

TORBAY STREET PASTORS TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of Torbay Street Pastors are pleased to present their report together with audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number: 1123087

Charity address for correspondence: Torbay Street Pastors
The Memorial Hall
17 Parkhill Road
Torquay
TQ1 2AL

TRUSTEES

The trustees who were serving as Trustees as at 31st March 2023 and who were appointed as Trustees upon conversion to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 19th November 2022

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| Brian Cooney | Chair |
| Roger Ede | Treasurer |
| Barney Bettesworth | |
| Malcolm Ford | |
| Samantha Hart | Deputy Chair |
| Dixie Kendall- Dunn | |
| Bill Becher | |
| Vacant | |
| Vacant | |

New trustees are appointed by the existing ones. The trustees meet 6 times a year and delegate to the Management Team the operational decisions required to run the charity. The Team meets bimonthly.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

In accordance with the licence agreement as executed with Ascension Trust, and as the Trustees and Management Team from time to time to think fit, our aims and purposes are:

1. To advance the Christian faith in Torbay and Newton Abbot and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or world, particularly, but not exclusively, by means of caring, listening and helping people on the streets and at various locations.
2. To promote public safety and assist in the prevention of crime in Torbay and Newton Abbot.
3. To promote and preserve good health and wellbeing by the provision of goods or services.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the aims and activities of the charity provide a benefit to the public.

Torbay Street Pastors (TSP) have a Safe Place van (SP) which is parked at the harbourside when the TSP are on duty. This SP gives people who are vulnerable, injured or have just been parted from their friends a secure and safe place to be. The Safe Place is run by a mixture of Street Pastors and volunteers, who are not a Christian but, are happy to work alongside Christians. The SP is a great asset to TSP and is highly recognisable when parked along the harbourside and many people come to say hello, obtain flip-flops, space blankets, water or just have a general chat. The Safe Place is also a place where street attached folk can visit to get a hot drink, receive basic first aid, and also get help in the form of contact numbers for the Councils homeless team. When the SP is parked members of the public will often come to the volunteers to alert them of someone in need.

TSP is committed to serving people of all backgrounds as our Street Pastors undertake their nightly patrols or participate in other activities and events. TSP works alongside local churches, Torbay Council, the Police and other emergency services to serve those in need in our night-time economy.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Following Covid TSP have lost several volunteers, due to ill health, moving area and retiring because of age etc. We stopped our duty on Friday nights in Torquay because of this and still have not been able to resume this duty. We have recruited a few new Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors throughout the year. These Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors work either in Torquay or Newton Abbot. It has been challenging at times, but we have been encouraged to continue and are looking to run training courses throughout the year.

At the end of the financial year the only Co-ordinator for TSP decided not to renew her contract. She was the only paid member of staff with TSP. The trustees agreed not to advertise another paid role but are managing to co-ordinate the post between themselves and volunteer TSP's for the time being until numbers increase and a need is recognised.

Over the course of the year TSP were able to assist several individuals in need on the streets of Torquay and Newton Abbot. A summary of how our resources were deployed follows:

- 86 bottles of water issued.
- 114 pairs of flip-flops issued.
- 23 occasions when first aid was administered.
- 32 calls from emergency services/door staff for SP assistance.
- 600 conversations.

Total number of bottles/cans/glasses collected:

- 1,346 Bottles, Cans, Broken Glass and Other Items that could be used as a weapon taken off the streets.

Total number of people signposted to other organisations (e.g., for drug support, housing, training, counselling etc):

- 32

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The principal sources of funding in 2022/3 were gifts from local churches, individuals, Torbay Council, Devon & Cornwall Police, organisations and individual gifts from trainee Street Pastors. Total income for the year was £18,290, total expenditure was £21,333, resulting in a decrease in reserves of £3,043. The unrestricted fund reserves held at the year-end were £17,828.

