Charity registration number: 1140165

Cornwall Blood Bikes

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Claire Jayne Penlerick

Trustees

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The organisation is established for the following objects primarily but not exclusively in Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.
1) To relieve sickness and protect health by the provision of transport of urgently needed blood, drugs, human tissues and other medical requirements between hospitals, clinics, laboratories, doctors, or other such places as the trustees deem fit.
2) To advance the public's education in issues relating to motorcycle safety.

The purpose of Cornwall Blood Bikes is to provide an out of hours delivery service to transport items of a medical nature to locations in the operational area as defined from time to time by the Executive Committee.

In addition, the charity aims to encourage safe riding practices both within and without the Charity and to promote a positive image of motorcycling to the general public.

Public benefit

In planning and carrying out our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustee and Executive meetings.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

Cornwall Blood Bikes continue to provide a free delivery service by mutual agreement during Cornwall Blood Bike's normal operating hours to our NHS partners. The purpose of the service will be to transport human blood and pathology samples, any 'Point of Care Testing' (POCT) such as pathology samples, swabs, medication, equipment, medical records, breast milk and consumables and any other agreed medical items between CAAT sites and any other agreed sites within Cornwall and beyond the county by formal service level agreements (such as to Royal Cornwall Hospital, to Derriford Hospital, to Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust and Cornwall Hospice Care sites).

This assists in patient treatment and saves the NHS money that would otherwise be spent on private couriers. Since 2020 and the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic we have seen many challenges for the Charity as our service grew and we took on new projects, but the challenges have certainly carried over into our future years as the demand and need for our service has grown continually over those four years and will continue to grow into the future.

Cornwall Blood Bikes carried out 7,887 operational jobs and covered 244,868 operational miles in 2025.

There is now a large increase in our statistics year on year, therefore with a continual increase in jobs and miles ridden our committee and trustees are always seeking to ensure that we can meet those challenges and have the appropriate resources needed to maintain our purely volunteer run service.

Our fleet of BMW motorbikes has had to increase to help with that significant workload and to share the mileage more evenly, with more motorbikes added to the fleet, our fleet expenditure for maintenance and running costs of the fleet adjust accordingly.

2025 was a very special year for the charity as we celebrated a decade of service to the people of Cornwall and The Isles of Scilly on the 6th April 2025. This was a very special day attended by our volunteers who received recognition, our NHS and associated partners representatives, alongside so many local organisations and businesses.

It was a time to reflect on the impact we had made and the lives we had touched over that time and say thank you to everyone for being there with us.

We had the outstanding donation from The Mark Benevolent Fund of The Mark Master Masons of £17,000, an amount to purchase a brand-new BMW 1250-RT and everything to ensure it was an operational blood bike. This was presented on our anniversary day by the brethren from The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall Mark Master Masons and bears a very special name in memory of our past Vice Chair Ian Prout who sadly passed away suddenly in April 2024, he remains riding with us and BMW 7 "In Memory of Ian Prout".

This Blood Bike has not only been named in Ian's memory but represents everything Ian stood for; friendship, support, compassion, always being there for people, ready to lend a helping hand but all quietly.

This day also saw the purchase of a second brand new BMW RT-P from the charity itself; this bike was our anniversary bike to celebrate the wonderful communities that fundraise on our behalf to keep us on the road. It was aptly named "Kernow bys Vyken" as our promise to the people of Cornwall to ensure we continue our much-needed service.

Our fundraising events throughout Cornwall have returned to full capacity and despite huge financial constraints on the public, we are eternally grateful for the public's generosity and continue to be astounded by their fundraising efforts to help maintain our fleet on the road and operational service to the people of Cornwall.

On the 1st December 2020 we saw the launch of the 'Blood on Board' project working in partnership with Cornwall Air Ambulance and the Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust. On the 1st December 2025 we also celebrated 5 years into this vital partnership, and it is still proving to be an immense success where over 90 blood transfusions have been administered at the site of trauma over those years.

