



AGM Report 2020

Registered Charity Number: 1156212





Chair's Report

2019 was another great year for SSCBB. We now have over 380 volunteer members each giving whatever time they can, completing more than 4600 urgent jobs and free of charge.

Most of our journeys involve carrying blood samples between laboratories but we have seen a particular increase in movements of FMT since we became the national coordinators for this important and highly effective treatment. Many FMT movements now involve long distance relays with multiple blood bike charities taking part. Blood, blood products, milk and bone marrow also remain important & regular components of our service.

During the year we purchased 2 new Yamaha FJR1300's, to refresh our fleet of 15 specially adapted and marked motorcycles and allowing us to retire our 2 longest serving bikes.

Our well established fundraising and speaker teams continue to secure sufficient donations to not only maintain our 365 day, 24 hour service across the 3 counties, but also to replace bikes as needed, invest in systems and training and to build a reserve of funds ensuring that the charity and its important service is resilient and has future stability.

This year we have continued to build on the success of our team-based approach to running SSCBB. A large number of volunteers are now involved in teams supporting various areas of charity activity. We have extended the team structure to include support for mentoring new controllers, statistical analysis & reporting, systems development and FMT transport coordination. Teamwork is very much part of the fabric of SSCBB and absolutely key to ongoing success.

In the second half of the year we commissioned our own promotional video for use in talks and with potential donors, this will receive its first viewing at our AGM. Towards the end of the year we also started work with software company to develop a new job log and mobile rider app. The new system will be introduced in the spring and will further improve the stability, functionality and security of our operating systems and enable real time reporting and interaction between riders and controllers.

Our excellent reputation continues to attract requests for service, with new customers this year including the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in Chester and St Georges Hospital in Stafford. At the time of writing we have also been put on standby for possible urgent sample movement related to the Covid-19 outbreak.

The charity will soon be making its 20,000th free of charge urgent delivery and raising it's Millionth pound – quite an achievement for a young 100% voluntary organisation. I would like to sincerely thank all our wonderful volunteers and generous donors who make this possible every day.

Jeremy Cartwright
Chair



Shropshire Staffordshire and Cheshire Blood Bikes

An urgent volunteer service providing transportation of blood products, for free, to NHS hospitals across Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire.

These figures represent our work in 2019.

4681 COMPLETED JOBS

49

ORGANISATIONS
REQUESTED OUR
SERVICE

84

COLLECTION
POINTS

121

DELIVERY
POINTS

194

BLOOD UNITS



50

MEDICATION



51

BLOOD & PLATELETS

73

MILK



48

BONE MARROW



125

OTHER

51

DOCUMENTS



29

PLACENTA



137

FAECAL MATTER



201

PLATELETS



9

FROZEN SECTIONS



21

RE-AGENTS

3692

SAMPLES



220581

MILES
TRAVELLED

15



FLEET BIKES

216



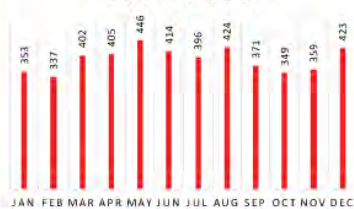
RIDERS

66

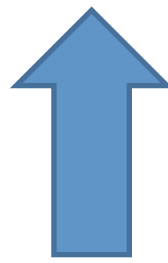


CONTROLLERS

MONTHLY JOBS

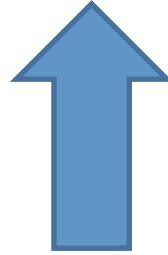


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Call-outs

Up 8.4 %



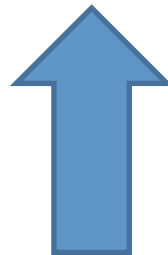
Mileage

Up 0.5 %



FMT

Up 251 %



Members

Up 14 %

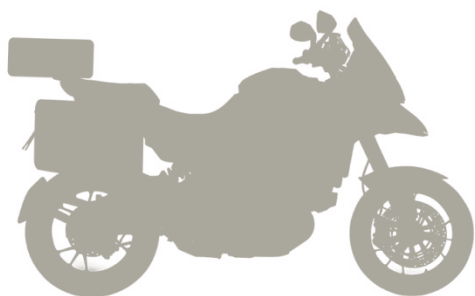


Talks

Up 29 %

The charity continues to move samples primarily; these are from the originating hospitals to Pathology Labs with blood, platelets and FMT making a significant contribution to our workload.

Key numbers in 2019



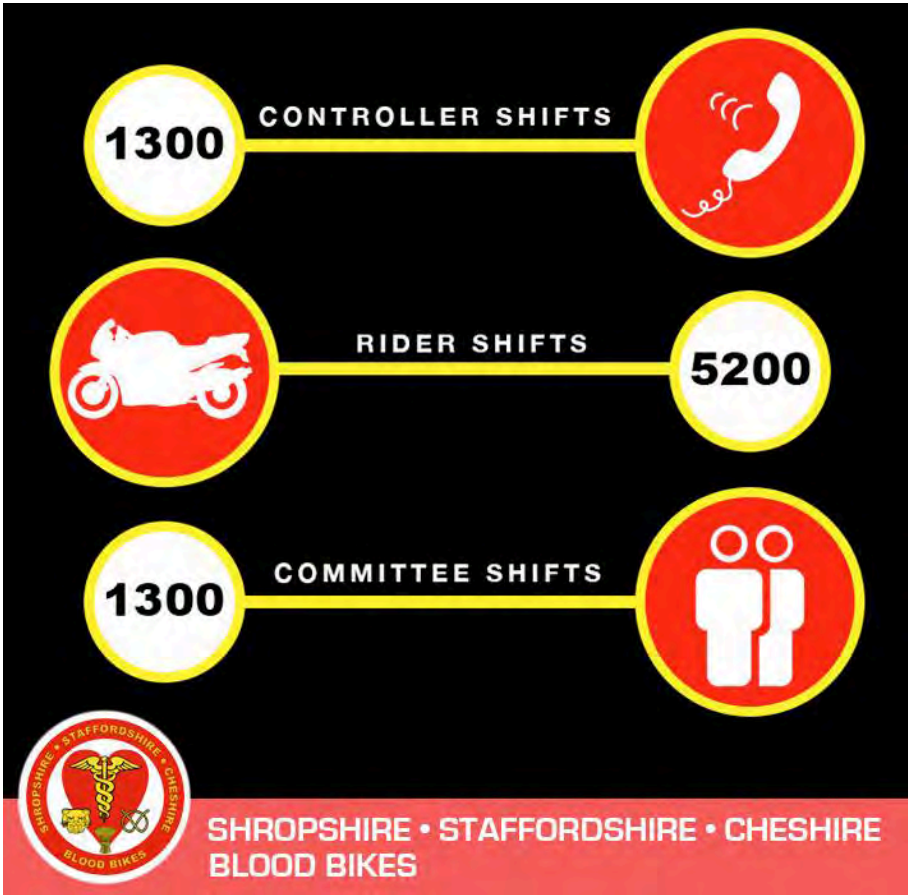
4681
callouts



389
members



15 motorcycles



Teamwork

Two years ago – after a good deal of planning – teams began to form to look after the day to day running of the charity. This has been a great success and the teams continue to work hard to keep the charity operating 24 hr a day

In a typical month...

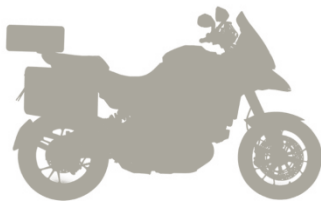


Controller Team
**Make over 1000 calls and
8,000 messages to
organise deliveries**

Talks Team
17 talks are delivered.



FMT Team
**11 deliveries across England
and Wales are organised**



Rider Team
**Cover 18,000 miles
for 390 deliveries**

**Training and Induction
Teams**
**25 members are trained to
control, ride for SSCBB and
in the safe handling of
samples**

Assessment Teams
**Over 10 check-rides are
completed with members
to ensure we ride to the
highest standards on the
road**



Social Media Team
**Post daily – raising the
profile of the charity**

Bike Team
**Organise major service,
repairs and maintenance on
15 bikes**

Fundraising
**15 events are organised
and attended to raise
funds and awareness and
a dozen thank you letters
are sent to donors**

Teamwork

Controller Induction Team

– new controllers to the charity, who answer and organise our deliveries are supported by enhanced 1-2-1 training and have a mentor for their first 3 months. Controllers have commented positively on how nervous they feel for their first shift – but also well prepared.



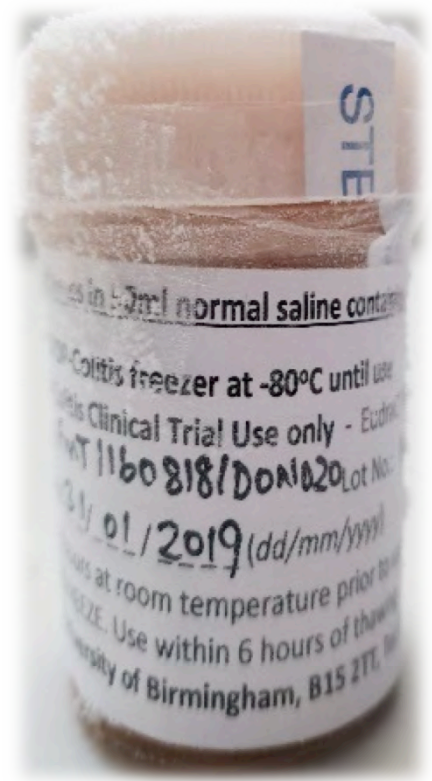
The Rider Induction Team – assist new riders in safe bike handling, key locations, routes and securing loads to motorcycles! They work with new riders to ensure they feel confident and competent to face their first delivery.



New Member Induction Team – organise and run the initial induction to the charity which runs at least once per month. They provide a key introduction to the charity and the initial training – explaining what we do and how we do it.

Teamwork

Faecal Matter Team – arrange a dozen deliveries a month to all corners of England and Wales. Primarily to help patient with *C. Difficile* infections. The FMT Team work extremely closely with our neighbouring group Midland Free Wheelers to co-ordinate deliveries from Birmingham. Both groups ensure these urgent deliveries are transported, often hundred of miles, in a timely manner. Requiring links with 10 or more other Blood Bike groups – organising these takes a lot of prior planning.



***Clostridium Difficile* infections have a 30 % mortality rate; with FMT approx. 92% of patients are cured**

Teamwork

Fundraising Team – arrange 20 or more events per month, collect, count and bank monies. They spend whole days talking to members of the public, raising our profile in the local communities.



Social Media Team – help manage our public face to thousands of online followers through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. More than 1000 posts across out platforms are done per year, reaching thousands of our supporters, friends and businesses. It is an integral part of keeping our profile as high it can be. Our posts are engaged by the public more than any other blood bike group across the British Isles.



Dozens of letters are written per month by the fundraising team and sent to donors, thanking them for the kind donations.

This kind of communication is vitally important to ensure we show gratitude to our donors. Our fundraising is carefully recorded and presented monthly. This provides important data on where our donations come from and to help thank donors.



The Speaker Team

The talks team have the twin objectives of raising the awareness of our contribution to the health of NHS patients and raising funds. Once again in 2019 these objectives were exceeded and proved just how valuable the talks teams contribution is to the charity.



Throughout the year the team delivered 202 talks, up on the 2018 total of 164. These talks were given to a variety of groups, covering all age groups in each of the three counties where we provide our service. Again in 2019 we had significant interest from Women's Institute groups which are always popular with speakers as their hospitality is legendary! Already in 2020 we have 136 talks booked and even one for 2021!



From a fundraising perspective 2019 also proved to be an incredible year with over £30,000 being raised. This was from a combination of funds donated on the night but significantly our speakers inspired many to go on and arrange further fundraising events on our behalf, some of which added considerably to the SSCBB fund raising success in 2019.

Teamwork

Assessment Team – The SSCBB Assessment Team is a small group of volunteers who are local IAM and RoSPA trained National Observers/Tutors.

The role entails objectively assessing the skills of every rider within the charity to ensure that they meet or exceed the required [advanced] standard. This serves several purposes – the most important is to help mitigate the risk to, and enhance the safety of, the public, our riders and valuable cargo.

A typical initial assessment/periodic check ride involves around 60 mins on the road and our highly trained team help provide a comprehensive debrief and are increasingly keen to utilise this 1:1 opportunity to help develop riding skills, through discussion, feedback and sharing of best practice.

It is acknowledged that some riders perceive the periodic check rides to be a “daunting” task, but this really should not be the case. Ultimately, the periodic checking of riding skill levels serves to maintain and enhance the riding standard of all riders within the charity, and is part of a programme of initiatives that seek to reduce the occurrence of incidents or accidents involving our riders [which considering the vast number of miles covered annually by the fleet, is thankfully, very, very low].

Bike Manager Team – care for and organise maintenance on all 15 of the charities bikes. With over 30+ services a year, 25+ tyre changes, occasional breakdowns and 14 bike store locations – our fleet would soon come to a standstill without the impeccable talents of this team who keep the motorcycles moving everyday of the year.



Milestones

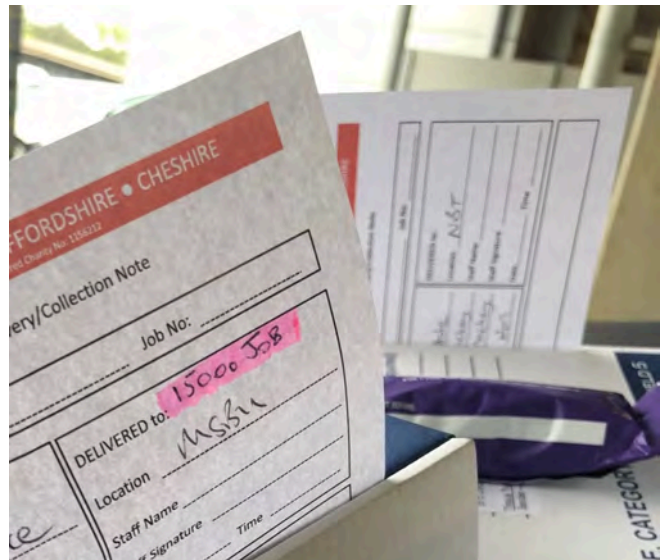
Job #14000



The Countess of Chester Blood Bank requested platelets from the National Blood and Transplant at Speke and Controller Helen Bundy despatched duty rider Brian GS. Nothing unusual in the normal scheme of things except that this was job number 14000!!! The wonderful staff at the Countess were aware of the significance of the job and turned out to give Brian a wonderful welcome.

Job #15000

And the 15,000 job was controlled by Kath Brookes, ridden by Paul Heath on Blood Bike Bundy - samples from the Path Lab Stoke to Birmingham. The path lab guys presented Paul with a Celebration cake!



Job #18000

And the 18,000 job was ridden by Mark Barnes on Blood Bike Bundy with samples for delivery to the laboratories at National Blood and Transplant in Birmingham. This is one of our most common delivery points across the area.



New Blood Bike – RICH



Richard Bransby from Stafford, a friend of several of our members was an avid SSCBB supporter. He had already been involved in the donation of funds to our group from the Stafford Round Table.

Richard passed away in 2017, aged 27 years old. Richard's mother, Ange, then took over her son's mission and, very poignantly, on the second anniversary of his passing, Ange presented us with bloodbike 'RICH' mainly funded by her immensely generous donation. RICH is a Yamaha FJR 1300.

The family of Richard gathered to meet the new bike before active duty. It was an emotive time, and yet, a celebration too.

Ange, her husband Phil Green, now a SSCBB member and rider, daughter Megan and son Michael posed with RICH in today's sunshine. We thank you for your generosity as we welcome RICH into our fleet.

Three Peaks - conquered



An intrepid group of SSCBB members have completed the 3 peaks challenge! After a somewhat flippant comment about combining motorcycling and climbing mountains a team quickly formed a devised a plan to ascend the Three Peaks.

Using motorcycles to travel between the peaks and with a back up vehicle and fuel was donated by another SSCBB member, it was an incredible adventure and challenge for all involved. Support from 'base-camp' was pivotal to ensure the climbers were dry, well fed, watered and rested. A fantastic achievement raising thousands of pounds for the charity.

A year of fundraising and events...



