Trustee Annual Report 2025



Yeovil Freewheelers Emergency Volunteer Service

Charity registration number: 299434

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Charity name: Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (Yeovil)
Charity registration number: 299434

Purpose of the Charity

To relieve sickness and protect health by the provision of transport of urgently needed bloods, drugs, human tissues and other medical requirements between hospitals and blood transfusion banks throughout the South-West of England.

YFW operates from Yeovil District Hospital (YDH), Dorset County Hospital (DCH), Dorchester, and Taunton Musgrove Park Hospital providing a 24-hour service to deliver a fast, safe and effective emergency medical courier capability throughout the South-West, serving hospitals, hospices, care and nursing homes, laboratories and patients discharged to their own homes.

Main charity activities which benefit the public

YFW carries urgently needed blood and blood products, blood samples, biopsies, MRI scans, X-rays, prescription drugs, a variety of medical equipment and patient notes to hospitals, hospices, and nursing homes as well as private addresses, which are often in isolated areas, across most of Somerset and Dorset, saving the NHS well over £400,000 while easing patients' suffering and helping to save lives.

"Riding all year, in all weathers, 24hrs a day, free of charge."

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Charity Information

~120 VOLUNTEERS

Gave up their time to provide an incredible service, transporting blood products, urgent samples, donated breast milk and medical supplies to hospitals and other NHS partners across Somerset, Dorset and beyond, 365 days of the year.
All free of charge to our NHS!





Garages located at:

- Yeovil hospital
- Wincanton hospital
- Dorchester hospital
- Taunton hospital

Motorcycle fleet:

- 3 x BMW RT
- 5 x Triumph Tiger
- 1 x Yamaha Tracer

Car fleet: 2 x 4x4s

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 which properly present the Charity's incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records, which 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Remarks
Charles Campion-Smith	Chair	From 22nd February 2024
Gillian Longhurst		From 23rd February 2026
Sarah Hall		From 23rd September 2025
Jonathan Anderson		From 2nd January 2025
Vince Sharp		Resigned 6th March 2025
Peter Baker	Secretary	Resigned 23rd February 2026
Alan Bond		Resigned 11th April 2026

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Yeovil Freewheelers EVS

I report to the trustees on my examination of Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (yeovil) accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 6-7

Respective responsibilities a trustees and 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 the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the 2011Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(S)(b) of the 2011Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. 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 the seeking of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130of the 2011Act; and
  b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed ..... Date 1/5/26

Mr T Robinson FCCA
Lentells Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Financial Review

FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Donations and sponsorship	99,261	6,911	106,172	115,986
Collection tins	1,458	-	1,458	1,697
Grant fund applications	-	-	-	1,698
Investment income	2,044	-	2,044	1,151
VAT refunds	16,741	-	16,741	23,006
Fundraising	22,790	-	22,790	26,950
Reimbursements	700	145	845	1,077
Reimbursements - uniform	-	2,985	2,985	1,985
Sub total	142,994	10,041	153,035	173,550
Asset sales	14,270	-	14,270	3,605
TOTAL RECEIPTS	157,264	10,041	167,305	177,155

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£
Fuel	13,323	-	13,323	12,756
Repairs and maintenance	17,431	4,427	21,858	24,425
Accountancy	300	-	300	-
Insurance	14,526	-	14,526	12,653
Uniforms	1,879	2,985	4,864	3,059
Office expenses	5,981	-	5,981	5,694
Marketing	1,430	-	1,430	2,243
Other expenses	1,417	145	1,562	1,656
VAT claimed on expenses	15,217	-	15,217	21,955
Sub total	71,504	7,557	79,061	84,441
Asset purchases	5,955	25,445	31,400	63,728
TOTAL PAYMENTS	77,459	33,002	110,461	148,169
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	79,805	(22,961)	56,844	28,986
CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END	104,689	33,346	138,035	109,049
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	184,494	10,385	194,879	138,035

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FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE (YEOVIL)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
Lloyds Bank current account	2,488	-	2,488	2,672
Lloyds Bank instant saver	95,327	10,385	105,712	135,058
Lloyds	498	-	498	97
Petty cash	31	-	31	96
Paypal	-	-	-	112
Bath building society	86,150	-	86,150	-
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	184,494	10,385	194,879	138,035
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
VAT debtor	3,227	-	3,227	4,751
Prepayments	11,666	-	11,666	10,544
	14,893	-	14,893	15,295
ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE				
Motorcycles - net book value	89,193	-	89,193	102,277
Equipment - net book value	4,653	-	4,653	3,440
Garage - net book value	5,350	-	5,350	5,350
	99,196	-	99,196	111,067
LIABILITIES				
Other creditors	1,500	-	1,500	-
Accruals	536	-	536	602
	2,036	-	2,036	602

These Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees on 21st April 2026

Signed ..... (Trustee) (Trustee)

PRINT NAME Charles Campion-Smith

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The charity maintained its strong financial position in 2025 thanks to the dedicated fund-raising efforts by members and volunteers and the continued generosity of our donors.

Overall cash resources increased by a net £56,844 to £194,879 (2024: £138,035), despite asset purchases of £31,400 (2024: £63,728).

Total receipts of £167,305 were slightly lower than in 2024 (£177,155). Donations and sponsorship again exceeded £100,000 at £106,172 (2024: £115,986). Fund raising was £22,790 (2024: £26,950) and VAT reclaimed was £16,741 (2024: £23,006). Asset sales contributed a further £14,270 (2024: £3,605).

Expenditure, excluding asset purchases, was £5,380 lower at £79,061 (2024: £84,441), reflecting lower repairs and maintenance costs of £21,858 (2024: £24,425) and VAT paid of £15, 217 (2024: £21,955).

The level of cash reserves held at the end of the year puts the Charity in a strong position to meet its expected future revenue and capital expenditure, as well as demonstrating good progress towards raising the funds needed to purchase dedicated premises.

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Yeovil Freewheelers is an unincorporated charity which is governed by the publications shown below. The processes and procedures that direct the charity and its members are approved by the Charity Commission and are reviewed regularly to remain best practice.

Governance

The Group shall be managed and administered in accordance with the Constitution (dated 22 April 2024), Policies, the Group Members' Handbook (v11.2 dated November 2024) and Service Level Agreements as updated from time to time).

Chair of Trustees' Summary

Yeovil Freewheelers has had another successful year serving the local NHS and it is a privilege to present this annual report on behalf of the Trustees and the Committee.

There have been several changes in our trustee board this year. Jonathan Anderson joined the board at the beginning of the year and Sarah Hall joined in September 2025. In February 2026, Gillian Longhurst has joined the Board. Vince Sharp retired at the last AGM. Since the year end, Peter Baker has stood down as Trustee and Secretary, and Alan Bond has recently stood down as a Trustee after serving for two years. Simon Powell also served as a Trustee between May 2025 and September 2025. We thank Vince, Simon and Alan for their support. We record our particular appreciation of Peter's dedicated work as Trustee and Secretary over the past two years.

The Committee is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Charity, and we are fortunate that we have a dedicated and capable Committee drawn from our members. Demand from the NHS for our services remains high. In 2025 we carried out 1,314 tasks for the NHS and our riders and drivers covered over 144,000 miles.

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Having a fleet of reliable and safe motorbikes and cars is crucial to the provision of our services. In 2025, with the support of our donors, we were able to retire our 9 year old Dacia 4x4 and purchase a new Kia Sportage.

At the last AGM year, members approved a resolution to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and a working group was established to progress this. In November 2025, an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) of members supported making an application to the Charities Commission to approve the new CIO and the draft constitution. The application was submitted in January 2026. Subject to receiving approval from the Charities Commission, we will call an EGM later in 2026 at which we will propose that the current charity will be formally wound up and all business, funds and assets transferred to the new CIO.

The Trustees also support the committee's proposal to raise funds to enable the Charity to acquire dedicated premises. A subgroup of committee members and Trustees are looking at the capital and recurring costs that owning premises would incur.

Reference and Administrative details

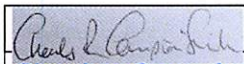
Charity name	Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service (Yeovil)
Other name the charity uses	Yeovil Freewheelers EVS YFW Bloodbikes
Registered charity number	299434
Charity's principal address	35 Mudford Road Yeovil Somerset BA21 4AE
Reporting Accountants	Lentells Ltd Chartered Certified Accountants 17-18Leach Road Chard Somerset TA20 1FA

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees


Charles Campion-Smith
Chair
21st April 2026