



NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES

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Bags of Help



EXTENDED VOTING

We've just received the news that the voting period for our Centenary Grant/Fund project, which began on 1 July, has now been extended by a further month, and therefore, our project will now be part of the Tesco instore vote until 30 September 2019.

We need your help to purchase a blood car for transporting essential blood, urgent medical supplies and samples which contributes to saving or improving people's quality of life.

You never know when we could have the ride, or in this case drive, of your life so please support our charity with your votes. As a regionally based charity, run solely by unpaid volunteers, we can guarantee every penny from this funding will go towards the purchase of a new car.

Don't forget for every purchase, in any of the North East of England stores, to pick up your blue token and pop it in the voting unit for NBB.

Please feel free to share your photographs of you popping a token in the voting unit for us on our social media accounts.

We would love to see them!



From the Durham Lions Club facebook:

At their meeting on 10th June, Durham Lions Club were pleased to welcome visitors John Hopper and his dog Bonny from the Guide Dogs, and also Jason Cooper from the Northumbria Blood Bikes. They were there to collect their respective cheques for the money raised during the recent bucket collections at the Poplar Tree Garden Centre. The amounts reflected a very good level of support from the customers of the Garden Centre. ££571.24 was raised for the Guide Dogs and £764.70 was raised for the Blood Bikes. The photo shows Lion President Bill Foster with the presentation cheques being handed to John (with Bonny) and Jason (with Bike).



We've only gone and won it... #CelebratingExcellence - we've only done it through the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, supporters and partners. Thanks to Newcastle Hospital Trust for the recognition.

Rota Manager Update:

After close to 5 years in the role, Steve Rawlings has decided that he wants to step down as Rota Manager and Trustee of the Charity. Steve has been one of the longest serving committee members and has worked wonders with the rota, developing a unique style of working (who can forget the chainsaw...) We'd like to thank Steve for all the tireless work for the group, both in the background and on the road, and wish him the very best for his future.

Steve will remain in post whilst he completes a full and orderly handover of duties to his replacement. With that in mind we would like to welcome Chris Mann to the role of Rota Manager.

THIS IS NOT JUST ANY BLOOD BIKE...

THIS IS A M&S BLOOD BIKE



Northumbria Blood Bikes has welcomed its newest addition to the fleet thanks to the support of customers and colleagues at M&S Arnison Centre Durham. Back in 2018 volunteer Steven Laws had a chance meeting with colleagues about the possibility of holding a door collection. From there colleagues voted to choose the charity of the year for 2018/2019 and NBB came out tops.

Over the past 12 months volunteers and colleagues have been busy fundraising in the store at the Arnison Centre. Customers were always so generous and NBB even saw their largest one day collection amount raised which was over £1,700; helping to bring the total raised to £9,120. Today volunteers were proud to present the bike purchased with the funds raised and everybody got a glimpse of 'Arnie' for the first time.

This is NBB's second ever semi-automatic Yamaha FJR to join the fleet. The vehicle model has come a long way from the previous NBB had a few years ago. Bringing another automatic bike back into the fleet will enable those that are unable to ride a manual bike a chance to give their time to the charity.

Vivienne Halliday, M&S Arnison Centre Durham Store Manager, said: "A pure chance meeting lead to colleagues voting for NBB as their choice of charity of the year. The store's chosen charity means so much to colleagues as they get to select a local cause to support. Being able to then name the bike 'Arnie' gives them ownership of how they have helped a local charity."

Kirsty Lawrence, Volunteer Publicity Officer for Northumbria Blood Bikes, said: "Any donation amount means a great deal to the charity and this store's customers have truly overwhelmed us with their generosity. Thank you to everybody for their continued support and of course it has to be said because of the bike's name...We'll be back! Hasta la Vista".



From the Teesdale Mercury:

MORE than £2,500 was handed out to good causes at Barnard Castle Rotary Club's annual charity presentation.

Representatives from seven charities received substantial cheques for each of their charities during the presentation evening held at the Jersey Farm Hotel, Barnard Castle.

The money, which was raised by the volunteers throughout the year in a variety of different events, including bag packing at Morrison's, was handed over by club president, Ann Barmby.

It was the first time the club has run a presentation night in this format.

On previous occasions, Rotarians delivered cheques to each charity at their headquarters.

Dr Barmby chose the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) as her presidential charity for the year and a bumper cheque for £1,190 was handed over to representatives at their headquarters at Teesside Airport prior to the event.

Dr Barmby, accompanied by her husband Tony, were given a VIP tour of one of the helicopters and were even invited to test out the pilot's seat during the visit.

During the evening cheques for £225 were handed out to Barnard Castle Girl Guides, RNLI, Pause Charity, Northumbria Blood Bikes, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Serenity.

Before the cheques were presented, each representative told members a little more about their individual charities and explained how and where the money would be spent to benefit the group.

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

Lots of things happening, and we need your help to support them! If you can help, even if only for a couple of hours, please contact us....information is at the bottom of this page. NBB members can register their attendance for most of these events on our website (login required).



10:00-17:00 Tesco Kingston Park
Charity Event



12:30-15:30 Shiremoor Day Centre
Summer Fayre



10:00-17:00 Bikewise Durham
Constabulary Head Quarters



09:00-16:00 Trams, Transport &
Emergency Vehicle Day Sunderland



12:30-16:30 Pathways Care Home
Summer Fete Stocksfield



09:00-15:00 Bishop Auckland
Railway Station



14:00-17:00 Norton Classic Bikes
Morpeth



10:00-16:00 Annfield Plain Cricket
Club Fun Day



10:00-16:00 Crawcrook Fair



10:00-16:00 Heart of Hirst
Summer Fair



09:00-17:00 Blood Bikes
Awareness Day – UHND



09:00-12:30 Induction
Clarian Hotel Bolden

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