



# NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES



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*Season's Greetings!*

*Welcome to the festive Winter 2022 issue of NBB's Newsletter!*

*And what a year it's been! As we head towards 2023, we reflect back over the brilliantly successful last few months and look ahead to what the New Year has in store!*

*So, get that bobble hat dusted off, get your decorations up, pop the kettle, come on in and have a very, Merry, fabulous festive season!*

*The NBB Team*





# NEWS



## Christmas Card Design Winners 2022

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone that took the time and put a lot of effort into their entries for the 2022 design our Christmas card design competition. Our Northumbria Blood Bikes volunteer selection panel had the difficult task of choosing which two designs were their favourites.

We are sorry to those who didn't have their design chosen but we do hope you enter again next year!



We would like to congratulate this year's winners **Renee**, aged 10, and **Elise**, Graphic Design at Official New College Durham. Both designs are available to send as e-cards as well as a limited stock of packs of cards we have available to buy.

## Motorcycle Live Show

NBB were proud to represent the NABB at the NEC for the Motorcycle Live Show in November – Bill, Andrew and Tom ran the NABB stand and even had a couple of celebrities pop by! Carl Fogarty (4 times World Superbike Champion) and Jenny Tinmouth (BSB Racer and current Female TT lap record holder) stopped for a chat and couldn't resist a photo opportunity on a blood bike.

NABB raised a total of **£1099** and received a huge 240 enquiries to follow up after the event!



**To find out more information about becoming a volunteer with NBB, please visit our website and complete an online Membership Application Form:**  
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## The Great North Run 2022

Thank you to #TeamBloodBikes who collectively raised a fantastic **£13,281.23** in the Great North Run this year. This money goes directly into funding our fleet, which enables our volunteers to support people's healthcare journeys.



Are you ready to go again? On Sunday 10th September 2023, 50,000+ 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 help make a difference to the lives of patients across the North East of England.

Sign up today via: [www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/gnr](http://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/gnr)



# NEWS



## Volunteer of the Year 2022 – Eamonn Toland



Each year we ask our volunteers to nominate their 'Volunteer of the Year' which we award at our annual AGM. This year was an extra special meeting for us as it was also a celebration of 10 years since our charity was first founded.

We are extremely delighted to announce that our 'Outstanding Volunteer' for 2022 was awarded to:

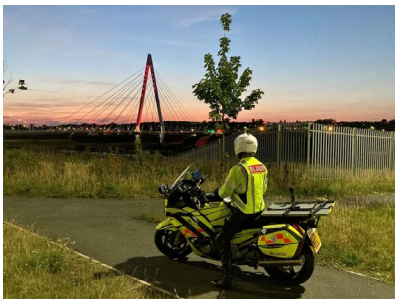
### **Eamonn Toland**

You may well recognise Eamonn as a familiar face at events we have attended and recent videos we have filmed. Eamonn was nominated by several of his fellow volunteers for his supportive, encouraging and professional personality not just with other volunteers but also the fantastic impression he makes on the public at every interaction he has with them.

We are proud to have Eamonn as part of our #BloodBike team. This recognition is very much deserved and a huge congratulations from all of us at Northumbria Blood Bikes!

## Blood Bike Day 2022

Back in August, we joined our Blood Bike family nationwide to celebrate Blood Bike Day. Landmarks across our region were lit up red in support of our charity, helping us to celebrate our awareness day. Landmarks included: Newcastle Civic Centre, the Tyne Bridge, Millennium Bridge Gateshead, Penshaw Monument, Northern Spire, Hylton Castle, Keel Square, High Street West Sunderland and Lighthouse (Cliffe Park).



To donate to Northumbria Blood Bikes, visit:  
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## Stormin' the Castle

Our team attended Stormin' the Castle again this year, raising a total of £588.80. Volunteers Eamonn, Derek, Ian, Tiger and Kirsty all played a part in making the event a successful one. Thank you to everyone who dropped a donation into the buckets and stopped by for a chat. Tickets will go on sale **1<sup>st</sup> March 2023** for next year's event, which will take place between **1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**. We'd love to see you there!



## Brockbushes Update

Our volunteers have been hard at work, raising vital funds at Brockbushes; who selected NBB as their charity of the year back in January. Carol, Jim, Peter, Judith and many other fabulous volunteers have held tombolas, raffles and ran our NBB stand throughout the year. From our events in August, October and November alone we've raised an amazing **£1,661.50!**



If you would like to host a collection box or event, please contact:  
**Funds@northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk**



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## Community Events

We've had so many amazing community events over the past few months; we couldn't miss an opportunity to thank you all for donating – let's see some of the highlights...



### Ushaw Classic Car & Bike Show

Tom, Frank, Neil and Steven attended the show and collected a fantastic...

**£163**

### Wetlands Memorial Meet

Carol, John and Angela went along to the memorial event at Wetlands and we really appreciate the donations received from attendees. We managed to raise...