The data we monitor regarding miles travelled, jobs completed over this period gives a robust picture of the scale, growth, and reliability of the Blood on Board service, clearly demonstrating the consistent, year-round nature of the Blood on Board operational effort delivered by Cornwall Blood Bikes. This will hopefully help both charity organisations support both internal planning and external recognition of the service's value.

All the volunteers at Cornwall Blood Bikes are immensely proud to be supplying Blood on Board to Cornwall Air Ambulance and to be part of this project which will assist with better patient outcomes for the people of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Despite the demands and needs growing of our volunteer run service Cornwall Blood Bikes have continued to provide an outstanding professional and dedicated service to our NHS Partners riding in all winds and weathers, day and night.

The public of Cornwall has been beside us for every mile of our journey.

Cornwall Blood Bikes is run entirely by volunteers for the benefit of anyone who needs us. The riders give their time freely, as do our coordinators, trustees, and committee members. Apart from two shipping containers used for storage we have no premises, nor do we have paid staff or fundraisers. All the money raised goes into providing the service and keeping our fleet on the road.

Without the selfless dedication of these volunteers who really do go the extra mile for the benefit of others, and the outstanding humbling support from the people of Cornwall, we would not be as successful as we are.

It is the support of all our volunteers and the community at large that make that difference and we continue to say thank you!

Financial review

Total income for 2025 amounted to £221,661 (£176,510 - 2024), an increase in £45,151. The total expenditure for 2025 was £180,797 (£143,479 - 2024) an increase of £37,318 which relates to the continued increase in fleet activity. Overall, the charity has a surplus of £40,864 (£33,031 - 2024) for the year ending 31 December 2025.

The total funds held by the charity at year end were £317,018 of which restricted capital funds totalled £19,750.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be at least its total annual running costs. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding.

Total reserves excluding fixed assets were £252,872 at the year-end.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Cornwall Blood Bikes is a member of the National Association of Blood Bikes, an organisation set up to ensure that standards across groups are maintained. The charity is governed by its constitution, as amended on 23 January 2019 and 27 January 2021.

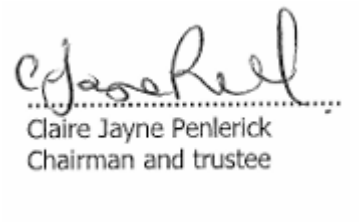
Recruitment and appointment of trustees

When recruiting for new Trustees, the Board review skills and expertise and identify any gaps which may need to be filled by new Trustees and advertise accordingly.

Induction and training of trustees

Prospective trustees are required to read and comply with all requirements laid down by the Charity Commission including understanding the Essential Requirements of Trustees, our constitution and business plans.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 14th September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Claire Jayne Penlerick
Chairman and trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Cornwall Blood Bikes

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cornwall Blood Bikes for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Cornwall Blood Bikes you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Cornwall Blood Bikes's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I draw to your attention that the firm at which I am partner provides bookkeeping services to the charity. We have complied with the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard in this regard.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Cornwall Blood Bikes as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Neil Hallam FCCA

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Date: 23rd September 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	201,229	17,015	218,244	174,979
Investment income	3	3,417	-	3,417	1,531
Total income		204,646	17,015	221,661	176,510
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	(10,409)	-	(10,409)	(2,297)
Charitable activities	5	(162,123)	(8,265)	(170,388)	(141,182)
Total expenditure		(172,532)	(8,265)	(180,797)	(143,479)
Net movement in funds		32,114	8,750	40,864	33,031
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		265,154	11,000	276,154	243,123
Total funds carried forward	17	297,268	19,750	317,018	276,154

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		168,979	6,000	174,979
Investment income	3	1,531	-	1,531
Total income		170,510	6,000	176,510
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(2,297)	-	(2,297)
Charitable activities		(138,682)	(2,500)	(141,182)
Total expenditure		(140,979)	(2,500)	(143,479)
Net income		29,531	3,500	33,031
Net movement in funds		29,531	3,500	33,031
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		235,623	7,500	243,123
Total funds carried forward	17	265,154	11,000	276,154

