



# Chairman's Blog

*April 2021*

## BP



BP free fuel has come to an end on the 31st of March. During the period 25th January to 31st of March we uplifted 2,975 litres of fuel (mixture of unleaded and diesel) which equates to a fuel cost saving of £3,641. A letter of thanks has been sent to Mr. Bernard Looney the CEO of BP: see below.



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

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Mr Bernard Looney  
CEO  
BP Plc  
1 St James's Square  
London SW1Y 4PD

31st January 2021

Dear Mr Looney,

I wanted to write to you personally to express our sincere thanks for the significant and continued support by BP of our Group and the support extended to the Blood Bike Community around the Country.

The demand by the NHS for our service to transport COVID-19 samples, testing kits and supporting materials in addition to our normal service has increased significantly. This coupled with the fact we have been unable to raise funds through our normal channels – via tin shakes at public gatherings, presentation to various societies and outside supermarkets – since March 2020 have increased pressure on our funding.

The donation of free fuel by BP is of enormous help to us in keeping our service operating so that we can continue to assist the NHS in their fight against COVID-19 at this crucial time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Kamran Irani  
Chairman



## Training

It is hoped after 17th May, subject to any further restrictions, to commence training covering:

- Hospital Familiarisation
- Rider Assessments

Dates for the above training will be published as they become available.

## Rider Assessors Required



The Training department have vacancies for four Rider Assessors to join the current team. Interested applicants must have one of the following qualifications:

- IAM National Observer
- Police Class 1 rider
- DVLA full rider licence examiner

If you are interested in joining the training dept., please contact Di Woodcock at [training@serv-obn.org.uk](mailto:training@serv-obn.org.uk).



## Moto Guzzi V850TT

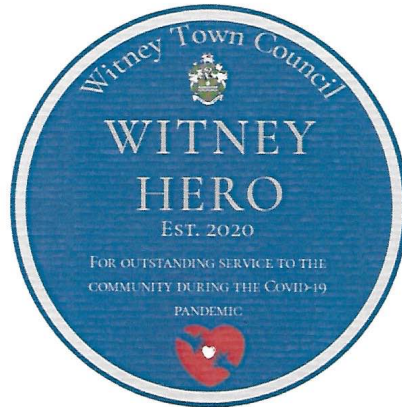


The possible future NABB-sponsored Blood Bike, the Moto Guzzi V850TT, has arrived at Woodway Engineering in Coventry. The testing has yet to commence, and no time scale has been provided as to when the bike might be available for evaluation by the Blood Bike Groups. This information is provided for your reference only and ***does not infer that we are considering purchasing this bike.***

Our future bike purchase policy is currently under review with a number of different options under consideration.



# Appreciation Award



AWARDED TO

*SERV-OBN*

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE COMMUNITY OF

WITNEY

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

NAMELY

*For collecting & delivering samples free of charge  
for the NHS. They made deliveries all day, everyday  
during the lockdown - all volunteers too! A huge  
fleet to look after and many miles to cover.*

BY WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL



*J. Artus*

MAYOR OF WITNEY

06.03.21

DATED THIS DAY



## Grants received



£1,000.00



BERKSHIRE  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

£2,500.00

These funds will be used to meet our on-going operating costs covering fuel and maintenance of the motorcycle fleet and 4x4 vehicles.



## Message from Fleet



The motorcycle fleet's winterisation may cause ignition barrel or pannier lock issues. This is because the winter treatment may have been a little aggressive which in turn may affect the lubrication of the ignition barrels and the locks on the panniers. If you are experiencing any of these issues, please contact Graham Keens, Fleet Manager on 07831 100 432 who will hopefully resolve the problem.

Graham can also replenish Masks if you are running low.



# Can you help??

We need to redesign our present hand out leaflet, can you help with the design, artwork, and printing??

### Who are SERV OBN?

We are a Volunteer Rapid Response Medical Transport Service delivering Blood, Platelets, Plasma, Samples, Vaccines, Pharmaceuticals, X-Rays, Scans, Donor Breast Milk & any other urgently needed medical items

Out of Hours  
Free of Charge to the NHS.



SERV OBN receives no government funding and relies on donations from the public and sponsorship to survive.

Our volunteers receive no payment for their time or costs.

SERV OBN saves the NHS thousands of pounds each year allowing hospitals to divert funds to where they are needed most.

Without SERV OBN, Hospitals would have to pay for a Taxi or Courier, or may have to take a much needed emergency vehicle out of service for 3 to 4 hours.

