

Supplement Newsletter



Chairman's bit:

Hi All

After sending out the November Newsletter a few things happened and rather than send it all in an email, I thought this was the more appropriate way of doing it.

This seems to keep happening ☺

20 Years of the National Lottery

Think how much money you've spent on buying lottery tickets over the past 20 years and how little return you've got from it. ☹ On a brighter side though, they've given our charity £20,000 over 2 years, so I don't suppose we can grumble too much, but just remember how much of your money has actually paid towards that ☺

Anyway, a few months ago, Graham Jones, myself and my wife Denise, were invited to go to a studio in London to have our picture taken on a blood bike, so Graham and I road down there on our bikes and Denise went on the train. Graham & I didn't hang about but Denise beat us both ways.

What the Lottery people did was select 100 charities they have helped over the years and create a massive 20 metre poster, with a photo of someone from each charity on it.

This is the result, see if you can find us, there are two, but you might have to zoom in (a lot):



Yet another milestone

Last night, Thursday 20th November 2014, we reached 9,000 completed call-outs, 31 months after starting. A phenomenal figure, and all down to you the members.

The Controller was Christine Baines and the rider Tim Hunt from the East Area. (Photo of Tim's collection below)



It's easy to pick out names for a specific run, but without Controllers and Riders there for any one run we would never achieve what we've ALL achieved, so well done to everyone.

Every time we have a meeting with the Hospitals they heap praise on us and as a result of last Fridays Major Incident at RPH, several hospitals are now putting us forward to help out in any other Major Incident, simply because we've proved we can help.

I have even written to the Chief Constable of Lancashire regarding the RPH incident and praised the Constable who thought to suggest asking our help.

Funding & Costs

As you know we rely on donations, contributions and money in tins to keep us going.

As our Treasurer Haydn, said in the Committee meeting minutes, our Bank balance is reasonably healthy, but then along comes a bill for a repair, or for general maintenance and as most of you know, bikes are not cheap to maintain, so if you have any ideas for raising money, please let us know.

And on that note:

We have just received a cheque for £750 with a promissory note for a further £300 from the Matthew Ryder Clinic in Upholland, near Skelmersdale following a Charity night in September. Sponsors included, JK Confectionary, Cotopaxi, Aspro Security, Proctor & Gamble, Wigan Warriors, Wigan Athletic and The Delph Tavern.

There was also a special Thank You to Graham Lovette, the Ryan Irish Band and Liam Brown the DJ for donating their time with no charge.

Fantastic, and it just goes to show "we are not alone" out there. There are hundreds of people supporting us.

Take care and remember, **"NO JOURNEY IS SO URGENT TO PUT YOUR OWN LIFE AT RISK"**.

Paul Chairman & Trustee.

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