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Change of zone chair

MORPETH LIONS CLUB

The club is part of Zone 3A, which comprises six clubs throughout Northumberland.

For the past two years, the Zone Chair has been Dave Wheeler, a member of the Morpeth club.

He is destined for higher office as he will probably become District Governor in two years' time.

His district will incorporate North East England and all of Scotland.

It is therefore time for Mr Wheeler to pass on his Zone responsibilities and he didn't have to look far as his replacement is fellow Morpeth Lion Margaret Trewick.

In paying tribute to his leadership in the Zone, she might well have told him, in the nicest possible way, to 'Get on your bike!'

This was because her first act as Zone Chair was to introduce two members of Northumbria Blood Bikes (NBB).

They gave a presentation about the excellent work these



Morpeth Lion Dave Wheeler and Zone Chair Margaret Trewick.

volunteers do – out of blood transfusion service hours, they transport blood to hospitals in the North East where there is an urgent need.

The controllers and riders work to an operational handbook.

The aim is to respond to



From left, Morpeth Lion Adrian Barnes, Zone Chair Margaret Trewick and a Northumbria Blood Bikes rider.

calls within 30 minutes.

NBB now has four bikes and more than 100 members, with 60 having undertaken assessments and riding qualifications.

The motorbikes are big sport tourers chosen for comfort and weight.

A range of fund-raising activities are carried out by many of the organisation's volunteers.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the service can call 07523 568419 or email membership@northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk