Annual Report & Accounts

2025/26



Registered Charity Number: 1201700

Chair's Report

This is my second report as Chair of our charity. The year 2025-26 was marked by the devasting loss of two highly valued volunteers in separate no-fault road traffic collisions whilst on duty as blood bike riders:

Tim Minett was involved in a collision on the July 2nd 2025 and died at the scene;

Andrew Rogers was involved in a collision on the December 29th 2025 and died from his injuries in hospital on January 1st 2026.

Please take a moment to remember Tim and Andrew who both died volunteering for a cause they firmly believed in, freely giving their time in the pursuit of helping others.

Our heartfelt condolences go to their many family members and friends whose lives have been irrevocably changed through their sudden loss.

I am humbled to head up a charity where we have so many dedicated volunteers, working so hard to allow us to continue delivering for our NHS and really making a difference to people's lives. Along with the vital running of the service, it is amazing to see the variety of fund-raising events and activities our volunteers organise and take part in to raise the funds to keep our wheels turning. We must also mention the many volunteers who undertake roles within our areas, often in the background; without their efforts, we would not be able to function.

My fellow Trustees and I are continuing to modernise the charity to better prepare us for the future. We have been rewriting our policies and making them available to all. We are now DBS-compliant, which gives greater confidence not only to us but also our partners. In addition, we have appointed several new managers to roles that will help us grow the charity.

Over the next 12 months we aim to update the rest of our policies and make them all available as well as introducing a volunteer's pledge and starting to develop an improved controller interface. Many of you have been getting involved, sharing your views and ideas and I would ask you all to continue to do so and to share anything you feel might help improve our charity. Please do not wait to be asked, but step forward if you have skills that can help us on our journey.

I have heard some moving stories about our achievements and the outcomes of our work. What you do really makes a difference. Please continue to share and spread the word of what we do, there are still many people who don't understand we are all volunteers and that we provide a free service to the NHS.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you that have given to our charity in some way over the last year. I ask you all to be kind to each other and in your dealings with the public. I look forward to the next 12 months and all of the exciting opportunities we will have.

Take Care,

Neil Prescott
Chair

" Please keep up the good work and ride safely."

(Anonymous donor)

Vice-Chair's Report

The Gift of Time

Once again, it is time to write my contribution for our Annual Report, and it seems like only yesterday that I completed my report for 2024-2025.

Time - it's the one thing we all have in equal measure, yet the one thing we can never replace. Time can feel like a stealer of freedom. It creeps up on you and, before you know it, it has gone. As a volunteer for Blood Bikes Wales, you will know how precious your time is, and how often you have to make decisions about the best use of it.

Blood Bikes Wales is an all-volunteer charity that operates 365 days of the year (weather permitting) on an agreed shift pattern. A typical day with Blood Bikes Wales requires 14 hours of Controller time, a minimum of 125 hours of Rider time across all areas - often exceeding this when urgent relays with other groups are required - and 15½ hours of Duty Trustee time, along with undefinable hours given by our backroom staff. These include bike maintenance, administrative duties, telephone answering, and many other essential tasks. That equates to more than 56,000 hours - or over 3 million minutes - of volunteer time each year, and that figure does not include the countless additional hours given behind the scenes.

As a charity, Blood Bikes Wales could not exist without the gift of time from our volunteers:

It takes time to check over a bike before signing on for duty.

It takes time to check and record which riders will be reporting for duty on any given day before the Controller shift starts.

It takes time to travel to presentation talks and PR events.

It takes time taking down gazebos and other activities at our many events.

And, even more time is needed for attending committee and area meetings, recording minutes, and planning events and operations.

Hours roll into days, days into weeks, weeks into months, and months into years. All the needs of the charity come down to one basic fact - without our wonderful volunteers giving up their time to help, we would not exist. We are fortunate to have a hard core of dedicated volunteers and a membership of time-giving supporters who have continued to support us over the last year.

For some, it has been exceedingly hard to give just a few minutes, while others have given hours and hours with relative ease. Whose time was more valuable - the few minutes or the hundreds of hours. It's an unanswerable question.

If you were unable to give this precious commodity this past year, perhaps it was because other commitments got in the way - something that happens to all of us from time to time. We hope that, if circumstances allow, you might be able to find even a few minutes to contribute in the coming year.

On behalf of the Trustees of Blood Bikes Wales, I would sincerely like to thank every single volunteer for the millions of minutes of your time that you have willingly and unfailingly given to the charity.

Take a minute to pat yourself on the back. Every minute truly does make a difference.

Lesley Isaacs-Penny
Vice-Chair

“Thanks BBW for everything you do. I work in Biochemistry in Ysbyty Gwynedd and you’ve helped us out so many times when we’ve been let down by regular couriers or when we have urgent samples to Liverpool or Cardiff, as well as the more regular local runs you do every day. We are incredibly lucky to have you xx”

(Anonymous donor)





“Fantastic work.”

(Anonymous donor)

“Forever grateful.”

(Anonymous donor)

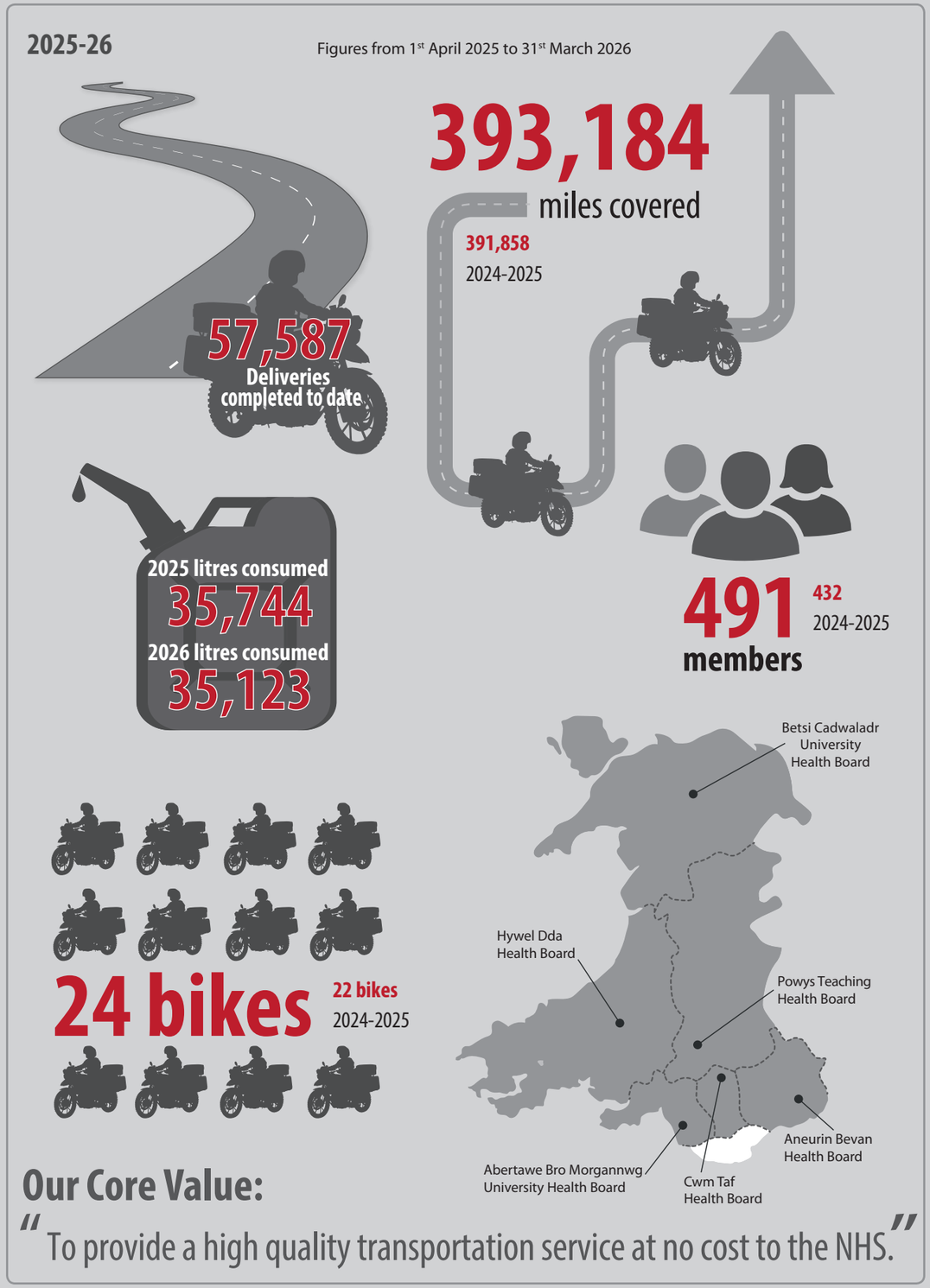




“Saw you in Betws y Coed today. Our girl loved trying the motorbikes out. Thank you for all you do.”

(Anonymous donor)

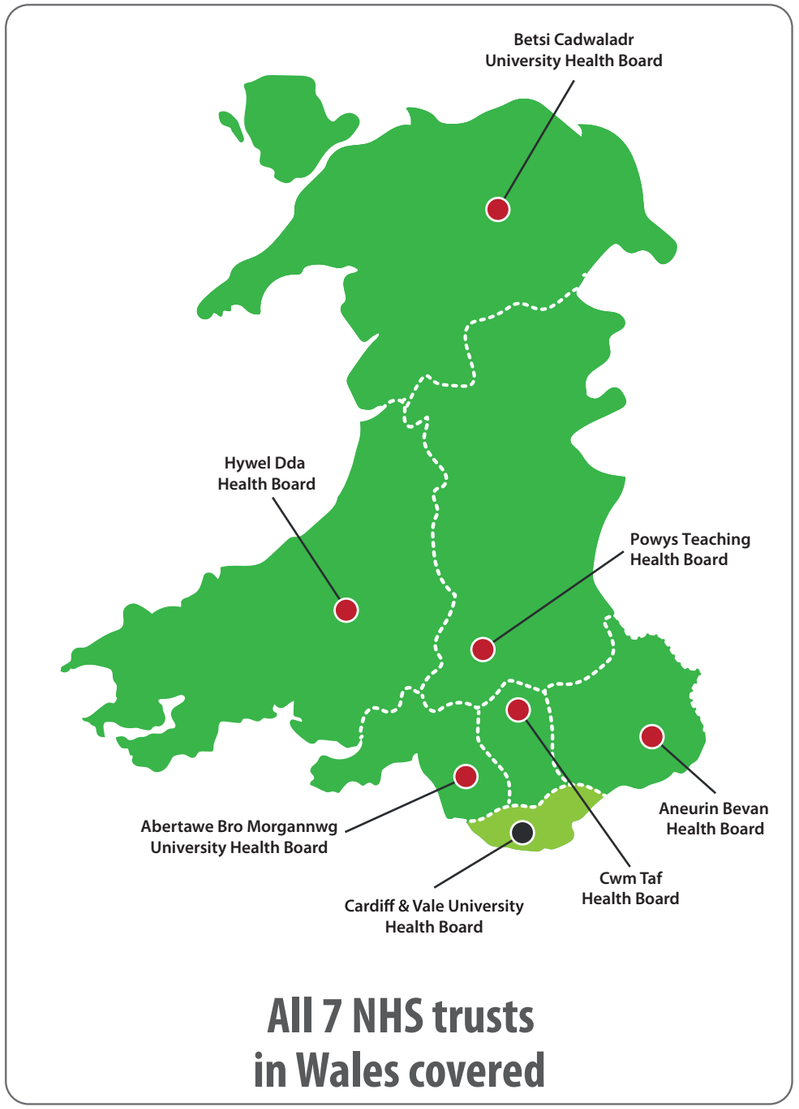
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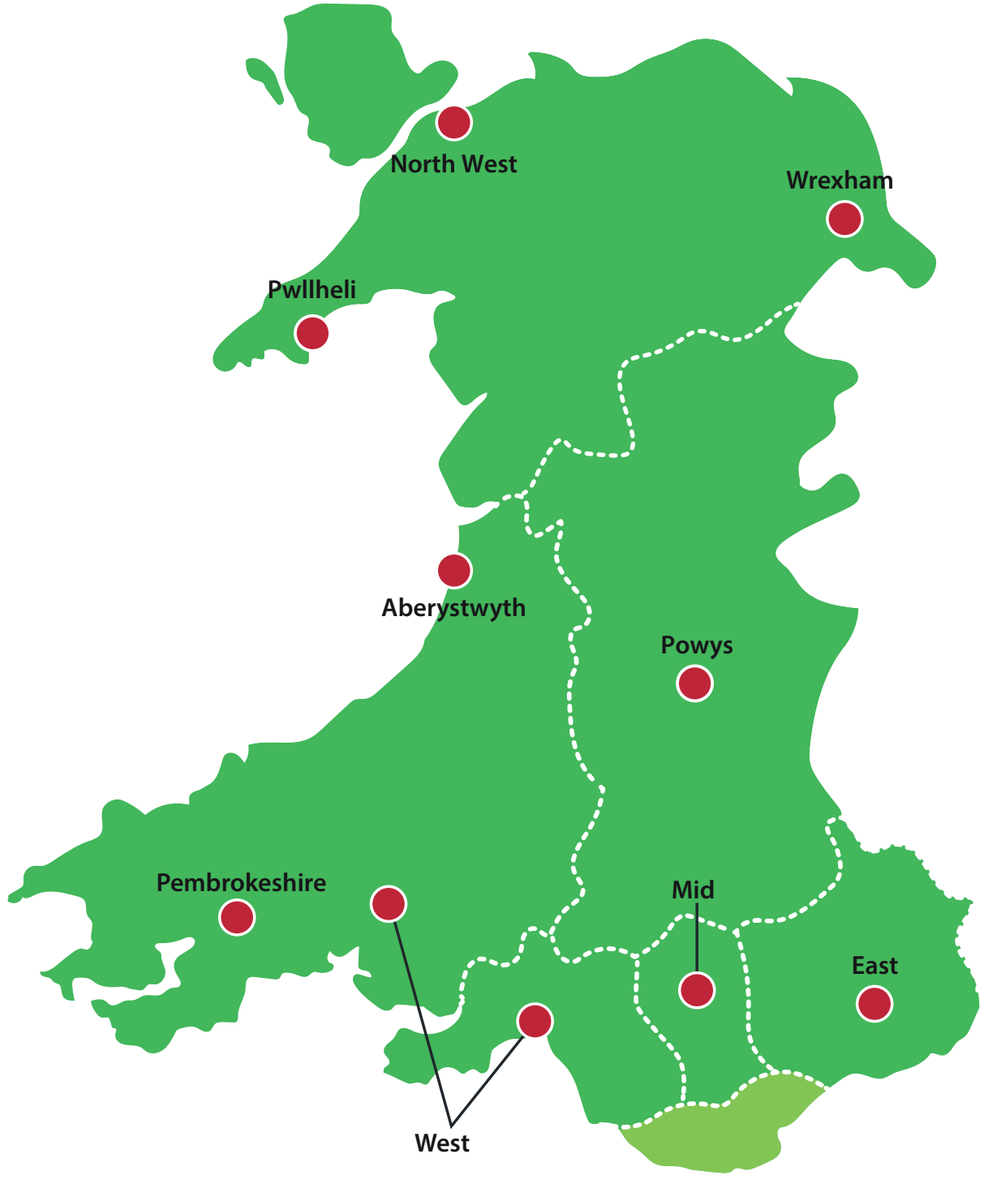
Job breakdown

	2025 - 2026	2024-2025
Scheduled	3,413	3,920
Ad hoc	2,282	2,964
Donor Milk	294	355
Total jobs	5,989	7,239

Trusts



Blood Bikes Wales Regional Bases



Treasurer's Report

For the year ended 31st March 2026

The past year saw Blood Bikes Wales continue to progress. Our financial performance and position remained stable which given the uncertain economic conditions appears very creditable. Against a background of the cost of living crisis, it is pleasing to see that our income from donations actually increased slightly.

Looking at the resources expended, our fleet running costs increased by 22% caused by higher materials and labour costs in addition to a few large repair bills for some of the bikes which are reaching the end of their useful lives.

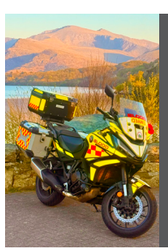
We have invested in new merchandise and promotional materials as part of a campaign to raise awareness of our existence and the services we offer to the NHS. Over the past ten years, we have been very successful in raising funds but much less so in relation to raising our profile and attracting new, active members. The actions we are taking are aimed at encouraging engagement rather than turning a profit.

We have increased our expenditure in our support equipment in order to improve our operational efficiency and effectiveness. This too should help to boost our attractiveness to potential new members.

The financial position that we are in is underpinned by having significant reserves which are sufficient to allow us to replace half the fleet at any time and, in the event of our sources of income disappearing, to continue in operation for at least 18 months. These reserves policies may appear extreme but I regard them as prudent in the light of economic challenges on the national and global stages.

As I have done many times before, I would like to end by thanking most sincerely our volunteers who attend and speak at fund-raising events, and of course our supporters whose generosity has enabled Blood Bikes Wales to grow into the substantial organisation it is today.

