

Accounting basis

Since the 2022-23 period, BBS has reported its annual accounts on an accruals (income and expenditure) basis.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received by a charity that are allocated by the donor or grant body for specific purposes. BBS received one such grant of £10,000 during the period for the purpose of purchasing a vehicle, which was placed in a restricted fund until used.

All other funds held by BBS during the period were unrestricted and were available for use at the discretion of the Trustees for any purpose within the charity's objects.

Fixed assets

At the end of the period, BBS's vehicle assets comprised 16 motorcycles and 6 cars. During the course of the year, the charity disposed of two motorcycles and purchased three motorcycles and one car. A further motorcycle was removed from fleet service but was not disposed of until after year end.

Equipment assets comprised one charging point for electric motorcycles. A second charging point was disposed of during the period.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the purpose and size of retained income and have set a policy of maintaining reserves equivalent to four months' normal charity running costs. In view of current expenditure commitments and anticipated further commitments to be entered into in the future, the current level of reserves is considered to be appropriate. In reaching this conclusion the Trustees had regard to expected future income.

The charity's running costs are subject to continual monitoring and the Trustees will review the reserves policy periodically to ensure that the level of reserves reflects changes in financial requirements and economic conditions.

Total charity running costs for the period were £98,955, so four months' reserves would be £32,985. The charity's unrestricted cash balance of £206,722 at the end of the period is equivalent to over twenty-five months' running costs. The reserves policy is therefore met by a considerable margin.

Closing fund balances

At the 31st March 2025, the charity held funds totalling £356,469 (all unrestricted) representing an increase of £35,039 (11%) from the end of the previous period. Of this closing balance, £211,213 was held in the general fund and £145,256 in fixed assets.

Going concern

During the course of the financial year, BBS recruited 35 new volunteers, bringing the total membership to 243. The number of jobs delivered for NHS Scotland was up 12% on the previous period. Coupled with the current strength of the balance sheet and the level of reserves, the Trustees can state that the charity is a going concern.

Remuneration costs

The charity had no employees during the period, and no Trustee nor other member received remuneration. Members of the charity incurring an expense in the course of their volunteer duties that related to a charity running cost were able to claim reimbursement in line with the charity's Expenses Policy.

Trustee's statement of responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing and approving the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of BBS's Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees on 03/09/2025 and signed on their behalf by



Martin Bell, Convener

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of Blood Bikes Scotland for the period ended 31st March 2025 which are set out below.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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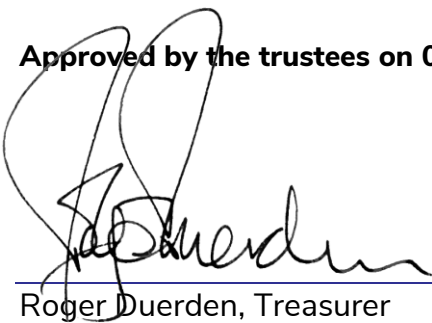
Statement of financial activities

	Notes	2024-25			2023-24
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
Income	1				
	2				
Donations & legacies		146,243	10,000	156,243	77,087
Charitable activities		7,197	-	7,197	9,307
Interest		7,136	-	7,136	3,834
Total income		160,576	10,000	170,576	90,228
Expenses	3				
Raising funds		382	-	382	-
Charity administration		32,936	-	32,936	37,095
Charity running costs		98,955	-	98,955	73,002
Total expenses		132,273	-	132,273	110,097
Net resource movement		28,303	10,000	38,303	(19,869)
Other recognised losses					
Unrecoverable VAT	4	(608)	-	(608)	(1,582)
Transfers between funds		10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds		37,695	-	37,695	(21,451)
Total funds brought forward		321,634	-	321,634	343,085
Total funds carried forward		356,469	-	356,469	321,634

