

Street Pastors (Portsmouth)

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the  
Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

### **Street Pastors (Portsmouth)**

#### **Board of Trustees:**

Geoff Hawkins (Chair)  
Rev Samantha Duddles  
Rev Anne McCabe  
Tessa Most  
Tom Thorpe (Resigned 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024)  
Sue Kilmaster (Appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025)

#### **Registered Address:**

St Luke's Church, Greetham Street, Portsmouth, PO5 4LH

#### **Independent Examiner:**

Alan Kidby, AA Accountancy Ltd, 22 Meadow Drive, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, PO35 5YA

## **Report of Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees presents its report and the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

## **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 2024, we put patrols out every weekend with several extra patrols for one off events in support of the nighttime economy and our partnering agencies. Our school pastor initiative continues at Milton Cross School which includes 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.

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"It's been cold recently! And the wind is making it feel colder still! A hat, scarf, gloves, and a coat is not the most flattering thing to wear to a club, we know. And we understand that when you've had something to drink, alcohol can make you feel warmer. However, alcohol doesn't make you warm; it just makes you feel warm. This weekend, we found a young woman who needed to be placed in a foil blanket and transported in a wheelchair because she was so affected by the cold and the alcohol. Thankfully, there were people able to help get her warm and safe again."

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## **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, Victorious Festival, 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 2024 we had 103 patrols and 33 people joined us as observers. This represents some 2,000 hours of volunteering.

At the end of 2024 we had 36 active Street Pastors. Recruitment in 2024 resulted in 7 newly trained Street Pastors and connections made with several new candidates, 3 of whom registered to enter the training programme in Spring 2025

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"Not all open doors are ones you should go through. We love having opportunities in life. We like to feel included, invited, wanted. It can be a flattering and even exciting feeling. But we must apply wisdom when it comes to deciding which open doors are for us. On patrol we noticed a girl getting into a car with 3 males. She assured us she felt safe and made the decision to go ahead. The number plate of the car was recorded for any future action required. We are here to help keep the streets safe from danger. Some situations turn out to be more innocent than they may look. We encourage people we meet to be careful which doors they choose to walk through."

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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.

#### *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	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Alcohol/Substance	145	73	145	152	70
Vulnerability	44	57	84	73	125
Vulnerable – self inflicted	57	34	64	29	14
Active Calming	45	49	65	46	17
Passive Calming	29	16	36	23	16
Total	320	229	394	323	242

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.

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"We notice a lot as we are walking around. From the condition of the bins to the need to help people getting into taxis. Another way we contribute to people's safety and wellbeing, is to give them a bottle of water - just when they need it! Furthermore, we have some great faith conversations! It's always interesting hearing what is on people's hearts and what they are passionate about."

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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*

<b>Referrals</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Door Safe Staff	15	40	43	10	2
CCTV	1	12	13	7	6
Police	17	26	25	21	5
Safe Space	24	38	51	26	8
Other Agencies	2	10	14	14	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>23</b>

During 2024 we started gathering information on referrals in a different format, recording referrals that resulted in SPs contacting 3rd party agencies on behalf of vulnerable people who had given us specific consent to do so. These "Proactive Referrals" aligned our own referral process with that of Portsmouth City Council to help provide a more comprehensive picture of those we help, with particular regard to rough sleepers. As this is a change to our previous referral process there are no comparative figures from previous years. In 2024, there were 8 Proactive Referrals made, all of which related to Rough Sleepers.

### *Contacts made*

The total contacts made for 2024 was 4,988 compared with 3,955 in 2023. This included 1,790 conversations and 97 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 2024 we picked up 5,252 bottles and broken glass. In 2023 we picked up 4,340 bottles and broken glass.

### *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. During 2024 we handed out 94 pairs of flip flops, all of which made a difference to the safety of someone's feet.

