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OUR NEXT RIDE MAY SAVE A LIFE. WILL YOURS?
IN ASSOCIATION WITH **NHS** ENGLAND

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022

To date our Calls: 108,934 & Runs completed: 103,115



The editorial team and the Committee all hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Great New Year with your families and friends.

For those volunteering doing Blood Bike work, we hope you realise what a help you all are, and how vital that work is, not just for the NHS staff, but the patients they care for.

Let's make 2022 even better and stay safe and well.

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Kevin Magee CEO Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (LTHTR)



“It’s fantastic that Lancashire Teaching Hospitals is now in its 10th year of working with North West Blood Bikes.”

“This was an innovative collaboration set-up by my predecessor, which made us the first Trust in the region to join up the voluntary sector with our health delivery team.”

“In doing so, many selfless and inspiring volunteers have been able to transport emergency items to ensure our hospitals are equipped with the supplies they need in a timely manner to allow our staff to provide excellent patient care.”

“This has made such a difference to the lives of our patients and no doubt will continue to help save lives for many more years to come.”

“On behalf of everyone at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, I thank you for your invaluable service, and hope you had a safe and festive Christmas, and I wish you all a very safe and prosperous New Year.”

Ed. Up until this year when he became CEO of LTHTR, Kevin was CEO of both Blackburn and Blackpool Trusts, so he knows us well. **Kevin has also been awarded an OBE in the New Years Honours list.**

St. Aidans Church From Becky Pow

4th December 2021 marked the launch of the Christmas tree festival at St Aidan's Church in Bamber Bridge. They were collecting for us all week.



Such a beautiful church and such a kind gesture, especially at this time of year.

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ASDA: From Sue Park

NWBB Bucket Collection at ASDA in Kendal on Saturday 11th Dec. 2021



Sue Park had arranged the day with Asda who stipulated that we could only have 2 collectors and one liveried bike present from 10am till 4pm.

Colin Kendal had the Russell bike parked prominently outside and Sue had a table inside the store with items for sale and the all important card reader.

Lisa Charles had travelled from Ambleside to help Sue transport everything. Lisa then kept both supplied with coffee and comfort breaks and took over the table while Sue had lunch. Well done Lisa.

Tony Ryan below, soggy and solitary, relieved Colin for a lunch break outside. Thanks Tony.

There was a lot of interest in the bike as usual, particularly as it was 'Russell' and only 3 days before Russell's birthday. His parents Pat and Ken were unable to attend but sent their best wishes with their daughter Sue and made a generous donation on behalf of family.



Numerous old school friends, neighbours and diving friends of Russell introduced themselves and told some amusing memories.

We knew we'd had a good day by the weight of the buckets and the number of people using the card reader. When we counted up there was over £633 in one bucket! (Is this a record?) (Ed. It very well could be) The total for the day was a magnificent £1,027.03.

Every little helps😊

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Local Vocals: From Gareth Lloyd



Like NWBB there are other charities out there with the same aims, and most help one-another. This from “Local Vocals in Lancashire”.

SO PROUD OF THIS 🥰🥰🥰

£1,291 raised for North West Blood Bikes this term and £4,152 in 12 months for Wigan Stars (£550), Derian House (£2,311) and Blood Bikes.

We are THE local choir, supporting local charities and communities through the joy of singing together. If this year has taught us anything, it is that local community is

EVERYTHING. What a team ❤️

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[#supportlocal](#) [#communityiseverything](#)

Another Relay: From John Walker BBR185

I would just like to say a big thanks to everyone involved in the relay of important samples today from Edinburgh Hospital for Children to Bristol Southmead Hospital total of **370 miles** and **7.5hrs** all free of charge to the NHS.



The riders, drivers and controllers of :-
Blood Bikes Scotland Dumfries & Galloway Blood Bikes
[North West Blood Bikes \(Lancs & Lakes\)](#) Shropshire • Staffordshire • Cheshire Blood Bikes
Freewheelers EVS.

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Where else would you be on New Years Day 2022? From: Scott Etheridge

Other than raising funds with our Blood Bike family. We received great support from The CEO of the club, **Ben Mansford** & all of his match day team including **Michael Haigh & Craig Eaves** . Lancashire Constabulary also stopped by to compare horse power. And collected £200.

Ed: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly (you choose 😊)



Graham Addison, Scott Etheridge and Gary Eastham.



Also there collecting, Mrs Etheridge, Mick Steel, Colette Falloon and Tony Wynne.

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Fun Stuff:



Some will appreciate the humor and some won't understand it.



me waiting in line for weigh-in at slimming world realising I've just paid a fiver to be told I'm still fat



"IRRITABLE OWL SYNDROME"

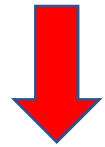


New Traffic Sign

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**From ed & the Team, a Happy New Year
to all our readers**



Please Remember

No journey is so urgent as to put your own life at risk

Your thoughts, your ideas, your stories, your Newsletter:

North West Blood Bikes Lancs & Lakes was built on **thoughts and ideas** and they are still as vital today as they were 9 years ago. Best practice always wins, so if you have any good ideas, speak to your Area manager. Likewise, your stories about Blood Bikes or even personal stories if you are willing to share them. If they are personal, [the Editor](#) will contact you before any publication unlike the National Press people 😊

**We also welcome news/funny stories from our friends in
our NHS Trusts:**

Please email them to editor@nwbb-lancs.org

STAY SAFE AND PROTECT & HELP OTHERS

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