

Street Pastors (Portsmouth)

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Street Pastors (Portsmouth)

Board of Trustees:

Geoff Hawkins (Chair)
Charles Burns (Deceased 24th April 2023)
Rev Samantha Duddles
Rev Anne McCabe
Tessa Most
Tom Thorpe

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Independent Examiner:

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Report of Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees presents its report and the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Governance

Street Pastors (Portsmouth) is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The trustees, who are also the directors of the company, meet regularly, usually 6 times a year. The purpose of these meetings is to set the main priorities for the charity and to oversee the operation of the charity by receiving reports on its activities and finances.

Objects

The objects for which Street Pastors (Portsmouth) is established are:

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Portsmouth and the surrounding area and such other local communities in the United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time determine in accordance with the Christian principles contained in the Statement of Beliefs in the Schedule hereto by associating with the statutory authorities and voluntary organisations with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Main Activities

The aim of Street Pastors (Portsmouth) is to contribute towards making Portsmouth a 'kinder, safer city' by providing a service of practical care, friendship and a prayerful presence. We deploy teams of volunteers drawn from local churches on the city centre streets every Friday and Saturday night. We also provide teams of School Pastors during the daytime to one school.

Review of achievements during the year

During 2023, we put patrols out every weekend with several extra patrols for one off events in support of the night time economy and our partnering agencies. Our school pastor initiative has been consolidated in Milton Cross School with the development of a 1:1 programme for selected pupils at the request of the school. The Volunteer Development Manager has visited churches to raise the profile of Street and School Pastors with a view to recruiting more volunteers. The recognition scheme, in churches that our Street and School Pastors attend, has helped our profile and secured support for the service. We were also nominated for, and were the eventual recipients of a Police Crime Commissioner community excellence award which was received by Jackie Hunt

"No means no. 'No' is a word that needs to be respected. This weekend we saw someone who wasn't quite listening or respecting this "No". Thankfully, this situation was happening in a more public place which meant we could be a presence to support this individual with their 'no.' Without being invasive we were able to ensure their 'no' was finally listened to. We pray that the culture of respect grows in our city, that we respect someone's opinion or response even if it is different to ours or what we wanted to hear."

Street Patrols and Street Pastor Volunteers

Throughout the year we have continued to be a trusted, reliable, uniformed presence on the streets of Portsmouth. In partnership with the City Council and the Police we have provided patrols every Friday and Saturday night patrolling from approximately 10.30 p.m. – 3 a.m. We also put additional teams out on other occasions such as Fresher's Week, Halloween and New Year's Eve.

Our volunteers are organised into 8 teams with each Street Pastor going out at least once every four weeks. This continues to work well and it is a credit to our volunteers and their

willingness to swap and cover when necessary to make up viable teams each week. In 2023 we had 104 patrols and 20 people joined us as observers. This represents some 2,000 hours of volunteering.

At the end of 2023 we had 36 active Street Pastors. Recruitment in 2023 resulted in 4 newly trained Street Pastors and connections made with 8 more candidates, 5 of whom registered to enter the training programme in Spring 2024

Training of new Street Pastors continues twice a year and is conducted regionally. This has proved to be an efficient way of offering our new Street Pastors excellent training. The training is provided by the police, emergency services, mental health practitioners, church leaders and youth workers to name a few. It ensures that our Street Pastors are well equipped to deal with the various scenarios they encounter on the streets.

"One of the most blessed parts of our job while out on our patrols is our relationship with the security teams on the doors to the pubs and clubs. We work together when needed and it flows really well. While talking to the door staff they mentioned that there has been an increase in knives being removed from individuals at the door. We were saddened by this news."

Contacts on the Streets and Referrals

As a part of our partnership with Portsmouth City Council we continue to provide statistical records of "meaningful contacts" and referrals.

The tables below show the level of activity for the past 5 years.

Category	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Alcohol/Substance	73	145	152	70	307
Vulnerability	57	84	73	125	382
Vulnerable – self inflicted	34	64	29	14	
Active Calming	49	65	46	17	60
Passive Calming	16	36	23	16	56
Total	229	394	323	242	805

Each of the above categories show the main reason for an incident being recorded as a contact. Each contact is only categorised once even though in some cases there are multiple reasons, consequently the totals reflect the total number of incidents but not the complexity, duration or number of individuals of each incident.