The total number of volunteers serving during the year was:

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|--|----|
| Total number of SP's: | 24 |
| Total number of PP's: | 7 |
| Total number of Safe Place Volunteers: | 1 |

All the Street Pastors, Prayer Pastors and Safe Place Volunteers give their time freely as volunteers, and many also help the charity in other ways on a voluntary basis. The trustees record their gratitude for everyone's contribution and commitment.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity presently maintains a reserve to cover a minimum of 6 months' expenditure. This is reviewed and adjusted as the operational needs of the charity change.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Trustees have set the following for the next year:

- To keep under review deployments of Street Pastors, Prayer Pastors and Safe Place volunteers. The safety and welfare of our volunteers and of members of the public will be our first consideration.
- Any recruitment and training for Street Pastors, Prayer Pastors and Safe Place volunteers will be kept under review during the year.
- Continue to keep engaged in conversation with Torbay Council initiatives, Devon & Cornwall Police and local churches and to understand the difficulties and concerns of these agencies.
- Promote the work of Torbay Street Pastors through greater use of social media and to a wider community.
- Conduct a Street Pastor's refresher course.
- Conduct a Prayer Pastor's training day.
- Conduct a Team Leader and Safe Place training day.
- Consider the position of a Co-ordinator if a suitable funding stream is obtained.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have identified the risks to which the charity is exposed and have ensured that there are procedures in place to mitigate those risks. They will continue to review those procedures as necessary. Operational risks are assessed at the Management Meetings at which one trustee is present.

All Street Pastors are subject to DBS checks and there is a Safeguarding Officer who oversees our safeguarding policies which include maintenance of a safeguarding log to record any incidents. As part of our Health and Safety Policy an accident log is located at our base and any entries are the responsibility of the Team Leader for that night. Risks that can be covered by insurance are dealt with through a policy arranged nationally by the Ascension Trust. Other financial risks are addressed through keeping adequate reserves, and the level of those reserves is monitored at the regular meetings of the Trustees and the Management Team.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial period which clearly show the situation of the charity and the surplus or deficit of the charity for the period. In Preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in existence.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 (FRS102). They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence making reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Sam Hart

Sam Hart
Deputy Chair of Trustees

Torbay Street Pastors
Receipts and Payments Account for the
Year Ended 31st March 2023

Charity no. 1123087

| | 2023 | | | 2022 |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| Receipts | | | | |
| Offerings & donations | 5747 | | 5747 | 11952 |
| Gift aid | 4043 | | 4043 | 0 |
| HMRC grant funding | 0 | | 0 | 569 |
| Grants | 8500 | | 8500 | 8500 |
| | 18290 | 0 | 18290 | 21021 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Ascension Trust | 1532 | | 1532 | 1835 |
| Salaries | 9909 | | 9909 | 9300 |
| Rent & security | 2955 | | 2955 | 1250 |
| Training & uniform | 675 | | 675 | 2160 |
| Safe Place 2 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance | 240 | | 240 | 240 |
| Postage & stationery | 26 | | 26 | 476 |
| Telephone & office expenses | 2165 | | 2165 | 1005 |
| Professional fees | 866 | | 866 | 564 |
| Sundries & refreshments | 885 | | 885 | 144 |
| SPV costs | 2080 | | 2080 | 1334 |
| Travel & accommodation | 0 | | 0 | 108 |
| Medical supplies | 0 | | 0 | 64 |
| | 21333 | 0 | 21333 | 18480 |
| Excess of expenditure over income | -3043 | 0 | -3043 | 2541 |
| Cash at 1st April 2022 | 20871 | | 20871 | 18330 |
| Cash at 31st March 2023 | 17828 | | 17828 | 20871 |

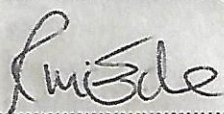
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 31st March 2023

| | 2023 | | | 2022 |
|--------------|--------------|------------|-------|-------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| Cash Funds | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 17828 | 0 | 17828 | 20871 |
| Cash in hand | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 17828 | 0 | 17828 | 20871 |

Notes

1 The trustees confirm, in accordance with Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Trustee

17 January 2024

Date