Balance sheet

	Notes	31 st March 2025	31 st March 2024
	1	£	£
Assets & liabilities			
Tangible assets	5		
Equipment		146	582
Vehicles		145,110	124,754
Current assets			
Debtors			
Gift Aid pending			-
Cash at bank and in hand			
Current account		7,995	6,653
Reserves account		53,497	101,171
35-day account (closed Feb 2025)		-	1
30-day account (opened Feb 2025)		60,215	-
Fixed-term bonds		85,000	85,000
Cash/undeposited receipts		15	1,370
Stock		2,657	2,861
VAT repayment		5,824	2,528
Creditors			
Trading creditors		(3,990)	(3,286)
Net Assets		356,469	321,634
Funds & reserves			
Fixed Assets		145,256	125,336
General Fund		211,213	196,298
Funds provided		356,469	321,634

Approved by the trustees on 03/09/2025 and signed on their behalf by



Roger Duerden, Treasurer

Notes to the accounts:

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Further details are included in the Trustees' Report. The trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Income

Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations

Donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then the income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity, and it is probable they will be fulfilled.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable – that is, when there has been grant of confirmation or probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Grants

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement after any performance related conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met, then these amounts are deferred.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Volunteer help

The value of help received from volunteers is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Interest

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Membership fees

Joining fees paid by new members as riders and drivers are received in the nature of a gift and are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance costs

Included in governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity. Costs include independent examination, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they have an original value of at least £500 and a useful life of more than one year. The depreciation methods and rates used are:

- Motorcycles – 25% on reducing balance
- Cars – 20% on reducing balance
- Equipment – straight line over useful life of asset

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Current assets

The charity has cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

Donations and legacies

	2024-25			2023-24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations	140,809	-	140,809	71,148
Gift Aid	3,619	-	3,619	3,464
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	10,000	10,000	-
Membership fees	1,815	-	1,815	2,475
Total donations & legacies	146,243	10,000	156,243	77,087

Investment income

	2024-25	2023-24
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
Interest received	7,136	3,834
Total investment income	7,136	3,834

Charitable activities

	2024-25	2023-24
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
Raffles	400	-
Events tickets	760	-
Workwear & merchandise sales	6,017	8,937
Sundry income	20	370
Total charitable activities	7,197	9,307

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

Charity management and administration

	2024-25	2023-24
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
Official fees and charges	226	-
Independent examination	125	125
Depreciation	33,390	37,683
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	(805)	(713)
Total charity mgmt & admin	32,936	37,095

Charity running costs

	2024-25	2023-24
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
Awards & prizes for volunteers	28	135
Goods for resale	1,424	5,049
Insurance	16,770	13,530
Internet hosting & online services	675	485
Marketing, PR and website	1,340	-
Office equipment	-	603
Postage	307	38
Printing & stationery	778	202
Sundries	50	-
Telephone	590	705
Third party liability payments	950	-
Travel	0	10
Vehicle costs		
Accessories & equipment	15	102
Fuel	28,679	25,969
Vehicle licence costs	-	(168)
Maintenance	41,318	22,314
Tracking	1,942	867
Warranty costs	1,337	1,282
Venue hire	-	300
Workwear	2,753	1,579
Total charity running costs	98,955	73,002

Expenditure on raising funds

The charity spent £382 on raising funds during the period, comprising the cost of new collecting tins, an additional card payment terminal and ticket sale platform fees.

4. UNRECOVERABLE VAT

The charity incurred a total of £608 in VAT that it was unable to recover because it did not meet HMRC's criteria for inclusion in a VAT126 claim.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motorcycles	Cars	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Depreciation basis	Reducing balance	Reducing balance	Straight line	
Depreciation rate	25%	20%	5 years	
Net book value at start of period	92,987	31,767	582	125,336
Additions	49,699	11,057	-	60,756
Disposals	8,000	-	250	8,250
Depreciation	26,734	6,495	161	33,390
Surplus/deficit on disposal	829	-	(24)	805
Net book value at end of period	108,781	36,329	146	145,256

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