"We continue to connect with as many people as possible! One man we connected with was lost in his situation, he had gone to a party and fallen asleep. Sadly, he was then attacked while he was asleep! He managed to get out but was still completely shocked by what happened, he also refused any medical help and decided to walk away. He had nowhere to go... So where was he going? We saw him again a bit later and he told us he had found a place to stay for the night which we were so glad to hear!

Street Pastor patrols continue to identify predatory behaviour around the NTE. This includes monitoring vehicles used by potentially predatory occupiers. Our teams also engage with women who are being spoken to by predatory males outside clubs and alert CCTV and the Police to those individuals who gather outside clubs to prey on the vulnerable.

Referrals

Referrals	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Door Safe Staff	40	43	10	2	15
CCTV	12	13	7	6	25
Police	26	25	21	5	9
Safe Space	38	51	26	8	15
Other Agencies	10	14	14	2	6
Total	126	146	78	23	70

Contacts made

The total contacts made for 2023 was 3,955 compared with 4,203 in 2022. This included 1,687 conversations and 73 faith conversations.

Bottles and Broken Glass

Sweeping up broken glass and picking up bottles is a small but significant action that keeps the pavements and roads clear of that type of hazard or potential weapon. During 2023 we picked up 4,340 bottles and broken glass. In 2022 we picked up 4,358 bottles and broken glass.

"Along Guildhall Walk we were approached by two police officers, they asked for assistance with an intoxicated woman lying on the ground hidden by parked cars. She had been left by her friends who thought she had gone to Gosport ferry. We managed to contact her friends and after some time reunite them who then made sure she was safe returning home."

Flip flops, Water and Blankets

Again, a small part of what we do, but the contacts we make when handing out supplies such as flip flops are very rewarding. We did not hand out flip flops or water from the start of the pandemic in line with our risk assessments. However, during 2023 we handed out 104 pairs of flip flops, all of which made a difference to the safety of someone's feet. We gave out 219 bottles of water, again a wonderful way to make contact. The emergency blankets we give out are primarily for the street homeless and help to retain body heat but are also useful as a 'modesty' blanket for covering up vulnerable people; we gave out 27 of these.

Presentations and talks

We gave 24 church talks in 2023 and 2 other talks at various clubs and groups. We also attended the Vocational Day at St Edmunds |Catholic School where we presented to more than 200 year 9 students.

School Pastors

2023 saw the consolidation of the School Pastors service in the Milton Cross School with regular attendance during both break times every Tuesday. Normally there are 3 school pastors in attendance during these times.

"Life can get hard for all of us. As adults have had years of learning how to navigate through different situations and how to deal with different types of people. Even as adults when we come across a bully, it can greatly affect our lives. If this is how it can affect us as an adult how much more a child? Especially with the advancement of use of phones and social media! Thankfully, we have now reached a point in the school that children know that they can talk to us. We did sadly hear of some experiences of children feeling like they were being bullied. This is never ok as an adult or a child. Working with the school, we do our best to support the students and help that child bring some joy back into their school life!"

A new initiative this year has been the provision of a 1:1 session for a pupil identified by the school. This was trialled to ensure we had the resources to support it and has been reviewed to agree the parameters with the school for future use. Appropriate measures have been implemented to ensure safeguarding of the volunteer and the pupil during these sessions.

The table below confirms the level of service during 2022 and 2023.

	2023	2022
Schools	1	2
Volunteers	7	6
Teams	2	2
Visits	66	48
Total Interaction	3,097	2,133
Greetings with staff and students	2,243	1,173
Students Conversations	854	436

Training

Training was provided in partnership with other SP initiatives in the region including Southampton, Winchester, Eastleigh, Isle of Wight, and Fair Oak with a well-established programme providing opportunities for the new recruits to complete the majority of training modules remotely on Saturday mornings. The return to schools in 2023 benefitted from the in-person refresher training received in December 2022 in the Isle of Wight. Meanwhile School Pastors recruits attended a Roles & Responsibilities training 2 School Pastor recruits completed online training sessions in 2023 and became eligible to Patrol as full School Pastors, although one has subsequently withdrawn from the program. We are currently planning and about to commence a targeted recruitment drive using individual school locations as the epicentre of recruitment programs linking individual schools to their local churches.