We are on-call from 7pm-6am weekdays and provide 24 hour cover weekends and bank holidays (including Christmas & New Year)

*We would like to thank you for all the help and hard work that you have given us within the past year. We are so happy with the service that together you all provide which has also been very well received by donors and the hospitals that we supply milk to.*

**The Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital Milk Bank Team**

*Since we have used Serv at night and at weekends we have found their service invaluable. We have never encountered any problems using this service and the turn round times have undoubtedly assisted in the management of seriously ill patients. The fact that this service is free is of importance in such challenging financial times.*

**Phil Hayes  
Blood Bank Manager  
Kettering General Hospital**

*Before today I had no idea that this organisation existed and realised very quickly that these could have been the people that helped to save my 2 year niece's life this year because of transporting the blood that she needed when the hospital she was in ran out of her type of blood in the middle of an operation. Thank you so much xxx*

**Carys Stanton  
Kettering**

*Over the New Year Bank Holiday, the fast and efficient action of SERV allowed us to continue to treat two paediatric patients who were at high risk of bleeding. SERV was able to rapidly transport extra Factor VIII from the regional Haemophilia Centre at Oxford to Milton Keynes. The Factor VIII was used by patients within a couple of hours of contacting SERV. The service that SERV provides is not only fast, but extremely simple to use!*

**Grant Barker  
Blood Transfusion Team Manager  
Milton Keynes NHS Trust**

Most of our consignments are transported by motorcycle; this enables us to respond quickly and efficiently particularly in heavy traffic

It costs us an average of £6,500 per annum for fuel costs, servicing, maintenance and repairs for each of our dedicated response bikes

This doesn't include the cost of purchasing or replacing bikes, equipment, training, insurance & other costs



Our volunteers are trained to the highest standards to ensure the safety of the volunteer and the life saving consignment

SERV OBN are founder members of 'NABB' whose principle aims are to aid the formation of new groups, assist member groups to achieve their objectives, define a minimum professional operating standard for all members and raise awareness / sponsorship for the benefit of all NABB members

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

**How can you help?**

There are various ways you can help SERV OBN to continue to provide our service:

- As a Volunteer Rider, Driver or Controller giving up just 3-4 evenings or weekend days per month of your time
- As a Volunteer Fundraiser assisting with supermarket collections and publicity events
- Make a donation at [servobn.org.uk/donate](http://servobn.org.uk/donate)
- Text: OBN Bloodbikes followed by £1, £2, £3, £4, £5, or £10 to 70070
- Help us raise funds through ebay by visiting [ebay.servobn.org.uk](http://ebay.servobn.org.uk)
- Raise funds by organising a sponsored event through [justgiving.com/servobnbloodbikes](http://justgiving.com/servobnbloodbikes)
- As a Corporate Sponsor by making a financial contribution, providing equipment or other service

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Berkshire & Northamptonshire



**Rapid Response  
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UK Registered Charity 1147549  
[www.servobn.org.uk](http://www.servobn.org.uk)

If you can help, please contact [chairman@serv-obn.org.uk](mailto:chairman@serv-obn.org.uk) , with your thoughts.

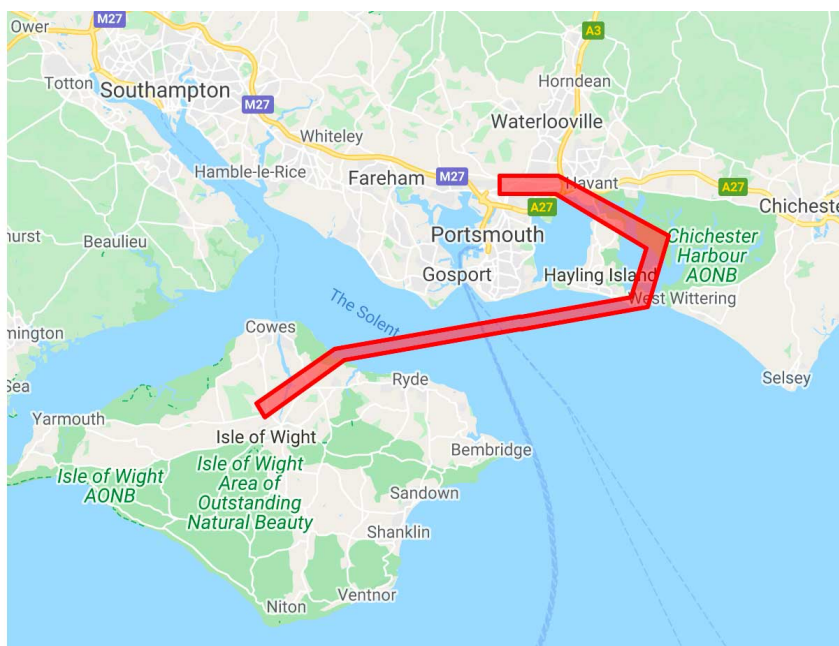




## More Drone flights for the NHS



The trial is on behalf of Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust and Isle of Wight NHS Trust to transport chemotherapy drugs between Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth and St Mary's Hospital in Newport, Isle of Wight. The dog leg in their flight path is to avoid Solent Aerodrome.





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your hands  
regularly



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touching  
your face



Catch  
your coughs  
and sneezes



Follow  
guidelines  
and stay safe

Kamran Irani

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kamran Irani".

Chairman

1st April 2021