**£73.40**

### Twisted Sprockets Rally

A huge thank you to our volunteer Ria for championing this event. Also, to Craig for doing a sponsored haircut and donating it to the Princess Trust. Overall, we managed to raise a fabulous...

**£525.81**

### Morrisons West Denton

Volunteers Peter, Carol and Jim went to greet shoppers along with one of the NBB bikes at Morrisons in West Denton, They collected...

**£266.10**



### Amazon

Down at the Amazon depot in Bowburn, NBB volunteers Tom and Stuart raised over £55, with further donations from the day still coming in!

### Asda Peterlee & Gateshead

Our brilliant volunteers Gordon, Anthony, William, Alex and Stuart chatted to shoppers and staff at Asda, and collected a whopping

**£637.90**







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A huge 'THANK YOU!' to all our volunteers too, who always enjoy meeting you all, here are some more brilliant highlights...



- Hurworth Country Fair – Chase Park Dog Show Whickham – Durham Palace Green –
- Uniformed Services Day – Durham Community Fun Day -



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Thank you to all the following businesses and their generous customers for all your donations received into our collection tins and buckets! We've received a great amount over the past few months, we are so grateful!



£63.73

Downey DTY

£28.50

£28.50

The  
CrossKeys



£21.00

£25.50



£5.10



£23.80



£130.90



£11.60



£143.50

TESCO

£53.60

BLACK BULL

As always, a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone continuing to donate to NBB and to our wonderful volunteers who distribute and collect our tins and buckets!





# FUNDRAISING



## Northumberland Lottery Update

NBB are proud to be part of the Northumberland Lottery, set up on the principle of raising money *within* the community *for* the community. Empowering local good causes like us to raise money in a fun and effective way, whilst connecting with our supporters.



A ticket costs just £1 a week. Half of this goes to your chosen good cause (obviously NBB!) and you could win up to £25,000! We have 35 supporters for NBB, and just look how many times they've won over the past few months!

To find out how to play, check out the website: [www.northumberlandlottery.co.uk](http://www.northumberlandlottery.co.uk)

Draw Date	Winners supporting Northumbria Blood Bikes
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Mrs L (Stanley), Mrs T (Prudhoe) & Mr M (Gateshead) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets!
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Miss L (Stanley), Mr M (Gateshead) & Ms A (Hexham) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets!
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Miss L (Stanley), Mr B (South Shields), Mr M (Gateshead) & Ms A (Hexham) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets!
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr T (Darlington), Mr B (Crook) & Mr M (Whitley Bay) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets!
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs H (Cramlington) matched 2 numbers & won 3 extra tickets! Ms G (Alnwick) matched 3 numbers & won <b>£25!</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss L (Stanley) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets!
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Miss T (Stanley) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets!
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Ms R (North Shields) and Mrs G (Hexham) matched 2 numbers and won 3 extra tickets!
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Mr M (Gateshead) matched 3 numbers & won <b>£25!</b>

## Give as you Live

You might already know, but we have a new fundraising platform set up with Give as you Live. You can set up a direct debit for monthly donations and create fundraising pages too!

Through Give as you Live, we've already raised an incredible **£19,515**

**A massive THANK YOU to those adapting to our new platform and sending donations to NBB!**



**Give as you Live®**  
*Donate*





# FUNDRAISING & EVENTS



## Informative Talks - Roundup

We've had another busy couple of months of informative talks, THANK YOU SO MUCH to all our volunteer fundraisers Alan, Stephen, Mike, Peter and Ian for representing NBB and for all the donations received. Let's take a look at some highlights...

<b>Westerhope WI</b> 		<b>Darlington Probus</b> 		<b>Blyth Rotary Club £500</b> 
<b>Jesmond WI</b> <b>£30</b>	<b>Beacon Club Hexham</b> <b>£154.80</b>	<b>Gainford WI</b> <b>£93</b>	<b>Blind Life Durham</b> <b>£30</b>	<b>Frosterley W.I</b> <b>£131</b>
<b>Mowden Townswomen's Guild</b> <b>£126.60</b>	<b>2nd Jubilee Court Residential Unit</b> <b>£171</b>	<b>North Tyneside Mesothelioma Self Help Group</b> <b>£81.54</b>	<b>Goldwing Boarders Group</b> <b>£1000</b>	<b>South Tyneside Retired Unison Members</b> <b>£12.70</b>

We've got lots to look forward to in the New Year, kicking off with...

