

GREAT NORTH RUN



On Sunday 12th September 2027 over 60,000 people will take part in the world's biggest half marathon. At 13.1 miles from Newcastle to South Shields the Great North Run is a legendary event.

We want you to join our team and be part of this amazing event. By doing so you will help make a difference to the lives of patients across the North East of England.

There will be 35 runners fundraising for Northumbria Blood Bikes.

If you have your own place already you can still join Team Blood Bikes and help us to **#makeadifference**



NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES

Northumbria Blood Bikes (NBB) is a registered charity established in September 2012.

The charity is run solely by unpaid local volunteers. They deliver essential blood and other urgent medical supplies out of hours between hospitals and healthcare sites in North East England. This service is provided free of charge to the NHS so they can put the money saved back into front line patient care.

In 2025 NBB delivered over 13,000 packages free of charge to the NHS and the Great North Air Ambulance. That brought the total number of jobs complete for free to 135,000.

<https://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk>



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**



Reasons to run with us

The money you raised will help save lives. Blood Bike charities provide a free out of hours' delivery service for blood and other medical items. We are run solely by volunteers, nobody gets paid. So, you know that all of the money you raise will go directly to helping save lives and making a difference.

You will get an exclusive running vest.

You will have access to our exclusive runners Facebook group where you can get help, advice and encouragement from other Team Blood Bikes runners.

You will have the opportunity to be in our group photo, usually on the day before the race.

You will get support and encouragement at our cheering point along the route.



HOW TO JOIN TEAM BLOOD BIKES



Step 1 - Complete the registration form

Complete the form letting us know if you want to buy a place or already have your own through the public ballot.

https://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/GNR_registration_form

Step 2 – Pay for your place

If you are buying a place then you will be directed to a secure page where you can purchase your place.

Step 3 – Accept your running token

Once your place has been confirmed we will allocate your running token to you via the Great North Run. They will be in touch with you via email. You must accept the running token from them to confirm your place in the run. Once accepted you will be automatically guided to create a fundraising page.

Step 4 – Fundraising

Start fundraising. If you buy one of our places, your fundraising target is **£200**, in addition to the £65 non-refundable deposit. If you have your own place then your fundraising target is **£50**. All funds must be added to your online fundraising page by the **30th September 2026**.

YOUR ONLINE FUNDRAISING PAGE

We ask all of our runners to raise funds through an online fundraising page. This is because:

The online fundraising page is completely free for fundraisers and donors to use.

It allows donors to pay quickly and safely using a range of payment methods. Most importantly it means you don't have to go around and collect in the money you have raised after the event, which can prove time consuming.

Having an online fundraising account means you can make use of social media to promote your fundraising and help increase the amount you raise.

Gift Aid is reclaimed and passed on in full.

Donations are paid to charities once a week. This means we can start putting the money you raise to good use straight away.

Once you have accepted your place with the Great North Run you will automatically be guided to create a fundraising page using [Enthuse](#).



Total raised so far

£145.00

Total plus Gift Aid: £181.25

Target

£250.00

Raised offline: £0.00



RUNNING VESTS

All of our runners will receive one of our custom running vests. Their unique design will help you stand out from the crowd and are designed to be worn time and time again. The vests include Qwick-Dri™ moisture wicking fibres to accelerate the movement of moisture away from your skin, rapidly maintaining body temperature and ensuring comfort at all times.

The vests are available in unisex or women's sizes. View the [size guide](#) here



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Q How much do I have to raise

A If you use one of our running places then you need to raise £200 in addition to the £65 non-refundable deposit. If you run with your own place then we ask for to raise a minimum of £50.

Q When does the minimum target have to be reached?

A By 30th September 2026.

Q I have my own place, can I still run for Team Blood Bikes?

A Yes of course you can. We will provide you with a running vest and you will get all the benefits of being part of Team Blood Bikes. We ask you to setup an online fundraising page and raise a minimum of £50.

Q Can my friends and family cheer me on?

A Of course. We will have a cheering point on the route and your friends and family are all welcome to join us and cheer on Team Blood Bikes

Q Can I share a fundraising page with another Team Blood Bikes runner?

A Yes you can setup a fundraising page and have a collective target i.e. 2 runners the target would be £400 for 3 runners it would be £600. Just let us know that you want to do this.

COME AND JOIN THE TEAM



If you have any questions, please email gnr@northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk