

HOW TO SUPPORT DEVON FREEWHEELERS



DEVON FREEWHEELERS
#DevonBloodBikes

REGISTERED CHARITY NO.
1180264

You can set up monthly
Direct Debit or Standing Order
with your bank,
you will need the following details

Bank: **Barclays Bank**
Account Name: **Devon Freewheelers**
Sort Code: **20-30-47**
Account No. **40721719**

Alternatively, you can make donations via our website
www.devonfreewheelers.org.uk and follow the donation link.

If you are a UK tax payer and wish to gift aid your monthly donation
or online donation via our website, please email
info@devonfreewheelers.org.uk and send us your full name,
postal address and monthly or one-off donation amount,
stating which type of donation you have made.

DEVON FREEWHEELERS COLLECTION POTS

Your business or work place could help support Devon
Freewheelers by having one of our collection pots on display, Our
volunteers will regularly check on the pots and exchange them
when necessary. You will be sent a certificate and letter of thanks at
the end of each year showing the total amount raised.

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT DEVON FREEWHEELERS

- Take part in a sponsored event, either solo or in a group.
- Choose Devon Freewheelers as your Charity of the Year.
- Hold an event to raise funds for Devon Freewheelers.
- Invite Devon Freewheelers along to an event you are organising
to help us promote the charity and raise funds.
- Corporate Sponsorship - donate funds for new equipment or
towards the running costs of a bike etc.
- Legacies and Wills - for more information regarding this
please contact us.

HOW TO CONTACT US

HEAD OFFICE ADDRESS

DEVON FREEWHEELERS HEAD OFFICE
UNIT 1 GLOUCESTER COURT
GLOUCESTER CRESCENT
HEATHPARK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
HONITON EX14 1SJ
TEL: 0300 800 0105

info@devonfreewheelers.org.uk
www.devonfreewheelers.org.uk

If you wish to send a **cheque**, please make it out to
Devon Freewheelers and send it to the
Head Office address on the leaflet.



RIDING FOR LIFE



www.devonfreewheelers.org.uk

Do you have some spare time that you could give Devon Freewheelers to help us continue to help others?

Devon Freewheelers are recruiting new volunteers as Blood Bikes riders (an advanced riding certificate is required), Controllers, Speakers and Fundraisers across the county of Devon.

The operation hours of the Blood Bike service are 24/7, 365 days a year, including weekends and Bank Holidays.

As the charity receives no Government funding for the Blood Bike service, the primary role of all volunteers within the charity is that of a fundraiser.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please visit our website

www.devonfreewheelers.org.uk

Alternatively, please fill in the form below and send it by post to the **Head Office address** (See other side)

Name.....

Address.....

Phone number.....

Email address.....

Volunteer position you are interested in.....

Rider applications - Do you have an advanced certificate **Yes / No** (delete where applicable)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU...

Devon Freewheelers, who are also known as the Devon Blood Bikes, provides an out of hours courier service to the NHS within Devon. The charity is operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year.

The charity couriers whole blood, blood samples, medical samples and swabs, tissue samples for cross matching before transplant operations, emergency medication, emergency medical equipment and donor breast milk for premature babies. The motorbike riders who carry out this service are all volunteers who give their valuable time to the charity. Not only do they provide the courier service but they also help fundraise to enable the charity to provide this life saving service.

A service that the charity has been operating since the beginning of May 2016, is the provision of blood to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Blood is collected from Dorchester Hospital and taken to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance base every 48 hours. In 2019 the charity also began supplying LyoPlas, a blood product, to both the Devon Air Ambulances based in the county.

Some members of the charity also provide talks about the work of Devon Freewheelers EVS to a wide variety of community groups, schools and businesses with Devon.

COST OF KEEPING THE CHARITY RUNNING

In 2017 / 18, it cost just under £300,000 to keep the charity operational. The charity receives no funding from the NHS for the Blood Bike service it provides and relies solely on donations from the general public, community groups and businesses.

Without this support **the charity would not survive.**

Below are listed some of the running costs of the charity...

- New Blood Bikes **£18,500+VAT**
- Insurance for the Blood Bike approx **£900**
- Vehicle tax is approximately **£83 per year**
- Maintenance for the charities' vehicles costs over **£52,000 per year**
- New tyres, **£250 a pair**, replaced every **6-10 weeks**
- Fuel for the charities' vehicles - ranges between **£300-£600 a week**

