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Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Number	:	1145547
Principal Address	:	Orchard Gate Emery Down Lyndhurst SO43 7EA
Independent Examiners	:	Fuller Spurling Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Mill House 58 Guildford Street Chertsey Surrey KT16 9BE

Trustees

The Trustees serving during the period and since the period end were as follows:

H Tomlinson
R O'Neill
R Docker

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document
The charity is constituted as a Trust and its governing document is its Trust Deed dated 6th January 2011.

Appointment of Trustees
Trustees are selected and invited to join the Board of Trustees by existing Trustees and the appointment of Trustees is vested with the Trustees.

Objectives and Main Activities in Relation to the Objectives and the Public Benefit
The objectives of the charity are:
TO PROMOTE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF DISA-BLED PEOPLE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXCLUDED BY ENABLING THEM TO ENJOY THE PLEASURES AND BENEFITS OF RIDING A MOTORCYCLE BY THE PROVISION OF ADAPTED AND MODIFIED MOTORCYCLES AND ADVICE IN A CLOSED ROAD ENVIRONMENT.
Core values of the charity are:

FREEDOM – Giving back the feelings of independence through riding a motorcycle, thereby empowering individuals with the right of choice and equality, so that they can experience the passion and emotions that riding brings.

ACHIEVEMENT – Showing people that you can achieve great things when you believe you can, that you have a huge resource of power, courage and bravery inside you, to make the impossible into the possible and improve self-confidence.

EVOLUTION - Bringing together able-bodied and disabled people so that the established boundaries are broken down and myths of disability are deconstructed on both sides, al-lowing everyone to ride together, side by side.

All activities are provided without cost to the individual wishing to participate in The Bike Experience program of instruction.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the Charity's aim and objectives in planning future activity.

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In 2025 The Bike Experience has been busy preparing bikes, instructing riders and demonstrating to crowds. The initial stage was the preparation of bikes and equipment, as well as finding a suitable venue that was also affordable. After many discussions it was decided to accept the offer from Silverstone to run the instructional events at the Old Copse Runway.

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Public Liability Insurance continues to eat into the funds raised, with PLI being £7,200 for the year, which was an increase from the previous year (£5,700). Over the years the charity has been in operation there has never been an accident involving any member of the public observing or taking part in the charity. However, we are required to have PLI and so it continues to have a significant impact on funds.

The bikes were serviced, repaired and prepared for the coming season. The leathers and riding equipment were all checked and the large trailer also serviced. A very good condition second-hand Honda NC750X was provided by 4th Dimension.

In order to support the riders, we need a team of twelve volunteers. There are four regular instructors, and eight 'launch crew'. As a charity we have a diverse group of volunteers, for example on any one day we can have volunteers who are/have: paraplegic, amputee, stroke survivor, female stunt rider, autism, transgender, PTSD and ADHD. This diverse group ensures we have empathy and understanding for many of our clients.

MAY

Silverstone May 7th (Day 1 of 1)

Unusually, it was just a single day event to begin our 2025 instructing season. All the volunteers arrived early, full of enthusiasm, to get the site ready for the riders that would be turning up at 9.30am. The regular members of the team being up early doing last-minute checks on bikes, safety gear and track condition, whilst newer members were getting briefed on the way the day would be organised. After the arrival of all the riders, the briefing got under way with its standard safety instructions mixed in with some humour and advice from instructors: Dan, Hayley, Andy and Paul.
The whole team of volunteers looked resplendent in TBE branded clothing, enabling clients to identify TBE staff for advice. The day started at 10 sharp with the Varadero (a Honda 125) riders doing end-to-end runs whilst being observed for balance, clutch and throttle control, before moving on to figure of eight runs as a final task. All the clients, whether new or old, passed with flying colours.

The client composed of a variety of experience and development; one 'TBE returnee' had his new race bike, there were two lady amputees, and a right arm amputee riding our converted "left hand throttle bike".

Launching on the bigger bikes is another bridge for our clients to cross. Again all were successful and they went on to do many laps of the full coned track, returning to the pits with a massive smile and a renewed buzz for life.

JULY

Silverstone 21st July (Day 1 of 2)

A return to this awesome venue of British motorsport saw the sunshine on day one, with six clients with varied disabilities eager to get back on a bike post acquired injury.

A confidential assessment of each is carried out by our chief instructor before a visit to the changing room for leather suits, helmet, boots and gloves. As 10 am approaches the team a clients gather in the shade of the gazebo for the briefing.

A bit of humour and banter moves into the more serious nature of the briefing. TBE has a 100% safety record on these client days mainly due to the amount of motorcycle experience and due diligence from both the team's experienced instructors and the group of regular volunteers.

A good morning was had and all clients coping well with the comprehensive training session. A short break for lunch and we are into the full track on the automatic bikes, with gusto being applied to the throttle with some of our more talented riders. A break for water and a little chat was needed to get some of the more confident riders to understand the aims of the day being 'an experience' rather than setting a record lap time. The day moved on without a hitch thanks to the team of volunteers. Lots of friends were made, swapping emails and contact details, plus the obligatory team photo of clients, volunteers and Silverstone safety crew.