Professor Roy Chandler
Treasurer



"We are so grateful for this service and how many times my dad needed blood transported for transfusions, we are eternally grateful."
(Anonymous donor)

Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Note	2026 Restricted £	2026 Unrestricted £	2026 Total £	2025 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Collections & donations		-	305,577	305,577	304,560
Memberships		-	1,126	1,126	630
Miscellaneous income		-	-	-	173
Merchandise sales		-	3,191	3,191	283
		-	309,894	309,894	305,646
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Bank interest received		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		**-**	**309,894**	**309,894**	**305,646**
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities:					
Motorbike running costs	3	-	185,605	185,605	152,288
Merchandise and promotions		-	42,574	42,574	19,752
Equipment repairs & renewals		-	31,059	31,059	23,663
Support costs:					
Management	4	-	26,377	26,377	26,051
Total Resources expended		**-**	**(285,615)**	**(285,615)**	**(221,754)**
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		**-**	**24,279**	**24,279**	**83,892**
Total funds: Brought forward		**-**	**522,957**	**522,957**	**439,065**
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**-**	**547,236**	**547,236**	**522,957**

The notes on pages 12- 14 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet

as at 31st March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	1 & 5		156,074		168,448
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	6	43,359		37,414	
Paypal balance		940		917	
Bank accounts		347,488		316,803	
		391,787		355,134	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(625)		(625)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			391,162		354,509
NET ASSETS			**547,236**		**522,957**
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	8		**547,236**		**522,957**

The accounts were approved by the Executive Committee on June 1, 2026.....
and signed on its behalf by:



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Professor R.A.Chandler - Trustee

The notes on pages 12 - 14 form part of these accounts.

"Thanks to Blood Bikes for taking urgent blood test to Cardiff from Withybush Hospital for my wife."

(Anonymous donor)





"Thank you for all the support to the nurses at Brecon Surgery."

(Anonymous donor)

Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1.1 Accounting convention
The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1.2 Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.3 Resources expended
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rate in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Motorbikes	3 years

1.5 Fund accountiing
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2026.

3. MOTORBIKE RUNNING COSTS:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Fuel	32,998	35,365
Repairs & maintenance	51,880	43,164
Road Tax	545	(581)
Insurance	19,381	19,101
Depreciation	81,497	76,297
Profit on sales of motorbikes	(696)	(21,058)
	185,605	**152,288**

"You guys do a fantastic job."
(Anonymous donor)



Notes to the Accounts
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4. MANAGEMENT COSTS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Printing, stationery, I.T. & postage	5,441	3,394
Professional fees	1,747	8,615
Communications	9,762	6,233
Sundries	9,427	7,809
	26,377	26,051

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor Vehicles
	£
COST	
At 1st April 2025	284,209
Additions	93,206
Disposals	(67,787)
At 31st March 2026	309,628
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st April 2025	115,761
Charge for the year	81,497
On disposals	(43,704)
At 31st March 2026	153,554
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2026	**156,074**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2025	168,448



"What an amazing organisation. Your volunteers do the most fantastic job. My gratitude & admiration to them."
(Anonymous donor)

Notes to the Accounts
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6. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2026	2025
	£	£
V.A.T.	26,051	21,212
Gift Aid rebate due	2,961	2,656
Prepaid Insurance	12,670	13,046
Deposits paid for motorbikes	-	500
Sundry debtors	1,677	151
	43,359	37,565

7. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accountancy fees	625	625

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds	At 1.4.25	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.26
	£	£	£	£	£
	522,957	309,894	285,615	24,279	547,236

"You are doing an incredible job."
(Anonymous donor)



Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees/Members of Blood Bikes Wales
On the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2026

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026 set out on pages ten to fourteen.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion as to whether the financial statements present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

* the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
* the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
* the accounts did 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 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.

D. M. Samothrakis

Deborah Mary Samothrakis BSc FCA
Tester Accountancy & Bookkeeping Ltd
Chartered Accountants
34, Fairoak Road, Cathays, Cardiff CF24 4PY

Date: June 1, 2026

In Memory of Tim and Andrew

This page is dedicated to the two riders we sadly lost this year, Tim and Andrew.

Both were volunteer riders in our Pembrokeshire area. Although Andrew was a relatively new rider compared with long-standing volunteer Tim, they both shared the same spirit of generosity, commitment and willingness to help others through Blood Bikes Wales and our mission supporting the NHS.

Many tributes have poured in for them both, reflecting the respect and affection in which they were held. We know they will be deeply missed by their loved ones, friends and the wider communities they served. While we all understand that life must one day come to an end, to lose your life while helping others is a particularly profound sacrifice.

Jane and Tricia, please accept our deepest and most sincere condolences for your losses. Our thoughts remain with you and your families at this difficult time.

Tim and Andrew will always be remembered as part of the Blood Bikes Wales family.



Tim Minett



Andrew Rogers
and his daughter, Julie

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