

TORBAY STREET PASTORS TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of Torbay Street Pastors and Newton Abbot (Newton Abbot are under the umbrella of Torbay), are pleased to present their report together with unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number:	1123087
Charity address for correspondence:	Torbay Street Pastors The Memorial Hall 17 Parkhill Road Torquay TQ1 2AL

Torbay Street Pastors is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was incorporated on 19th November 2021.

TRUSTEES

The trustees who were serving as Trustees as at 31st March 2025

Jacqui Lyttle
Roger Ede (Treasurer)
Barney Bettesworth
Malcolm Ford
Samantha Hart (Deputy Chair)
Dixie Kendall- Dunn
Suzy Wright
Fr Paul Jones
Rev Joe Lannon

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 usually 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.

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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) incorporates Street Pastors in Torbay and Newton Abbot. In Torquay, the Street Pastors have a Safe Place Van (SPV) which is parked at the harbourside when the Street Pastors are on duty. The SPV gives people who are vulnerable, injured or have just been parted from their friends, a secure and safe place to be. The SPV is mostly manned by Street Pastors and occasionally by Safe Place volunteers (who are not always Christian but, are happy to work alongside Christians.) The SPV is a great asset to TSP and is highly recognisable when parked along the harbourside and many people come to say hello, ask for advice, ask for directions, obtain flip-flops, space blankets, water or just have a general chat. When the SPV is parked members of the public will often come to the volunteers to alert them of someone in need. Newton Abbot operates on foot only.

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, the Safer Communities Teams of Torbay Council and Teignbridge District Council, the Police and other emergency services to serve those in need in our night-time economy.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Torbay Street Pastors continue to maintain a team out every Saturday night in Torquay and Newton Abbot. Whilst we have lost several volunteers, due to ill health, moving area and retiring because of age etc. we continue to recruit and train new volunteers.

The post of Chair remained vacant for most of the year but will be filled by Jacqui Lyttle who will take up the position on the 1st April 2025. During 24/25, the role was covered by the Deputy Chair. We continue to train up new Street Pastors and held a commissioning service for 11 newly appointed Street Pastors in November 2024.

During the year we have continued to man our highly visible Safe Place van without access to mains power whilst the Council makes significant changes to Torquay harbourside. We adapted our ability to provide hot drinks by purchasing a hot water flask, ran lighting from the van's leisure battery and invested in battery power packs to charge up mobile phones. We continue to park in the newly created loading bay on The Strand however it is becoming increasingly difficult to park here as the loading bay is used by food delivery companies, private taxi's and the public dropping off and picking up. As the newly created harbourside area becomes more popular with the public we will be consulting with our Street Pastors on whether we should now park alongside Prezzo near the slipway alongside the medics and

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Street Marshalls. We will also be pursuing a longer term agreed location with the Council so that we can re-instate mains power to the Safe Place.

In March 2024 the Trustees agreed to recruit an administrator for TSP. The administrator has now been in post for a year and has full responsibility for the day to day tasks including rotas and training. In March 2025, the administrator will also take on the responsibility of fund raising. The Trustees continue managing the finances and strategic decision making. Having received regular funding from Torbay Council over recent years in recognition for our contribution to the Purple Flag Scheme and Best Bar None initiative, it was hoped that the funding for this role would be covered by Torbay Council in this financial year however this did not materialise. No funding has been received from Teignbridge District Council to support the work of Street Pastors in Newton Abbot.

We have signed up to the Safer Women at Night (SWAN) charter as this is one of our core aims on weekends to ensure women feel safe leaving the pubs and clubs of Torquay and Newton Abbot, feel safe getting a taxi, and feel safe on the street when alone. We know that our presence physically and in spirit has saved many a female from an unsavoury situation.