In January, one of our original team members Roger was presented with a certificate to formally mark his 100th School Pastor Patrol! That is amazing! We celebrate Roger's faithfulness and passion! But it gets better than that! Roger has been out on 144 patrols in total altogether - we can hardly keep up!!

Prayer Support

The support offered by Prayer Pastors cannot be emphasised enough. Our Prayer Pastors support the work of Street and School Pastors whilst the teams are out on the streets, they are either at the patrol base or at home, praying for the teams and sometimes being asked to pray for a specific situation. We currently have over 15 active Prayer Pastors.

One of our Prayer Pastors, Sharon Pearce took on writing the weekly prayer email, we are extremely grateful for her prayers and the direction she gives to help with praying from home on Monday evenings 'Praying together.'

Trustees

Our board of Trustees have a responsibility for effective governance of the Charity and to ensure that we operate in a way that holds true to our stated aims and objectives. Street Pastors Portsmouth is in a strong position with a highly skilled group of Trustees who bring a diverse mix of skills and experience. Two of our Trustees have first-hand experience of being Street Pastors.

We continue to ensure our Trustees are interdenominational, throughout 2023 they were drawn from various denominations: Roman Catholic, Anglican and the Salvation Army.

One Body Group

The original vision for a Christian response to the night-time pub and club environment was born out of the “One Body” group of city-wide church leaders and continue to have spiritual oversight for Street Pastors Portsmouth. Throughout the year we are regularly represented at monthly meetings of One Body and continues to receive support and encouragement from the wider church leadership. These meetings have resumed monthly in person.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm they referred to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission when reviewing the aims and objectives of Street Pastors (Portsmouth) and in planning future activities. All the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no private benefit from this.

Trustee’s Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity’s financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

Financial Review & Reserves Policy

During the year total income received was £38,269 with expenditure of £36,524 giving an operational surplus of £1,745. This is largely due to a payment under the contract from Portsmouth City Council which has been received in full for their financial year 2023/24 and therefore apart of the income relates to activity in the first quarter of 2024.

Trustees highly value the partnership with Portsmouth City Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner whose funding ensures the delivery of the night time economy patrols.

The Trustees aim to have a minimum of 6 months operating costs in reserve at any time which it is currently achieving.

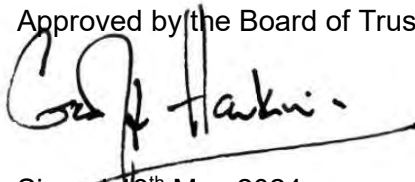
Accounts

The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with:

- statutory requirements
- the governing document
- the statement of recommended practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2005.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Hawkins', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Signed 13th May 2024

Geoff Hawkins

Chair of Street Pastors (Portsmouth)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of

Street Pastors (Portsmouth)

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no.:

1120012

Company no.:

06196054

Set out on pages

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities in accordance with FRS102.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

2nd April 2024

Name:

A D Kidby

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Fellow of the Association of International Accountants

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Isle of Wight PO35 5YA

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Street Pastors (Portsmouth)
Detailed statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Street Pastors	School Pastors	School & Street Pastors	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Grant Portsmouth City Council	18,750	-	-	18,750	11,250
Grant from OPCC	7,007	-	-	7,007	8,044
Donations					
Churches & other organisations	-	3,370	5,663	9,033	4,084
Individuals - not gift aided	-	200	1,440	1,640	710
Individuals - gift aided	-	-	1,460	1,460	1,535
Interest received HMRC	-	-	14	14	-
Tax recoverable gift aid	-	-	365	365	384
	25,757	3,570	8,942	38,269	26,007
Income from investments	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	25,757	3,570	8,942	38,269	26,007
	Street Pastors	School Pastors	Street & School Pastors	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Resources Expenses					
Salary administrators	24,786	2,062	-	26,848	24,925
Employer's NI oncosts	385	-	-	385	399
NI recovery	(385)	-	-	(385)	(399)
Employer's pension oncosts	248	-	-	248	241
Staff welfare	-	-	389	389	454
Public liability insurance	-	-	172	172	-
Printing and stationery	-	18	353	371	220
Telephone	-	-	137	137	32
General office expenses	-	-	256	256	619
Trustees' meeting expenses	-	-	79	79	300
Rent	-	-	1,147	1,147	1,161
Depreciation	-	-	223	223	110
Travel costs and fares	-	19	712	731	466
Ascension Trust support	-	-	1,284	1,284	927
Training, catering, uniforms	-	140	629	769	923
Street giveaways	-	741	-	741	135
DBS checks	-	-	419	419	613
Accountancy - AA Accountancy	-	-	540	540	520
Book-keeping and payroll	-	-	2,170	2,170	2,135
Total resources expended	25,034	2,980	8,510	36,524	33,781
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	723	590	432	1,745	-7,774

