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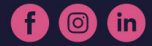
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Welcome from Barbara Gray, our chief executive

As the days start growing longer and signs of spring appear across our towns and countryside, we're looking ahead to 2026.

Thanks to your continued support, we remain ready to respond - by helicopter or critical care car - whenever and wherever we're needed most.

We're especially looking forward to another wonderful weekend at Middlewick House Open Garden on 6-7 June. It's always a highlight in our calendar and a great way to support both our Charity and the Wiltshire Bobby Van trust. Tickets are available now - and must be purchased in advance - we would love to see you there.

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In this edition, you'll find a fresh line-up of community stories and events, from challenge fundraisers to family days out at our airbase. Every ticket purchased, every cake baked and every step taken helps make lifesaving missions possible.

To everyone who donates, volunteers, partners with us or simply shares our story - thank you. Your support truly saves lives.

I hope this edition of Lift Off brings a bit of sunshine to your day and reminds you just how vital your role is in everything we do. Together, we're making a difference - thank you for going above and beyond.

Barbara

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Mission Report

1 JAN — 31 DEC 2025

1,159
TOTAL
MISSIONS

626
HELICOPTER



533
CRITICAL
CARE CARS



44 incidents were attended by multiple resources (e.g. both the helicopter and critical care car or both critical care cars attended). For illustrative purposes this counts as one mission in that location.

Our mission breakdown

164
Advanced airway management
performed to create an open airway

87
Uses of LUCAS Machine
to deliver CPR to patients

75
Procedural Sedations
to reduce pain and suffering
following trauma

283 Cardiac Emergencies

273 Medical Conditions

181 Road Traffic Collisions

179 Falls



413
Night
Missions



714
Missions with
Doctors



130
Pediatric
Missions



Top hospitals we
airlifted or assisted
patients to...

99 Royal United • Bath

93 Southmead • Bristol

46 Great Western • Swindon

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View our online
interactive map





Thinking about volunteering?

When you join our volunteer team and donate your time, you will be helping to keep us flying and saving lives. There is no minimum time commitment!

You can make a difference by:

- **Volunteering at local events**
- **Bringing our mascots to life**
- **Attending cheque presentations**
- **Collecting and distributing tins**
- **Helping in our Charity Shop**
- **Giving informative talks**
- **Gardening at our airbase**

Our amazing volunteers dedicate their time to help spread awareness of our lifesaving work. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, try new things, and connect with your community – all while supporting a fantastic cause!

Interested? Find out more online or call the Charity office on 01225 300536.



Get in touch with our community team

We are here to support you every step of the way in your fundraising journey.

If you are holding an event, looking to volunteer or thinking about fundraising for us, please get in touch with the team by scanning the QR code.

Together, we can make a real difference to the people of Wiltshire and Bath.

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We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jennifer Davis, who generously gifted us £20,000 in her Will.

Jennifer worked in a meat factory where she met her husband, then worked as a cleaning supervisor for 20 years. After her husband and son sadly passed away she had no immediate family to leave her assets to.

She made a Will and very kindly chose to leave us a gift of £20,000 as she cared deeply about our lifesaving cause.

Leave a lifesaving legacy.

Approximately one in three of our lifesaving missions is funded by gifts left in Wills, helping our aircrew reach patients fast, provide critical care at the scene, and take them to the hospital which best suits their needs.

We offer several options to draft your Will:



Online: Farewill offer an **online** and **over the phone** Will writing service - a great way of writing a solicitor-checked Will from the comfort of your own home.



Face-to-face: We have partnered with the National Free Wills Network, which is a national network of local firms offering Will writing services to our supporters, free of charge. We also have a long-standing partnership with Parker Bullen (Salisbury), who offer a fantastic **face-to-face** Will writing service.

Interested in learning more?



Pete's Story



On 7 March 2015 Pete Burch was on a motorcycle ride out with friends and his father when he suffered a catastrophic, life-changing incident.

