

# **LINCOLN STREET PASTORS**

## **Chair of Trustees report 24-25**

**Registration Number 1122451**

### **Address**

St Benedict's Church  
St benedict's Square  
High St  
Lincoln  
LN5 7AR

### **Current Trustees**

Joy Liddle  
Rev Richard Billinghamurst  
Dr Ian Lacy  
Audrey Beverley  
Fiona Duerden  
Lindsey Slapp

### **Objectives of the Charity**

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

### **Achievement and Performance**

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 nighttime 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 sixteen to fourteen. 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 nine 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. Our two new volunteers are now fully trained, and we are hopeful that local training will be a possibility soon.

Our coordinator 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.

She continues to be part of the coordinating bodies for churches in Lincoln such as Transform Lincoln and Churches together in

Lincoln. We recruit our Street & Prayer Pastors as well as Trustees from these places.

## **Grants**

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 will only accept funds which accord with Christian principles. We are however not able to cover our expenses from our current funding sources 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. Next year however we may well be entitled to grants which we have had in the past.

Our coordinator 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 about our work in the city. Her work in schools about “Safety using the nighttime 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 for the near future as we need younger members soon 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 Oct 25 for the year 24-25

## LINCOLN STREET PASTORS

### Income and Expenditure Account, for the full year to 31st March 2025

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|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
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| £ 7,500          | Police and Crime Commissioner  | £ 10,000.00 |                    |
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| £ 434            | Partner Churches               | £ 2,639.66  |                    |
| £ -              | Other Church Giving            | £ 126.00    |                    |
| £ 50             | Non-church Group Giving        | £ 1,000.00  |                    |
| £ 25             | Individual Giving              | £ 30.16     |                    |
| £ -              | Donations                      | £ -         |                    |
| £ 5              | Gift Aid                       | £ -         |                    |
| £ -              | Uniform donations              | £ -         |                    |
| £ 514            | <u>Total Donations</u>         |             | £ 3,795.82         |
| £ 685            | <u>Bank Interest</u>           | £ 585.96    | £ 585.96           |
| <b>£ 8,699</b>   | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>            |             | <b>£ 14,381.78</b> |
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|                 |          | <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                         |                    |
|-----------------|----------|--|--------------------|
|                 |          | <u>Training and Operating</u>              |                    |
| £ 195           |          | Street supplies                            | £ 192.31           |
| £ 468           |          | Mobile phones & top ups                    | £ 488.00           |
| £ 144           |          | ZOOM subscription                          | £ -                |
| £ -             |          | Training fees                              | £ -                |
| £ -             |          | ID badges                                  | £ -                |
| £ -             |          | Uniforms                                   | £ -                |
| £ -             |          | DBS Searches                               | £ 18.00            |
|                 | £ 807    | <u>Total training and operating costs</u>  | £ 698.31           |
|                 |          | <u>Employment</u>                          |                    |
| £12,374         |          | Coordinator salary costs                   | £ 13,103.40        |
| £ 371           |          | Pension Contributions                      | £ 393.13           |
| £ 175           |          | Travelling and subsistence                 | £ 178.60           |
| £ 285           |          | Staff training                             | £ -                |
| £ 198           |          | Payroll services                           | £ 198.00           |
| £ 1,348         |          | Administrator bursary                      | £ 1,433.80         |
|                 | £ 14,751 | <u>Total employment costs</u>              | £ 15,306.93        |
|                 |          | <u>Office Equipment and Expenditure</u>    |                    |
| £ 137           |          | Office expenses                            | £ 291.08           |
| £ -             |          | Office Equipment                           | £ -                |
|                 | £ 137    | <u>Total Office costs</u>                  | £ 291.08           |
|                 |          | <u>Fees and Administration</u>             |                    |
| £ -             |          | Independent Examiner (Auditor) fee         | £ -                |
| £ -             |          | Governance costs                           | £ -                |
| £ 830           |          | Treasurer Honorarium                       | £ 892.00           |
| £ 224           |          | Insurance                                  | £ 224.32           |
| £ 60            |          | Bank charges                               | £ 60.00            |
|                 | £ 1,114  | <u>Total Fees and Administration Costs</u> | £ 1,176.32         |
|                 |          | <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>                            |                    |
| £ 900           |          | Utilities                                  | £ 1,200.00         |
|                 | £ 900    | <u>Total Premises Costs</u>                | £ 1,200.00         |
| <b>£ 18,508</b> |          | <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                   | <b>£ 19,472.64</b> |