

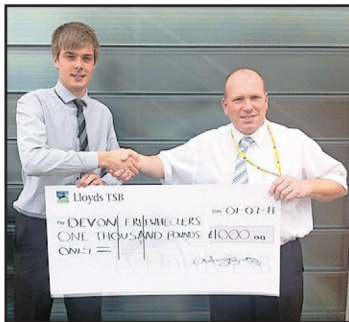
Much-needed boost for Freewheelers

A Honiton-based emergency volunteer service is more than £1,000 better off - after a man walked into their office with a cash gift.

Charlie Haggerty, the finance director of the Freelance Coach Drivers Team Limited, handed blood bike group Devon Freewheelers a cheque for £1,000.

The Freelance Team is the largest driving agency in the country. It supplies the passenger industry with over 300 drivers a day on international operations.

Mr Haggerty said: "It's been a fantastic year for Freelance and as we have just completed a very successful end of year, so we decided that we should share some of it with the emergency



bikers from Devon Freewheelers.

"It gives us great pleasure to be able to donate this money."

The donation could not have come at a better time for Devon Freewheelers.

Spokesman Daniel Lavery said: "It came at the end of

another very stressful month and funding is at a critically low level.

"It costs us £15,000 a year to keep each bike on the road and, I'll admit, it is extremely difficult.

"All of our volunteers are constantly looking for ways to fund-raise and to have a company like Freelance turn up unannounced and hand over this huge amount of money is truly an answer to my prayers!

"It's fantastic news."

After speaking with Mr Lavery, the Freelance Team has offered to make the donation via the Charity Giving link from the Devon Freewheelers website, which increased their donation to £1,280.