**14th January Coffee Morning**  
**St Johns Village Hall, Consett**

**15th February Talk**  
**Kingston Sparks WI**

**20th February Talk**  
**St Bartholomew's Monday Club**

**28th February Talk**  
**Durham Advanced Motorcyclists**

**9th March Talk**  
**National Trust Tyneside**

**14th March Talk**  
**Lesbury WI**

If your group or organisation would like us to join you for a 'virtual talk' or host a speaker in person, please contact our talks coordinator to request a speaker via:

**[www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/contact/Request\\_A\\_Speaker](http://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/contact/Request_A_Speaker)**





# RECYCLING



## Ink Cartridge Recycling

Did you know that you can help us raise funds simply by recycling your ink cartridges via our Recycle4Charity programme?

For each ink cartridge recycled via the programme we will receive up to £2 donation.

To send your cartridges or start collecting for us, please visit:

[www.recycle4charity.co.uk/](http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/)



## Recycling for Good Causes



You can now donate your used stamps to raise funds for NBB! All kinds of stamps are welcome, on or off paper. Simply cut or carefully tear your postage stamps from the used envelope. Once you have a few to send to us, pop them in an envelope and send them to:

Northumbria Blood Bikes, PO Box 16992, Sutton Coldfield, B73 9YA  
(\*postage needs to be applied\*)

If you need any further information, you can visit: [info@recyclingforgoodcauses.org](mailto:info@recyclingforgoodcauses.org)



## OUR MEMBERS



# WE NEED YOU!

Northumbria Blood Bikes rely on the voluntary contributions of its members to run and deliver our service. We have various roles you can get involved in, including Volunteer Riders, Volunteer Drivers, Shift Controllers, Fundraisers and Support Roles.

If you would like to become a member, please complete our online Membership Application

[www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/membership\\_form](http://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/membership_form)

We currently have a total of **237** incredible volunteers at NBB which includes...



**98 Riders**



**97 Drivers**



**39 Controllers**



**30 Fundraisers**

*All new members are allocated one of our NBB mentors to guide them through the early stages*





# OUR SPONSORS








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Northumbria Blood Bikes exists entirely on charitable donations. However, demand for the service we provide doesn't stop. We need £5,500 a month to continue to operate. Northumbria Blood Bikes welcomes sponsorship from companies and can include:

- An acknowledgement and Thank You for your contribution on our website, incorporating your logo and a link to your website.
- Photo opportunities with vehicles, handing over the cheque for your corporate publicity and press.
- Incorporating your company name/logo on a bike as appropriate if a bike is funded.

**Your donations are so important to us, they help us with...**

<p><b>Blood Bikes</b></p>  <p>Without our bikes we can't deliver urgently needed blood and medical supplies</p>	<p><b>Hi-Vis Jackets</b></p>  <p>Each of our riders needs a Hi-Vis jacket to ensure they are safe and seen on the roads</p>	<p><b>Defibrillators</b></p>  <p>Our cars are fitted with semi-automatic defibrillators in case they are ever required</p>	<p><b>Vehicle Tyres</b></p>  <p>Due to the miles covered by our vehicles on shift, tyres need replacing more often than tyres on personal vehicles do.</p>
<p><b>Blood Cars</b></p>  <p>Our cars are required for larger item transfers and also when it becomes unsafe to use our bikes due to adverse weather conditions.</p>	<p><b>First Aid Kits</b></p>  <p>A First Aid kit &amp; fire extinguisher are needed for each vehicle in case of emergency</p>	<p><b>Insurance</b></p>  <p>Our bikes cost £800 each year to insure. It's an essential cost to keep us on the road.</p>	<p><b>Fuel</b></p>  <p>It requires £3000 of fuel per month to keep our vehicles on the road, without fuel, we cannot survive.</p>

**Please contact our Fundraising Officer for more information about becoming a NBB sponsor via our website, alternatively you can write to us or call 0191 364 3113**



# JUST FOR FUN



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find the 6 differences between the two photos of one of our bikes by the Tyne, on a serene looking quayside...?



...Find the 6 differences between two photos taken of one of our bikes outside a pub that you may recognise from TV too!...



*Thank you to our volunteers Frank and Drew for sharing these fab photos!*

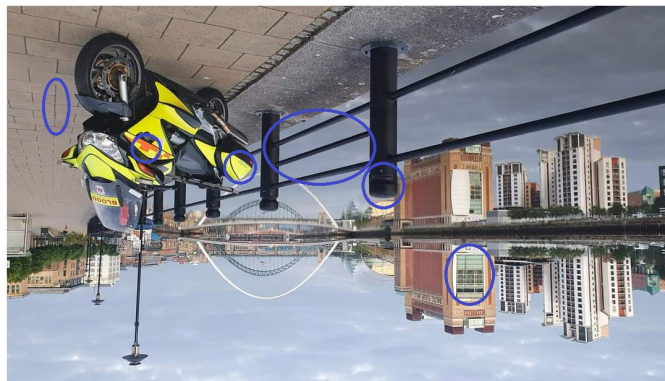




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## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE – ANSWERS!



*Join us in 2023 for another issue of the NBB Newsletter!*