

NBB 2022 Trustee Elections

Alan Kinghorn

Currently ICT Officer and standing for re-election. Will be for same position.

My current role is "ICT Officer", have been in post since 2016 and am seeking re-election.

There are many facets to this role, priorities include keeping the IT systems operational, whether by my own intervention or by liaising with those providers of the services we subscribe to, ensuring these systems are as secure as they can be with respect to the personal and confidential data they may hold, and supporting members in the use of these systems.

Another aspect of the role is a legal one, GDPR (the General Data Protection Regulation) which came into effect in 2018, to help ensure NBB work within the regulation, have worked with agencies such as the ICO and have sought legal advice to ensure compliance. This is an ongoing process.

I feel my working experience/qualifications are a good fit for this role, having worked in IT, in various forms, for more than 35 years, as a lecturer, developer and in training/IT Management. Qualified to degree level, hold a 1st class honours degree (BSc) in Applied Computing (2015) and a foundation degree in Digital Forensics.

There are several projects ongoing that I feel will benefit NBB, some are necessary to keep up with the progressing world of IT. Finally, as well as my desire to keep supporting this charity, I'd like to see these projects through to completion

Laura Taylor

Currently Fundraising Officer and standing for re-election. Will be for same position

I have been a volunteer for 7 years and a trustee of the charity for 3 years now and during that course of time I have taught myself a firm understanding of the rules and responsibilities that come with being a charitable trustee. I am proud that as fundraising officer I was able to find my feet quickly in order to have been able to see the charity through the difficult period of covid and this still tentative stage of post covid recovery, with minimal loss to income considering the prolonged period where there were no events allowed to be held. The role of fundraising officer encompasses securing grants, attendance at events, running a complex back office of various fundraising platforms, assisting with the distribution of collecting tins and making and maintaining relationships with businesses and local bike groups to secure donations and support, as well as assisting fundraising volunteers. Whilst I often joke that it is more time consuming and more work than a full time job, it is one I love doing and I have been very proud to serve in this capacity over the last three years, and would hope that I can continue to serve in this capacity.

Michael Redpath

Currently Vice-Chair (Acting Chair) and standing for re-election. Will be for Chair/Vice-Chair position

Having been elected as a Trustee in 2020, I have tried to support all volunteers and members to the best of my ability, showing no favouritism and trying to guide things smoothly. Since the resignations of the Rota Manager and Chair earlier in 2022 I have also covered these roles, to ensure we continue to deliver the excellent service to the NHS. If re-elected I will use my Senior Management experience to deliver a strategy to take the charity onwards and upwards as it deserves to be, and look to bring in some expertise to advise and guide the committee to deliver it.

I am proud to be associated with this fine charity and look forward to contributing significantly over the coming years.

Lee Smith

I wish to submit my name for vacant role of 'Rota Manager' or Vice Chair to be considered at the forthcoming AGM.

Proposer – Chris Mann

Secunder – Andrew Polkinghorn

As required here is a summary of what I think I can bring to the board of trustees;

- I have been an active rider and driver since June 2016 having completed over 200 shifts without incident
- Professionally I own a consultancy company that interacts with large public and private entities from front line staff to CEO level. I am used to dealing with people, conflict, finance and change
- I am employed primarily as a Programme Manager, therefore I am familiar with planning, tracking and ensuring attention to detail
- Part of my professional role I deal with sensitive information and I am required to be security cleared to Developed Vetting (DV) level
- I am passionate about the values and role of NBB. I am father to three children, one of whom is severely disabled and as such, as a family, we have relied upon the NHS a great deal. I am committed to giving back to the NHS, the best way that I can make a quantifiable difference is to support NBB which directly helps the NHS

Rianne Burnett

Proposer – Alan Ross

Secunder – Gary Annan

I would like to apply to be co-opted to the board of trustees with an express interest in taking on the committee office of Rota Manager. I have been with the service for many years now and believe that having experienced both operational (rider & now driver) as well as a controller sides gives me an excellent perspective on overseeing the shift fulfilment with a focus on volunteer well being and continuity of service.

Having listened to riders and drivers for so many years as a controller, and understanding many of their concerns and barriers to shift commitment, I have many new ideas that I would like to bring to the table, with the hopes of reducing the amount of 11th hour shift fulfilment or suspension of service. I understand the responsibilities that trustees have as a whole, and that the Rota Manager role itself can be very demanding however I have the time and ability to dedicate to it. I have hopefully proven over the years that I am willing to plan ahead in order to support operations, as well as giving up time at extremely short notice, often altering my own plans, in order to avoid suspension of service.

Thank you

Alan Johnson

Proposer – Steven Laws

Secunder – Neil Hunter

Interested in taking the role of Fundraising Officer

As a Northumbria Blood Bikes volunteer for over 6 years, I would bring many skills and a wealth of expertise to the role of Fundraising Officer.

During my time as Fleet Manager I helped to build the fleet up into what has been described by other volunteers, as one of the best Blood Bike fleets in the country.

In the role of Fundraising Officer I would like to increase opportunities to fundraise at events. While giving our fundraising volunteers increased transparency and visibility well in advance of any planned events.

In addition I would like to explore other fundraising opportunities via grants and also local businesses. Providing regular updates of areas where we have been successful and also provide feedback on areas that weren't as successful too.

I have 15 years of experience in opening doors and identifying potential opportunities through my job and the challenge of building up our fundraising calendar is something I know I will be successful in. I will achieve this by working closely with other Trustees to develop and grow Northumbria Blood Bikes.