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"We were called by one of the city's bars to assist with an intoxicated female student. They were denying her entry so we stayed with her. After some time and trying to contact friends, we took her to Safe Space for observation. "Silly girl." "She didn't deserve the help." "She brought it on herself." These are all common thoughts of some people passing her by on the night. Yet, the truth is this: none of us live a perfect life. As Christians, we have received the gift of new life given freely through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ - a gift that none of us could have earned through our own efforts or work. We didn't deserve it. It is from this position that we go out on Friday and Saturday nights to give protection and to support to others - to share the love of God in practical ways."

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We gave out 217 bottles of water, another way of making 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 44 of these.

### *Presentations and talks*

We gave 27 church talks in 2024 and 4 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. Street Pastors were also presented at St Luke's Summer Fair, where a table was manned by Street Pastors talking to those attending about our mission and the work that we do in Portsmouth.

### **School Pastors**

2024 saw the continuation 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.

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"Amongst all the craziness, chaos and conversations, there was one simple gesture that stood out to us during our school visit this week. We were offered some biscuits by a group of boys. You remember the classic wise parental advice when you were their age, right? "Don't accept sweets from strangers." Well, young people's life has become a lot more complicated and sophisticated since then. Who classes as a 'stranger' now could be more the next-door neighbour than someone living on the opposite side of the world! So, when we are offered a biscuit, we count this as a good sign. We are not considered strangers to these children."

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We have continued with the initiative which started in 2023 of providing a 1:1 session for pupils identified by the school. This has been reviewed to agree the parameters with the school. 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 since 2022.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Schools	1	1	2
Volunteers	6	7	6
Teams	2	2	2
Visits	74	66	48
Total Interaction	4,055	3,097	2,133
Greetings with staff and students	2,491	2,243	1,173
Students Conversations	1,372	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 most training modules remotely on Saturday mornings. There were no new School Pastors trained in 2024 but the existing team of volunteers enthusiastically maintained our level of service to Milton Cross academy throughout the year, including the reliable continuation of the Single Student Engagement Programme.

## **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 19 active Prayer Pastors.

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"Brrrr....it's been cold out there around the pubs and clubs of Portsmouth! While our Street Pastors are battling the elements, what stays unseen is the prayer warriors at home. As our teams take to the streets, the prayer pastors - are indoors. And while they do have the benefit of warm fireplaces, they aren't (just) putting their feet up and enjoying a hot cuppa. They are on their knees, standing in the gap, or sitting with focus, with hands together, speaking directly to God. These prayers make a difference. To the work on the streets and the warmth felt inside by our Street Pastors as well those we meet."

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One of our Prayer Pastors, Sharon Pearce, writes a weekly prayer email for all our volunteers. We are extremely grateful for her prayers and the direction she gives to help with praying from home on Monday evening.

## **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. Three of our Trustees have first-hand experience of being Street Pastors and one as a School Pastor too.

We continue to ensure our Trustees are interdenominational, throughout 2023 they were drawn from various denominations: Roman Catholic, Anglican and non-conformist.

## **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 £49,146 with expenditure of £43,821 giving an operational surplus of £5,325. Two factors influenced this outcome: a payment of the grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner which had been delayed from 2023; a generous donation of £5,000.

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

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

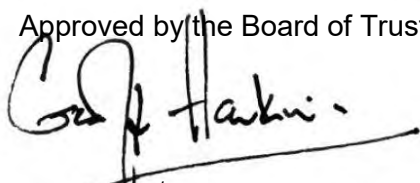
### **Accounts**

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 line extending from the end of the signature.