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SSCBB were privileged to be asked by Blood Bikes Wales to assist in the delivery of a somewhat different item to our usual deliveries. Riders Hugh Jackson and Fiona Parry led the escort to deliver the KNIFE ANGEL from the British Ironworks Oswestry (where it was originally created and where it spent Christmas) to the Oriel Gallery in Newtown. It took 2 cranes and a good hour or so to load and unload the angel at both ends.



Early in 2019 we received the news that all 3 of the Lord Lieutenants in the Counties of Cheshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire were now Patrons of the SSCBB.

Mr Ian Dudson CBE KStJ, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire (a Patron since 2016) has been joined by Mr David Briggs MBE, KStJ, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire and Anna Turner JP, newly appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire.

OUR PATRONS

DAVID BRIGGS



ANNA TURNER



IAN DUDSON



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BLOOD BIKES**

Ian is Chair of the Trustees of The Dudson Centre, which acts as a resource centre for voluntary groups. In addition to his Royal duties David Briggs helps Cheshire-based charities and forge links with local businesses. Anna has a long history of voluntary work as well as working in the family shipping office. A magistrate for 27 years, Anna has served on the board of visitors for HM Prison Stoke Heath and has been involved with the Samaritans, charities for the blind and Army cadets and supported a local foodbank.

