



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017



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Welcome to the May Newsletter of 2017:

Unfortunately I have to start on a very sad note:

Manchester Bombing:

We have all heard of the recent bombing at the Manchester Arena.

This was a callous, inhuman atrocity, by a coward made worse because the targets were children and young innocent people.

It is beyond belief that a human being can kill other human beings indiscriminately and inflict so much pain, death and destruction especially on young children with their whole lives in front of them and I think I speak for all our members in sending our heartfelt condolences to all the families and friends of those killed and those injured. It was such an abhorrent act and I condemn wholeheartedly all those sick-minded people who follow this corrupted & sick religious belief.

I have friends who follow all religions including Muslims and every one I know condemn acts of this nature.

I would also like to praise all the Emergency Services and the people of Manchester who tried or helped any way they could in true British spirit.

R.I.P. young ones, you will not be forgotten.

AGM:

As many of you know the AGM was held on Sunday 14th May 2017 at Deepdale Football Club, and apart from them forgetting we had booked the meeting then and opening the doors at 09:00 as

well as forgetting the microphone, setting out the seats and putting on tea and coffee, it went well ☺

I have yet to hear about a bill for it, but rest assured, all who managed to attend, it will be reduced ☺

The good bits were seeing all 120 members there, not forgetting the on-duty members and those who were either away or working. In the end it turned out well. Thank you all.

We are now in our 6th year and have completed 35,000 call outs on that day, simply amazing.

The attendance was fantastic and it is fully understood why many couldn't attend. The minutes are now in the Members area of the website.

The Committee has generally stayed the same except for Andy Gilroy who stood down as Fleet Manager, but remains a Trustee. Simon Hanson was elected as Fleet Manager.

Some Area Managers gave a presentation and Duncan Oag did a presentation on behalf of the



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Controllers and we have that one in the Members area of the website. Have a look it's a very good presentation.

Here are some photos for those who missed it. ☺



As you know, we have received several awards through the year and all down to you.



There were special awards from us to Tony from Shorrocks, North West Honda at Blackpool and GS Motorcycles at Kendal. Tony was the only one who could make the AGM so similar awards have been sent to the other two, because they have done so much for us over the past year. Next year there will be others.



The Committee now:

Paul Brooks (Chairman); Lee Townsend (Vice Chairman); Haydn Williams (Treasurer) Graham Miller (Secretary), Kevin Sansom (Manager Liaison); Neil McCall (Communication and Controller Liaison); Simon Hanson (Fleet Manager)

Trustees:

Paul Brooks. Haydn Williams. Scott Miller. Graham Jones. Graham Miller. Andy Gilroy.

Reminder:

The minutes can be found in the members area of our website.

Mobile Phones:

The one thing that frustrates me more than anything is seeing idiots driving along with a mobile phone stuck to their ear, especially when a lot of modern cars have Bluetooth.

One of our Riders recently had an incident and saw quite clearly that the driver of a car had a mobile stuck to his ear. They really don't understand the danger they can cause.

With this in mind I contacted a friend who is still a member of the Constabulary with the question:

“Our guys see many drivers with mobiles stuck to their ears, if our riders capture them on head cams/fixed cameras do you think CPS will prosecute? Or am I dreaming? :-)

This is his reply:

Thanks for the email on this topic. Mobiles are a pet hate of mine so I know where you are coming from. We are looking at this. We do still get people emailing things in which we do look at and when needed or able to do so, actually take some action. One of the main issues with this sort of footage is before we even get to whether CPS do or don't prosecute, is that this is not our (the Police's) evidence. As such the person who filmed it has to provide the evidence in statement form and go to court and give that evidence, which tends to put people off. The police would not get involved in this or be there to support them etc., as it is the member of the public pushing

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this. They also need to store the data, (footage of the incident) and produce the original at court and prove it hasn't been tampered with, cut, edited etc. If I were the defendant, I would then ask you to prove what phone I was on, what number, network, etc., to prove I was actually using it and not just holding it in my hand. I know the video evidence may be there but you have to prove it, as you know.

I am not trying to be negative about this but just showing you how it all works, its not just send in some footage and we do the rest, so in all honesty, my advice at the moment would be a no.

Frustrating but a straightforward answer nonetheless. Of course if anything serious happened it would be a whole different ball game ☺

Blood Box Covers:

Thanks to several people, Duncan Oag, Steve Pugh, Neil McCall and Martin Walsh, we now have enough waterproof blood box covers for every rider, courtesy of Springfield works at Preston.

Last year they asked if they could help us with a shopping list and have paid for 400 blood box covers.

On Friday 20th May 2017 several of us went along to the facility and were presented with them.

Thank you to all involved especially the charity arm at Springfield's Chair, Tracey Evans and Alan Beauchamp who put us forward for them, plus all members of the Trust fund committee seen in the photo.



Remember what we do

“SAVES LIVES”

but

***NO JOURNEY IS SO URGENT AS
TO PUT YOUR OWN LIFE AT
RISK***

Paul (Founder, Chairman & Trustee)

If I've missed or forgotten something, forgive me, (but let me know, I can always do another supplement) also, if you want something including in the next newsletter? Feel free to Email your copy (text and images PLEASE) directly to me, chairman@nwbb-lancs.org

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