Street Pastors (Portsmouth)
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023

	31.12.2023		31.12.2022	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Office equipment				
Original cost	3,106		2,544	
Accumulated depreciation	(2,426)	680	(2,204)	340
Current assets				
Cash at bank	25,397		23,513	
Cash in hand	16		16	
HMRC - gift aid tax due in	365		908	
	<u>25,778</u>		<u>24,437</u>	
Current liabilities				
HMRC - tax and NI	(366)		(14)	
Accrued expenses	580		560	
Ascension Trust liability	597		329	
	<u>811</u>		<u>875</u>	
Net current assets		24,967		23,562
Total net assets		<u>25,647</u>		<u>23,902</u>
Capital and Reserves				
Profit and Loss account		23,902		31,676
Less deficit from unrestricted funds	Street & School Pastors	432	(4,142)	
Add surplus from restricted funds	Street Pastors	723	(3,632)	
Add surplus from restricted funds	School Pastors	590	-	
		1,745		(7,774)
		<u>25,647</u>		<u>23,902</u>

For the year ended on 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 476(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the small companies regime.

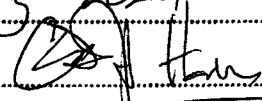
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

1. ensuring the company keeps accounting which comply with section 386
2. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts so far as is applicable to the company.
3. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board on

and signed on their behalf by

13 May 2024

Geoff Hawkins, Chair of Trustees

Street Pastors (Portsmouth)

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard and the Companies Act 2006.

Street Pastors (Portsmouth) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is below the audit threshold for the Companies and Charities Act.

Turnover

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for Street Pastors ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds are funds raised specifically in respect of a SafeSpace contract.

Planned giving, fund raising and donations are recognised when received.

Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming source to which they relate are due.

Grants are accounted for when the charity is legally entitled to the amounts due.

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Depreciation

Fixed assets are depreciated on the basis of 25% of the reducing balance.

Tangible Fixed assets

	£
Cost	
As at 31 December 2022	2,544
Additions	563
Disposals	-
As at 31 December 2023	<u>3,107</u>
Depreciation	
As at 31 December 2022	2,204
Additions	223
Disposals	-
As at 31 December 2023	<u>2,427</u>
Net book value	
As at 31 December 2022	450
As at 31 December 2023	680

Ascension Trust Support

Street Pastors is a national organisation set up by Ascension Trust in London. Street Pastors (Portsmouth) is under the umbrella of Ascension Trust and has been supported by the Ascension Trust in the initial setup and ongoing running. The payment to Ascension Trust covers this ongoing support, linkage to the national website and the expansion of Street Pastors nationally.

Training and uniforms

Costs shown are net of the repayments made by individual Street Pastors for their uniforms.

Company number	6196054
Charity number	1120012

Street Pastors (Portsmouth)

Surplus carried forward

Owing to the uncertain nature of funding, the Trustees aim to have carried forward surpluses equivalent to six months running costs.

Debtors : falling due within one year

HMRC - tax recoverable
Sundry debtor

31.12.2023	31.12.2022
£	£
365	908
-	-
365	908

Creditors : falling due in one year

Trade and sundry creditors

31.12.2023	31.12.2022
£	£
811	875
811	875

Transactions with Directors and related party disclosures

None

Ultimate controlling interest

The company is under the control of its members. No one member has sufficient voting rights to control this charitable company.