Financial Summary for 2019

Income: £ 185,870

Expenditure: £ 92,895

End of year balance: £ 363,109

Fleet repairs

£14,970

Fuel costs

£18,380

Insurance

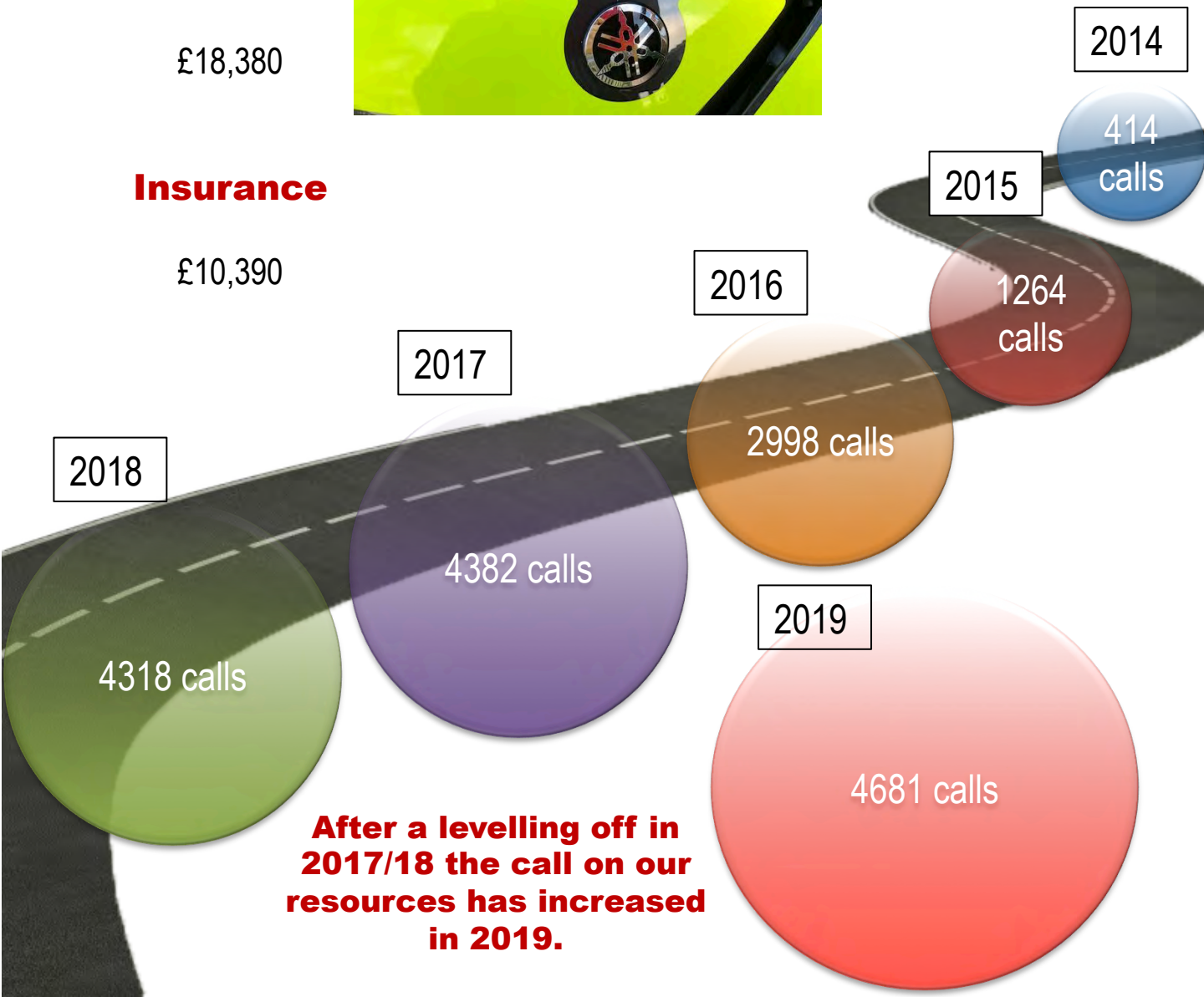
£10,390

Fleet



Capital Investment

£25,500



After a levelling off in 2017/18 the call on our resources has increased in 2019.

Major Donors 2018

£10,000+

A Green



£5000 +

Shropshire Star

Russell Roof Tiles

Asda Collections



RUSSELL
ROOF TILES

£3,000+

Wincanton Screwfix

Lodge of Grace

WSP Manchester

I Davies

Ladbrokes Coral

Songbirds in Harmony Choir

Magnificent Severn



£2000+

County Fundraisers

Wodathon

Top Cash Back

3 Peaks Challenge

Home Choose Carpets

Spring Ball

Shrewsbury Square

Oddballs MCC

Shropshire Star

£1000+

Burton Flower Club

Williams Family

K Robins

Greenwood Family

Nicola at Elliotts

RAF Services Fund

Clive MC

Whitchurch Motor Club

Lawley Running Club

Potteries & S Cheshire MGOC

Greatbanks Family

Lynn's Raven Café

G Howells

Taylor Bros





JOB NUMBER 15,000! #SSCBB

15,000

Controller: Kath Brookes
Rider: Paul Heath
Bike: Bundy
Date: 03/05/2019

14,000

Controller: Helen Bundy
Rider: Brian Glover Smith
Bike: Winnie
Date: 13/02/2019

13,000

Controller: Lesley Graffham
Rider: Chas Wootton
Bike: Mark Mason
Date: 21/11/2018

10,000

Controller: Helen Cooper
Rider: Bill Cooper
Bike: Idris
Date: 25/03/18

11,000

Controller: Stuart Brittain
Rider: John Roe
Bike: Angel
Date: 21/06/2018

12,000

Controller: Jan Varty / Kath Brookes
Rider: Stuart Brittain
Bike: Bundy
Date: 03/09/2018

9,000

Controller: Stuart Brittain
Rider: Frank Bratley
Bike: Raven II
Date: 07/12/2017

8,000

Controller: Stuart Brittain
Rider: Phil Shepherd
Bike: Imogen
Date: 11/09/2017

7,000

Controller: Liz Salmon
Rider: Jeremy Cartwright
Bike: Anson
Date: 16/06/17

4,000

Controller: Lesley Graffham
Rider: Frank Bratley
Bike: Raven II
Date: 03/11/16

5,000

Controller: Sam Walters
Rider: Mark Hyland
Bike: Gerhard II
Date: 15/01/17

6,000

Controller: Sam Walters
Rider: Barrie Walters
Bike: Millie Bea
Date: 26/03/2017

3,000

Controller: Myles Priddis
Rider: Frank Bratley
Bike: Raven II
Date: 09/08/16

2,000

Controller: Gary Steinert / Martin Huxley
Rider: Ben Wilkes
Bike: Own Bike
Date: 05/03/16

1,000

Controller: Lee Collyer
Rider: Martin Huxley
Bike: Hermes
Date: 19/06/15



We wanted to recognise Russell Roof Tile's amazing contribution to our charity and we asked Helen Bundy to present MD Andrew Hayward with an award which could be displayed for all their staff to see. Our sincere thanks to all the staff and management at Russell Roof Tiles - we are overwhelmed!



Proud members of the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes

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