



I first met Mike, Luke and Sean at a local bike meet. We started chatting and quickly realised that we all had something in common, not just our passion for motorbikes but Mike and Luke were also Freemasons. They mentioned to me about their new business venture that the three of them were starting by investing their own money.

Let's start with what the new business venture is. Well, it's a motorbike venue in Bristol called Bolts N' Brews which is a community interest company (non-profit). The reason they wanted to open a venue like this was because they couldn't find anywhere where bikers could meet in a local neutral location/safe place. You might be thinking what they mean by a safe space. As we are all aware men are not the most open about talking about their feelings and mental health and this was the main reason this venue was created. What they hoped was that people (specifically men) will use this venue to speak to other likeminded bikers and motorbike enthusiasts about anything that is on their mind and in turn keep everyone safe and mentally stable to ensure a long and happy life.

Bolts N Brews hosted their first ever event on Sunday 17th December 2023. It was a very well attended event where there was good conversation, company and even better coffee. Mental Health Motorbike were also in attendance and gave a short presentation on the services they provide as a charity which included training to be a mental health first aider and their 24-hour helpline.

Unfortunately, in early January the venue was victim to storm Babet; the whole unit was flooded with water reaching up to a meter deep. The water destroyed all their coffee machines, tools, bikes and all furniture inside, which as you can imagine was truly devastating for the lads and the motorbike community.

Due to this being a non-profit company they created a crowdfunder where they were asking for £2500; they needed this money to help re-build the venue and re-open in 2024.

As the Almoner for Wyvern Chapter WSMBA, I was really behind helping in any way we could assist with the rebuild as I believe it is really important for both men and women to have a safe place to go to and talk about their feelings, worries and concerns. I approached the chapter at our next meeting and proposed we donated £200 to this good cause.

The donation by Wyvern Chapter has helped them fund the rebuild of the venue and they are set for a grand reopening on Saturday 20th April. As you should all be seeing this before they reopen, I implore you to attend the reopening and support the cause if you can.

Check out their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/boltsnbrewsbristol>

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