

LINCOLN STREET PASTORS

Registration Number 1122451

Chair person's report 2023-2024

Objects of the Charity

The objects are:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the people of Lincolnshire, including but not limited to:

a.

The advancement of the Christian religion

b.

The promotion of public safety and prevention of crime

c.

Relief of poverty and sickness

We fulfil these objectives by patrolling the streets of Lincoln City on Saturday nights from approximately 10.30 pm until 2.30am looking after people who use the night time economy of the city

This last year has continued to be difficult for Lincoln Street Pastors. We have had to stop our patrols this year on Friday nights. We continue to staff Saturday evenings where possible. Our numbers of Street Pastors have dwindled over the year from eighteen to sixteen. This is despite numerous efforts by our Co-ordinator and current Street Pastors speaking in church services and any meetings where there are Christians present. Numbers of Prayer Pastors remain low at fourteen and some Street Pastors are prepared to be Prayer Pastors if necessary. Our Co-ordinator Melanie continues to keep in contact with all the volunteers through her regular newsletters

We have struggled to recruit enough volunteers to return to our shift pattern of every Friday and Saturday. Our prayer pastors remain on Zoom as this seems most convenient for them and is effective. Recruitment still appears to be affected by the change to online training, which is organised by our umbrella body, Ascension Trust. This requires attendance for several hours on a Saturday morning via Zoom. Participants are reporting that it is not particularly engaging and that Saturday mornings are difficult for attendance as it is family time. Negotiations with Ascension Trust have resulted in some limited acknowledgement of the problems and should we get more volunteers we will probably again run local training. Our co-ordinator has undertaken training with Ascension Trust to become an area trainer for Roles and Responsibilities which is mandatory training for all new recruits before they are allowed to be put on a patrol rota.

Melanie is an active participant in strategic partnerships in the city including those with the police, city council and Lincoln business improvement group. These groups welcome her expertise and she is a member of the Police and

Crime Commissioner's independent panel for violence against women and girls. Violence and drug dealing are significant issues in the city at night. The police welcome our involvement with them in such situations. They have commissioned a video which includes our role in the night-time economy. This has been made by University of Lincoln students.

We continue to receive funding from various sources including the Police and Crime Commissioner, the local Co-operative society and donations given after speaking engagements. We are however not able to cover our expenses from this funding and are therefore dipping into our reserves. We have not been able to secure any more funding for this financial year. Consequently our reserves continue to diminish.

Melanie has continued to improve our presence on social media and kept up the profile of Lincoln Street Pastors via social media, BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire Live the local digital newspaper. She has good relationships with local radio and they have published bulletins on about our work in the city. Her work in schools about "Safety using the night time economy" is well received and she continues to try to extend the number of schools willing to host these events.

Our management committee remains the same and we have not been able to do any succession planning. This is a need in the near future as we need younger members soon in order for them to become familiar with the organisation before our current members step down

It remains to be seen what will happen in the future. Our focus will need to be on recruitment and retention of both Street and Prayer pastors and helping them to feel confident and equipped to undertake patrols. We hope that returning to local training may assist us in doing this

Audrey Beverley
Chair Lincoln Street Pastors Sept 2024

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Income and Expenditure Account, for the Year ended 31st March 2024

<i>last year</i>		INCOME		
		<u>Grants</u>		
£ 10,000		Police and Crime Commissioner	£ 7,500.00	
£ -			£ -	
£ 10,000		<u>Total Grants</u>		£ 7,500.00
		<u>Donations</u>		
£ 1,277		Partner Churches	£ 433.54	
£ -		Other Church Giving	£ -	
£ 140		Non-church Group Giving	£ 50.00	
£ 100		Individual Giving	£ 25.00	
£ 430		Donations	£ -	
£ -		Gift Aid	£ 5.16	
£ -		Uniform donations	£ -	
£ 1,948		<u>Total Donations</u>		£ 513.70
£ 252	£ 252	<u>Bank Interest</u>	£ 684.85	£ 684.85
£ 12,199		TOTAL INCOME		£ 8,698.55
£ 4,346		Excess Expenditure over Income		£ 9,809.85
£ 16,545				£ 18,508.40
		EXPENDITURE		
		<u>Training and Operating</u>		
£ 108		Street supplies	£ 194.93	
£ 468		Mobile phones & top ups	£ 468.00	
£ 144		ZOOM subscription	£ 143.88	
£ -		Training fees	£ -	
£ -		ID badges	£ -	
£ -		Uniforms	£ -	
£ 56		DBS Searches	£ -	
£ 776		<u>Total training and operating costs</u>		£ 806.81
		<u>Employment</u>		
£ 11,555		Coordinator salary costs	£ 12,373.50	
£ 475		Pension Contributions	£ 371.23	
£ 114		Travelling and subsistence	£ 175.35	
£ -		Staff training	£ 284.67	
£ 198		Payroll services	£ 198.00	
£ 1,259		Administrator bursary	£ 1,348.00	
£ 13,601		<u>Total employment costs</u>		£ 14,750.75
		<u>Office Equipment and Expenditure</u>		
£ 158		Office expenses	£ 137.02	
£ -		Office Equipment	£ -	
£ 158		<u>Total Office costs</u>		£ 137.02
		<u>Fees and Administration</u>		
£ -		Independent Examiner (Auditor) fee	£ -	
£ 141		Governance costs	£ -	
£ 773		Treasurer Honorarium	£ 829.50	
£ 224		Insurance	£ 224.32	
£ 72		Bank charges	£ 60.00	
£ 1,210		<u>Total Fees and Administration Costs</u>		£ 1,113.82
		<u>Franchise</u>		
£ 800		Ascension Trust	£ 800.00	
£ 800		<u>Total Franchise costs</u>		£ 800.00
		<u>Promotional</u>		
£ -		<u>Total Promotional costs</u>		£ -
		<u>Premises</u>		
£ -		Utilities	£ 900.00	
£ -		<u>Total Premises Costs</u>		£ 900.00
£ 16,545		TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£ 18,508.40