

# HOW TO SUPPORT DEVON FREEWHEELERS EVS



# DEVON FREEWHEELERS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE

REGISTERED CHARITY NO.  
1138889

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](http://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  
[fundraising@devonfreewheelers.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@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

### CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

THE DEVON FREEWHEELERS HUB  
LACE WALK CAR PARK  
HONITON EX14 1LT  
TEL 0300 800 0105

### REGISTERED ADDRESS

DEVON FREEWHEELERS EVS  
UNIT 15, DURHAM WAY  
HEATHPARK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE  
HONITON EX14 1SQ  
TEL 0300 800 8112

[info@devonfreewheelers.org.uk](mailto:info@devonfreewheelers.org.uk)  
[fundraising@devonfreewheelers.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@devonfreewheelers.org.uk)

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



# RIDING FOR LIFE



[www.devonfreewheelers.org.uk](http://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), Call handlers, Speakers and Fundraisers across the county of Devon.

The operation hours of the Blood Bike service are 5pm to 7am Monday to Friday and 24-hour at weekends and on Bank Holidays.

All new volunteers are asked to donate 12 hours a month of their time to the charity, to include attending a fundraising event, as fundraising is vitally important to the charities ability to operate.

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

[www.devonfreewheelers.org.uk](http://www.devonfreewheelers.org.uk)

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

Name.....

Address.....

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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 EVS, who are also known as the Blood Bikes, provides an out of hours courier service to the NHS within Devon. The service the charity provides operates between 5pm and 7am on weekday evenings and provides 24-hour cover at weekends and on bank holidays.

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 2018 we will begin supplying the Devon Air Ambulance with a similar service.

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 2016 / 17, it cost just over £183,000 to keep the charity going. 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**