He was involved in a collision with a car, on the A30 near Salisbury, which threw him off his motorcycle into the road. He was then struck by another car.

A land ambulance arrived, but due to the serious injuries Pete had sustained, Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity was dispatched.

Pete, who at the time was aged 26, had multiple fractures, a collapsed lung and his left arm was almost completely severed at the elbow.

Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity's critical care paramedics treated and stabilised Pete on scene and he was flown to Southampton General Hospital, a major trauma centre, in six minutes.

Pete immediately underwent nine hours of surgery on his arm.

He was in a coma for two days in the intensive care unit followed by two days on the high dependency unit.

After three weeks he was discharged from hospital to his home in Hampshire and underwent 24 months of intensive physiotherapy and occupational therapy. **Pete's left arm remained paralysed after the accident and a year on Pete underwent an extremely rare, 11-hour operation in Bristol to improve his quality of life.**

Pete said: "Without question Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity saved my life.

"I would not have survived the 20 minute road journey in an ambulance to Salisbury District Hospital, which was the nearest hospital.

"But I needed to go to a major trauma centre, the closest being an hours' drive away in Southampton. The six minute helicopter flight to Southampton

General Hospital is the only reason I am alive."

Despite his catastrophic incident, Pete's passion for riding motorcycles remained and he returned to riding just seven months later.

Pete said: "Jumping back on a bike never really fazed me as I have no memory of the incident or the next few days. The incident was not my fault nor that of the bike, but careless driving from another road user, so this really helped me mentally in my pursuit to start riding again."

Pete resides in Romsey, Hampshire, with his wife and two young children (pictured right). He joined the Charity team last year as our trusts and major donor lead.

As well as joining our team, Pete donates monthly and has since included a gift in his Will to the Charity.



"Without Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity I most definitely would not have survived and I will support this amazing Charity for the rest of my life."

Aftercare Support

Our Charity is here for you.

Recovering after a serious injury or medical emergency can be an incredibly difficult process, not only for patients, but also for their families and those who witnessed the incident.

If you were treated by Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity, supported a loved one, or were present when we attended an incident and have questions about what happened, please contact our Aftercare service.

We're here for you, ready to listen with compassion and understanding.

We can offer guidance to bereaved loved ones and would be honoured to welcome you to our airbase, where you can find comfort, connection and care.

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Teaching lifesaving skills to children

Last year, our emergency awareness training programme was given a fresh new look and rebranded as Aware+. We also welcomed a second trainer to our team, Alex.

Over the course of 2025 we delivered Aware+ training to 8,756 young people across 63 primary and secondary schools.



Since the scheme launched in 2019, a total of 54,645 pupils have now learnt vital emergency response skills. Many schools are visited year after year, allowing us to build strong, lasting relationships and reinforce young people's understanding of lifesaving actions as they grow.

Andrew Robinson, the Charity's emergency awareness training manager, said: "Our aim is to educate communities and schools across Wiltshire and Bath with lifesaving skills, enabling confident action before emergency services such as an ambulance or critical care crew arrive."

"The feedback we had from our teachers about the way Alex interacted with our children was exceptional. It is really clear that she used to be a primary school teacher and this experience translated perfectly."

Bowerhill Primary School • Melksham

What you said about our training

Fynamore Primary School • Calne

"A really informative session which engaged all the children really well. It was pitched well with a mix of humour and information."

Robert Le Kyng Primary School • Swindon

"Teachers were impressed with the quality of the sessions. The children found them engaging and informative. We wouldn't hesitate to welcome Andrew back."

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Join our Lottery for just £1 a week and you could win a weekly cash prize of £1,000. Plus, there are four more chances to win £25 each week.

Feeling lucky? For an extra £1, enter our Superdraw for a chance to win the rollover jackpot of up to **£25,000!** Imagine what you could do with that!

With around 34,000 entries each week, our Lottery and Superdraw help fund one in every four missions, making a real difference.