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	64,146	56,695
Current assets			
Debtors	12	17,038	16,709
Cash at bank and in hand	13	252,642	211,015
		269,680	227,724
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(16,808)	(8,265)
Net current assets		252,872	219,459
Net assets		317,018	276,154
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		19,750	11,000
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		297,268	265,154
Total funds	17	317,018	276,154

The financial statements on pages 8 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 14th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Claire Jayne Penlerick
Chairman and trustee

Sylvia Cookman
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Cornwall Blood Bikes meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including the costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Motor Vehicles	25% per annum straight line basis
Office equipment	33% per annum straight line basis

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations - including Street & Supermarket collections	201,229	17,015	218,244	174,979
	201,229	17,015	218,244	174,979

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	3,417	3,417	1,531

4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Marketing and publicity	1,628	1,628	-
Other direct costs of generating voluntary income	4,400	4,400	-
Allocated support costs	4,381	4,381	2,297
	10,409	10,409	2,297

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Vehicle Related Equipment	20,065	-	20,065	6,898
Repairs and maintenance	425	-	425	690
IT & Communications	560	-	560	559
Printing, postage and stationery	6,917	-	6,917	3,178
Sundry expenses	5,433	-	5,433	903
Motor expenses	101,785	-	101,785	102,027
Cleaning and consumables	119	-	119	-
(Profit)/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	(4,903)	-	(4,903)	(2,650)
Insurance	850	-	850	1,077
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	24,741	8,265	33,006	23,498
Governance costs	6,131	-	6,131	5,002
	162,123	8,265	170,388	141,182

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	1,540	1,540	1,465
Other fees paid to examiners	2,780	2,780	2,765
Legal fees	1,044	1,044	-
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	767	767	772
	6,131	6,131	5,002

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	33,773	24,270

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year or prior year.

Trustees were reimbursed mileage costs during the year totalling £979 (2024: £ 946).

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year or prior year.

9 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,540	1,465
Other fees to examiners		
All other services	2,780	2,765

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	4,110	183,064	187,174
Additions	-	41,224	41,224
Disposals	-	(3,192)	(3,192)
At 31 December 2025	4,110	221,096	225,206
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	2,717	127,762	130,479
Charge for the year	767	33,006	33,773
Eliminated on disposals	-	(3,192)	(3,192)
At 31 December 2025	3,484	157,576	161,060
Net book value			
At 31 December 2025	626	63,520	64,146
At 31 December 2024	1,393	55,302	56,695

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	6,128	5,149
Other debtors	10,910	11,560
	17,038	16,709

13 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	252,642	211,015

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	13,230	4,370
Accruals	3,578	3,895
	16,808	8,265

15 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

16 Controlling entity

The trustees of the Charity have day to day control over activities.

However, they are subject to the decisions taken by members at general meetings. There are currently 80 volunteer members.

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	265,154	204,646	(172,532)	297,268
Restricted funds	11,000	17,015	(8,265)	19,750
Total funds	276,154	221,661	(180,797)	317,018

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	235,623	170,510	(140,979)	265,154
Restricted funds	7,500	6,000	(2,500)	11,000
Total funds	243,123	176,510	(143,479)	276,154

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The restricted fund relates to donations received towards the purchase of fleet bikes. The fund will reduce each year in line with the depreciation policy.

18 Members' liability

The organisation is an unincorporated association and as such its members can be held liable for any of the association's obligations and debts on closure. A liability insurance has been taken out to cover its members.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	44,396	19,750	64,146
Current assets	269,680	-	269,680
Current liabilities	(16,808)	-	(16,808)
Total net assets	297,268	19,750	317,018

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	45,695	11,000	56,695
Current assets	227,724	-	227,724
Current liabilities	(8,265)	-	(8,265)
Total net assets	265,154	11,000	276,154