Silverstone 22 July (Day 2 of 2)

After a generous donation from the Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights the charity was able to purchase a low milage Aprilia 850 Mana Automatic for our clients' use. After a small celebration following the unveiling of the bike, with a hearty cheer for the Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights, the instructing got under way.

The weather today is in complete contrast to the last day, but we are not deterred, and neither are our clients by a grey sky and threat of rain. After introductions and a safety brief we get under way using the mains straight to launch and catch using a team at each end to form a human garage.
This combined with clutch and throttle instruction, gives everyone a confident boost for the day ahead. The clients are assessed whilst riding circles and figure 8 for balance and control. 6 clients - 6 passes - 6 happy riders.

There was a small shower at lunchtime, but it did not deter anyone as the track soon dries up with use, and the riders are only riding slowly to regain self-confidence and self-belief.
Each session begins with following an instructor for 2 laps before being waved past and observed by tbe team members at different points around the track. Once the instructors are happy with the level of riding, they allow 2 bikes on the circuit, albeit 1/2 a lap apart, doing five laps and in before building up to ten lap stints. The clients are given lots of encouraging applause and cheering from fellow riders and TBE volunteers. They both look and feel just the same as an able-bodied motorcyclist.
At the end of the day there is customary team photos with clients, volunteers, Silverstone safety team, all are tired but with happy hearts and big smiles.

AUGUST

Silverstone - 12 August (Day 1 of 2)

Once again Silverstone circuit in Northamptonshire welcomes us with brilliant sunshine and a gentle breeze to keep us cool. Six clients today, a mix of amputee and MS, plus a lady who has never ridden before (not even a pedal cycle) and as she is a high-level paraplegic injury there is an increased level of difficulty, but she is determined.

The morning briefing starts with a few lighthearted remarks from Paul, one of 4 instructors on duty today, swiftly moving on to the more serious side of the briefing which details the layout for the whole day, reassuring everyone which results in a group eager to get on a motorcycle.

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The Honda 125 with side skids is used for initial trials, riders being taught clutch, throttle and brake control before being launched by a team of three into straight runs of 200 m into a human garage of Hardy volunteers. Several passes are made until we feel comfortable getting the rider doing manoeuvres such as circles and figure of eight, being observed and advised by a TBE instructor.
After a morning with a few difficult periods, everyone meets the criteria to move on to the full track some 1000m long.

The afternoon progresses with riders following a TBE instructor at a modest speed, picking out the correct lines, once we are happy the rider is waved past, monitored from behind for a few laps before moving on solo. A great afternoon sees all complete numerous laps with real improvements. Just a mention of the lady that had never ridden anything (apart from horses, we later found out) preferred to stay on the Honda 125 rather than opt for our 750 Honda automatic donated by 4th Dimension. Another fab day for all with the obligatory team photo of riders and volunteers.

Silverstone - 13 Aug 2025 (Day 2 of 2)

The TBE double header is met with extreme temperatures exceeding 29 Celsius, nevertheless the day continues. With volunteers from Lincolnshire, Somerset, Berkshire and South London, all unpaid for their time and transport are on duty early.

The track layout remains as yesterday some 1000m long, consisting of two long straights, a couple of smaller straights linked by corners of a varied nature, including a hairpin turn.
As usual a full and comprehensive briefing is given on the adapted motorcycles and order of the day whilst adding the need for all to take on plenty of water and make use of our huge gazebo when not on track.

Another six clients sign on and grab coffee and biscuits before climbing into full leathers.
Getting under way with the Honda 125 with side skids, doing end to end runs of some 200m learning balance, clutch and throttle control, and a catch team ready and waiting at each end of the run. The bike is fitted with a grab bar on the front fairing enabling our stronger volunteers to catch and steady the bike as it comes in followed on either side-by-side supporting volunteers, this gives riders a real confidence boost.

Various client injury levels proves to be a testing day for all. Safely completed the morning tuition of straight-line work, cornering, balance and clutch and brake control.

The afternoon sees riders get a full intro to each bike, Honda 750 automatic, Aprilia Mana automatic and another Aprilia Mana with a left side throttle for our right arm amputee client, before getting on the full track following an instructor for two laps before being waved past if they meet the desired standard. Once we are happy with progress the bikes are individually allowed on the track whilst being monitored. Lots of laps - Lots of smiles

Just a word on a couple of riders, our right arm amputee showing immense strength riding the bigger Aprilia, and one of our returning riders getting a bit over excited on the Honda 750 requiring a quiet and discreet word in his ear! (anonymous). Long, hot day for all, but lots of smiles, and for the last time this year, the team photo of clients(riders), volunteers, Silverstone Marshals, instructors, proud parents, friends and significant others. Thank you all.

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VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers did a fantastic job supporting and instructing the riders, without them the days would not have happened. This charity managed to get four regular instructor volunteers to attend every instructional event, with a further four attending each event as launch crew. This meant the level of attention to detail and competence of volunteers remained extremely high. All four instructors are committed to 2025 events.