Since 2009, our Lottery has raised over **£14 million to support our lifesaving work.**

To sign up to our Lottery, scan the QR code below or visit our website

wiltshirebathairambulance.org.uk/lottery



COULD YOU BECOME A SUPERDRAW WINNER?

It was a fantastic end of the year for long-term supporter Ian Cliff, from Salisbury, who landed the £25,000 Superdraw jackpot on 30 December 2025.

He very kindly chose to donate some of his winnings back to the Charity!

The Business Community

How can you get involved?

At Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity, our corporate team aims to build personal partnerships with you and your business.

We offer a range of partnership opportunities that enable you to support our lifesaving work and add tangible value to your organisation.



Corporate Challenges

From the first step to the final finish line, our corporate challenges will bring your team together whilst you make unforgettable memories!

The Yorkshire 3 Peaks • 30 May 2026

Sign up now and conquer the peaks! The Yorkshire 3 Peaks is a powerful test of teamwork, resilience and determination, set against the dramatic scenery of the Yorkshire Dales.

Ben Nevis Sunrise Challenge • 19 July 2026

Climb the UK's tallest mountain under the stars. Starting at night, you'll hike with your group, guided by headlamps and excitement, as you make your way to the top.

It's a challenge that's tough but totally worth it, with views and memories you'll never forget.

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Join our Business Club

The Business Club supports your professional growth, expands your network, and gives you access to a range of workshops throughout the year designed to help develop both you and your business.

What's in it for your business:

- Connect with like-minded businesses
- Get business referrals
- Promote your affiliation with the Charity
- Networking events and speaking opportunities
- Exclusive access to our member portal
- Discounted rates on room bookings at our airbase and training programmes



Other ways to support

Donate from your pay packet

Payroll Giving allows you to donate straight from your salary before tax – meaning your donation goes further. For every £1, the cost to you is 80p.

Nominate us as your Charity of the Year

From team challenges and events to volunteering and awareness raising, there are plenty of ways for your business to get involved and make a real, lifesaving difference.

Could you sponsor one of our events throughout the year?

By sponsoring one of our events, you can raise the profile of your business, connect with your community and show your support.

We have a range of events available to sponsor such as Middlewick House Open Garden, Charity Race Day at Bath Racecourse as well our annual carol concerts.



What's coming up...



APRIL Chalk Walk Challenge

Walk across Wiltshire linking some of the county's famous white horses, whilst fundraising for our lifesaving cause.

Easter Brew with the Crew

Back by popular demand, join us at our airbase to enjoy Easter fun and meet our lifesaving crew.

There will be fun for all the family with an Easter egg hunt and games.

2 APRIL



17 MAY

Car Boot Sale

From pre-loved treasures to unexpected must-haves, there's something for everyone.

Come along to our airbase, grab a bargain and make a difference.



Middlewick House Open Garden

A great family-friendly weekend! Wander around the beautiful garden, browse the sports cars and shop from an array of stalls selling everything from plants to art.

6-7 JUNE



9 JULY Behind-the- scenes Tour

Join us as we open the doors to our airbase to give our guests a unique experience.

Tour our flight room, helicopter hangar and simulation room.

15 JULY

Charity Race Day

Feel the thunder of hooves and the buzz of the crowd at Bath Racecourse! Join us for an unforgettable day of fast-paced action, great company and excitement you won't want to miss.

30 JULY

Teddy Bears' Picnic

A perfect day to pack a picnic, gather your cuddly companions and set off for an adventure at our airbase. Filled with fun activities and big smiles all round.



Summer at the Base

Enjoy a relaxed day out, wandering through stalls, joining in with activities and unwinding with food and refreshments from a variety of vendors at our airbase.

22 AUGUST



7-13 SEPTEMBER

National Air Ambulance Week

Keep an eye out on our social media to see how you can get involved, show your support, and help us continue saving lives across our community.



13 SEPTEMBER

Paws Charity Dog Show

Don't miss out on a pawsome jam-packed day at Rainscombe Park, with your family and furry friends.

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