Despite funding issues 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:

- 172 bottles of water issued. (decrease in demand)
- 283 pairs of flip-flops issued. (increase in demand)
- 4 occasions when first aid was administered. (decrease in demand)
- 5 calls from emergency services/door staff for SP assistance. (decrease in demand)
- 613 conversations. (increase in demand)

Of these conversations, we know that many will have prevented a suicide, dispersed a case of domestic violence and improved a persons mental health. We would like to record our support of the locally provided medical service which has freed up Street Pastors from having to wait with patients for an ambulance in the early hours. Our thanks also to the Street Marshalls who assist the door staff with potentially violent persons and maintaining order protecting our Street Pastor volunteers.

We received £1000 from the Torbay Council Household Support Fund in 23/24 and used this to purchase and distribute the following items to over 50 individuals over the course of the year;

- 10 Sleeping bags
- 48 Pairs of socks
- 5 Waterproof jackets
- 20 Fleece blankets

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- 5 Fleece jackets
- 50 Woolie hats
- 60 Pairs of Gloves

Most weekends we are approached and asked if we can supply sleeping bags by the homeless. We will apply for further grants next year to pay for more clothing and sleeping bag supplies as there is increasing demand for this. We do not supply tents.

Nearly all Saturdays are manned in Torquay and Newton Abbot with only a few evenings cancelled due to ill health of volunteers. Weekly reports are sent monthly to Devon and Cornwall Police, Torbay Council and Teignbridge Council.

Total number of bottles/cans/glasses collected:

- 1032 Bottles, Cans, Broken Glass and Other Items that could be used as a weapon, taken off the streets.

Bottles of water are kindly donated by a local licensed premises and flip flops are purchased out of our own funds. We continue to accept donations in cash and via a Sum-Up facility.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The principal sources of funding in 2024/5 were from local churches, individuals, small charitable organisations and individual gifts from trainee Street Pastors. Total income for the year was £13,920, total expenditure was £16,481, resulting in a decrease in reserves of £2,561. The unrestricted fund reserves held at the year-end were £16,814. No unrestricted funds were received from Torbay Council, Teignbridge District Council or Devon and Cornwall Police. Grant funding of significant value has been harder to obtain by Torbay Street Pastors. We receive no central funding from Ascension Trust and have only one part time paid member of staff who is paid for 10 hours a week support at £13 per hour. The Trustees must seek out significant reliable funding in order to continue to operate.

The total number of volunteers serving during the year was:

Total number of SP's	40
Total number of Prayer Pastors	12

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.

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Trustees in conjunction with the Management Team 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. We are working more closely with Exeter and Plymouth Street Pastor groups to provide cost efficient training to new recruits.
- 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.
- Replacement of the treasurer (retirement due March 2025).
- Review the location of the SPV.

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.

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.

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.

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- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in existence

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 5 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Mrs Sam Hart
Deputy Chair of Trustees



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
TORBAY STREET PASTORS

No (if any)
1123087

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1-Apr-2024		31-Mar-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings and Donations	8,296	-	-	8,296	4,540
Gift Aid	3,423	-	-	3,423	4,547
Bank Interest	201	-	-	201	-
Grants	2,000	-	-	2,000	1,800
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,920	-	-	13,920	10,887
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,920	-	-	13,920	10,887
A3 Payments					
Insurance	240	-	-	240	240
Ascension Trust	1,433	-	-	1,433	1,129
Training & Uniform	1,073	-	-	1,073	644
Office Expenses	1,515	-	-	1,515	1,205
Rent	2,860	-	-	2,860	2,604
Salaries	6,759	-	-	6,759	-
SPV Costs	1,934	-	-	1,934	2,600
	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	667	-	667	918
Sub total	15,814	667	-	16,481	9,340
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,814	667	-	16,481	9,340
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,894	- 667	-	- 2,561	1,547
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,375	-	-	19,375	17,828
Cash funds this year end	17,481	- 667	-	16,814	19,375

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Nat West Bank	16,814	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16814		
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B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Rm Ede	ROGER EDE	23.4.2025	