DEMONSTRATION EVENTS

TBE was present at the Brit Motor Show this year. A three-day event with a static stand which educated a lot of people about the charity. Other events from last year had proved to be costing the charity more money than it raised, and with severe restrictions on the charity funds this year a decision was made to cut back to local events only.

2025 NUMBERS

Due to reduced numbers of events, there was a planned maximum of 30 places available over the five events. Of those, 25 places were taken up as there were five who failed to show up or cancelled at the very last moment. This will be addressed in 2026, and a list of reserves for the day will be established.

Riders' impairments included - Paraplegia, Leg Amputee, Arm Amputee, Brachial Plexus, Stroke, MS, CP, Spina Bifida, PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury.
Instructor and Volunteer - 30 different volunteers came to the instructional events in support of riders (Fully diverse group as previously mentioned)
Family and Friends - 47 attended with the riders

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TBE in Numbers

TBE Stats 2014
Total 39 different riders. (58 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2015
Total 54 different riders (88 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2016
Total 50 different riders (77 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2017
Total 35 different riders (55 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2018
Total 37 different riders (60 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2019
Total 45 different riders (72 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2020
Total 0 different riders (0 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2021
Total 0 different riders (0 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2022
Total 0 different riders (0 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2023
Total 24 different riders (32 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2024
Total 25 Different Riders (36 places due to repeats)

TBE Stats 2025
Total 20 Different Riders (25 places due to repeats)

Total number of different clients of TBE since 2011 = 470

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TBE Motorcycles

1x Honda Varadero 125cc (learner bike)
2x Aprilia Mana 850cc
1x Honda NC750X

TBE Equipment

1x Land Rover Discovery
1x Box Trailer, braked (14x6)
3x Rear Paddock Stands
12x. Held Protection rider equipment (Boots, Gloves, Two-piece leathers)

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

In view of the limited income of the Trust, the Trustees keep reviewing the policy regarding the appropriate income reserves to meet the needs of the Charity. In the current circumstances of limited income flow, the Trustees approve available cash should be utilized to support its charitable aims and that cash reserves should be maintained at a minimal level to meet immediate foreseeable expenses. If income flow increases, then the reserve policy with be reviewed.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

T S Skeels-Piggins
Founder of The Bike Experience

Date 20/9/26

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIKE EXPERIENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

I report on the Accounts of The Bike Experience for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 the Trust 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 applicable 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

James Clark

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Date 12/10/2026

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS				
Grants	5,000	-	5,000	26,970
Voluntary income				
- Donations and legacies	21,806	-	21,806	17,118
COO	620	-	620	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**27,426**		**27,426**	**44,088**
PAYMENTS				
Charitable Activities (see note 1)	34,712	-	34,712	38,570
Governance Costs (see note 2)	1,097	-	1,097	1,066
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**35,809**	**-**	**35,809**	**39,636**
NET RECEIPTS /(PAYMENT) IN THE YEAR	**(8,383)**		**(8,383)**	**4,452**

Notes

1. The notes on page 10 form part of this statement.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Bikes & Other Equipment At Cost or donated value	**31,828**	**6,179**	**38,007**	**36,007**
CASH FUNDS				
Cash at Bank	**8,648**	**75**	**8,723**	**12,106**
LIABILITIES				
Loans	**4,850**	**-**	**4,850**	**4,850**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21/Sep/2026 and signed on its behalf by

..... R O'Neill, Trustee

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Notes to the Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
1. Charitable Activities Payments				
Bike instructor costs	7,737	-	7,737	7,386
Bike repairs and maintenance	1,440	-	1,440	950
Fuel and other costs	1,804	-	1,804	2,032
Event promotions, advertising, and PR	5,734	-	5,734	11,705
Insurance	8,028	-	8,028	7,669
Workshop Rent and Rates	8,735	-	8,735	8,524
Web hosting fees	1,234	-	1,234	303
	34,712	-	34,712	38,570
2. Governance costs				
Accountancy fees	756	-	756	720
Bank charges	101	-	101	130
"Just Giving" Administrative Fees	240	-	240	216
	1,097	-	1,097	1,066

3. Restricted Funds

Restricted funds of £2,754 relate to the "New Rider Project". A smaller engine capacity motorbike was purchased in May 2014 for £2,000 and a donation of £2,000 was received in July 2014. In November 2014 the motorbike was converted for disabled peoples use at a cost of £960, this was paid for via the restricted fund brought forward with the balancing amount of £206 being taken from the unrestricted fund. The total value of £2,960 is included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities under Bikes and Other Equipment.

Restricted funds of £3,500 relate to a new Aprilia Mana motorbike purchased in August 2024. This was purchased for £3,425 after receiving a donation of £3,500 in July 2024. The total value of £3,425 is included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities under Bikes and Other Equipment with the remaining balance of £75 shown in the cash funds.

The total value of restricted cash of £6,179 spent on bikes is shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as restricted assets.