Signed 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Geoff Hawkins

Chair of Street Pastors (Portsmouth)



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report  
on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the  
trustees/directors/  
members of**

Street Pastors (Portsmouth)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no.:**

1120012

**Company no.:**

06196054

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

**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: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Name:

A D Kidby

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

Fellow of the Association of International Accountants

**Address:**

22 Meadow Drive

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**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 2024**

	Street Pastors	School Pastors	School & Street Pastors	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Grant Portsmouth City Council	11,250	-	-	11,250	18,750
Grant from OPCC	22,331	-	-	22,331	7,007
Donations					
Churches & other organisations	-	-	7,762	7,762	9,033
Individuals - not gift aided	-	-	5,958	5,958	1,640
Individuals - gift aided	-	-	1,470	1,470	1,460
Interest received HMRC	-	-	-	-	14
Tax recoverable gift aid	-	-	375	375	365
	33,581	-	15,565	49,146	38,269
Income from investments	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest receivable	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>33,581</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,565</b>	<b>49,146</b>	<b>38,269</b>
	Street Pastors	School Pastors	Street & School Pastors	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Resources Expenses</b>					
Salary administrators	29,269	1,548	-	30,817	26,848
Employer's NI oncosts	920	-	-	920	385
NI recovery	(920)	-	-	(920)	(385)
Employer's pension oncosts	322	-	-	322	248
Staff welfare	-	-	426	426	389
Public liability insurance	-	-	86	86	172
Printing and stationery	-	50	134	184	371
Telephone	-	-	60	60	137
General office expenses	-	-	223	223	256
Trustees' meeting expenses	-	136	488	624	79
Rent	-	-	1,913	1,913	1,147
Depreciation	-	-	200	200	223
Travel costs and fares	-	15	1,338	1,353	731
Ascension Trust support	-	-	2,359	2,359	1,284
Training, catering, uniforms	-	7	1,724	1,731	769
Street giveaways	-	-	313	313	741
DBS checks	-	-	456	456	419
Bank charges	-	-	34	34	-
Accountancy - AA Accountancy	-	-	560	560	540
Book-keeping and payroll	-	-	2,160	2,160	2,170
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>29,591</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>12,474</b>	<b>43,821</b>	<b>36,524</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>3,990</b>	<b>(1,756)</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>5,325</b>	<b>1,745</b>

Company number 6196054  
Charity number 1120012

**Street Pastors (Portsmouth)**

**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2024**

	31.12.2024		31.12.2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Office equipment				
Original cost	3,106		3,106	
Accumulated depreciation	(2,626)	480	(2,426)	680
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank	20,832		25,397	
Cash in hand	16		16	
HMRC - gift aid tax due in	367		365	
Grant monies due in	11,250		-	
	<u>32,465</u>		<u>25,778</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
HMRC - tax and NI	-		(366)	
Accrued expenses	600		580	
Ascension Trust liability	1,373		597	
	<u>1,973</u>		<u>811</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		30,492		24,967
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>30,972</u>		<u>25,647</u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>				
Profit and Loss account		25,647		23,902
Add surplus from unrestricted funds	Street & School Pastors	3,091	432	
Add surplus from restricted funds	Street Pastors	3,990	723	
Less deficit from restricted funds	School Pastors	(1,756)	590	
		5,325		1,745
		<u>30,972</u>		<u>25,647</u>

For the year ended on 31 December 2024 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

21 May 2025

and signed on their behalf by

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Geoff Hawkins, Chair of Trustees

## Street Pastors (Portsmouth)

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 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 grants, contracts and donations for particular purposes.  
 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 asset are depreciated on the basis of 25% of the reducing balance.

#### Tangible Fixed assets

	£
<b>Cost</b>	
As at 31 December 2023	3,107
Additions	-
Disposals	-
As at 31 December 2024	<u>3,107</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
As at 31 December 2023	2,427
Additions	200
Disposals	-
As at 31 December 2024	<u>2,627</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
As at 31 December 2023	680
As at 31 December 2024	480

#### 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.

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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

31.12.2024	31.12.2023
£	£
-	365
-	-
-	365

#### **Creditors : falling due in one year**

Trade and sundry creditors

31.12.2024	31.12.2023
£	£
1,973	811
1,973	811

#### **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.