

ISLE OF WIGHT STREET PASTORS

England & Wales - Charity number 1136110

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Company number [07200287](#)

Registered 2010-05-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("OBJECTS") ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:1) TO PROMOTE WITHIN THE ISLE OF WIGHT THE PROTECTION, SAFETY & EDUCATION OF ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR GENDER, RACE, RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, PHYSICAL OR OTHER DISABILITY OR AGE AND PARTICULARLY PEOPLE CONGREGATING ON THE STREETS & IN PUBLIC PLACES AT NIGHT TIME, IN ORDER TO DISCOURAGE AND MITIGATE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND THE COMMISSIONING OF CRIMINAL ACTS. 2) TO PROMOTE THE RELIEF OF ALL PEOPLE AT RISK, BUT PARTICULARLY PEOPLE ON THE STREETS AND IN PUBLIC PLACES, WHO ARE AT RISK BY REASON OF INEBRIATION OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISTRESS DUE TO SUBSTANCE MISUSE, BY THE OFFERING OF GUIDANCE, SUPPORT, PROTECTION AND, AS APPROPRIATE, BY REFERRAL TO RELEVANTLY SKILLED SPECIALIST AGENCIES. 3) TO ADVANCE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY MEANS OF OFFERING CARE, COMPASSION AND RELEVANT PRACTICAL AND SPIRITUAL HELP WHERE POSSIBLE OR APPROPRIATE.

Activities: Street Pastors patrol town centres providing help & assistance to people who are suffering the effects of over consumption of alcohol; are at risk of violence; feel unsafe or just value the extra feeling of safety from having volunteer Street Pastors around. School Pastors provide uniformed patrols around local schools. Their role is to provide support to students and a positive adult presence.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Isle Of Wight

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£30,558	£30,954	-	-
2023-12-31	£40,290	£42,962	-	-
2022-12-31	£40,883	£43,426	-	-
2021-12-31	£45,100	£40,972	-	-
2020-12-31	£38,489	£33,332	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Georgie Porter		2020-07-17
Kevin Farrow		2018-03-13
Les Hudd		2025-11-25
Malcolm Stevens		2024-09-12
TRACEY DANCY		2016-09-28

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(INCOPORATING ISLE OF WIGHT SCHOOL PASTORS)



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Administrative information

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Robert White (Chair)

Tracey Dancy (Vice Chair)

The Reverend Emma Cooksey (Resigned August 2024)

Georgie Porter

Ian Peters

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Malc Stevens (Treasurer) (Appointed September 2024)

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pastors work in four secondary schools: Carisbrooke College, Medina College, Ryde Academy and The Bay CofE Secondary School.

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. This year we have continued to operate the Street and School Pastors initiatives on the Isle of Wight in pursuit of our objects for the public benefit. The following report outlines the highlights of the year and demonstrates how our activities benefit the public.

Street and School Pastors in 2024

Street Pastors

Street Pastors have had another fantastic year. Their Co-ordinator, Suzanne McCaffery, continues to develop strong professional relationships with relevant partners, thereby increasing the benefit of Street Pastors' work to the wider public.

Closer working with local bus company, Southern Vectis, facilitated the opening of Newport Safe Space at the bus station on 12th July. This has been a great success, offering a welcoming and warm hub for those feeling vulnerable. It is open whenever Newport is being patrolled and is now also used by those on patrol.

Early in 2024, Street Pastors were invited by the organisers to patrol within the Isle of Wight Festival site, in addition to patrolling the route between the Festival site and Newport town centre. This involved a massive amount of preparatory work but work that was worthwhile undertaking. Such was the significance to Ascension Trust that its Chief Executive Officer, Bejoy Pal, was among the many mainland Street Pastors who joined local ones to patrol. Funding, accommodation and transport to support involvement in the festival were all provided by individuals, churches and other organisations. The purchase of team radios, initially for the festival, has improved communication between patrols, and with Prayer Pastors, Venue Security Staff and the Police. Several other major events were patrolled in 2024.

Prayer Pastors uphold Street Pastors throughout every patrol, at the patrol base or from home. In fact, neither Street Pastors nor School Pastors would do their work without this prayer support.

School Pastors

It has been another busy and exciting year for School Pastors, with Coordinator Sally Murphy heading up a team of twelve School Pastors, supported by fourteen Prayer Pastors. School Pastors patrol, mentor and support students and staff in the four schools mentioned under Charitable Activities.

Almost every week of each school term, School Pastors support students who are experiencing a wide range of challenges. Listening plays a significant part in this support. Many of the issues are complex and distressing and they sometimes have a

detrimental effect upon behaviour. The impact of School Pastors' compassionate care is greatly appreciated by all concerned.

In the academic year 2023-2024, School Pastors had the privilege of mentoring 74 different students across the Ryde, Medina and Carisbrooke campuses, in addition to patrolling at all sites. Because The Bay CofE Secondary school is faith-based, it has been possible to lead assemblies and join in other Christian celebrations such as the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury in October 2024.

Although School Pastors mentored fewer individual students in the 2023-24 academic year, they completed more mentoring sessions. This is because the students needed to be supported for longer periods of time. They do not have a time limit on how long they can support a student, with many of their students remaining in contact over several years and even after leaving secondary school education.

The Year in Statistics

The impact of the charitable activities is difficult to quantify using statistics, but the value can be discerned from individual comments by those who have been helped and the ongoing appreciation and support of the Police, schools and venues. As well as monitoring feedback on the streets and in schools we keep track of a number of key statistics to check how we are doing.

	2023	2024
Street Pastors		
Patrols	42	85
Man/woman hours	649.5	1651.5
Meaningful conversations*	579	3026
Tense/difficult situations	20	169
Bottles of water distributed	233	516
Bottles picked up	194	153
Pairs of flip-flops distributed	19	38
Foil blankets distributed	6	69

Prayer offered and/or requested	4	10
School Pastors		
Number of patrols	138	183
School Community Events	21	26
Number of mentoring sessions	555	581
Number of Drop-In sessions	0	0
Man/woman hours	1155.5	1094.75
Number of students mentored	109	74
Support offered for anti-social behaviour	26	33
Safeguarding issues reported to school staff	18	26

* In our statistics we use the term “meaningful conversations” to describe interactions with people that go beyond a “hello, how are you?” It might be a discussion about spirituality, listening to a story of loss or helping reassure someone who is frightened. These conversations are important to our work and can make life-changing differences to people, hence they are specifically recorded. We also have lots of casual interactions which go unrecorded but can often be more significant than we could anticipate.

Statement of Appreciation by the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is very grateful to all staff and volunteers for them going so many extra miles in 2024. We have watched our staff team almost reach breaking point on several occasions due to workload and expectations, but by the grace of God and the determination of all involved, streets have been patrolled, the Safe Space staffed, and our four schools have been the subject of compassionate care. It is impossible to measure the positive impact of this work, challenging anti-social behaviour and exclusion for example, but we never fail to recognise its importance.

Board members are also very grateful to all who fund Street and School Pastors through donations and grants. The work is truly one of partnership.

Future Plans

Much of our work is ongoing and our core aim into 2025 is to continue to support as many people as possible on the streets and in our schools. We will continue to develop and strengthen essential and beneficial partnerships and become ever more responsive to the priorities of those who have primary responsibility for the areas in which we operate, especially the Police and the school authorities. A corporate understanding of the key issues affecting the evening economy and school students and staff will mean that Street and School Pastors continue to have a significant role in community life.

Ascension Trust's training regime has resulted in a backlog of people waiting to take up their responsibilities. It is hoped that this can be overcome to get more volunteers onto the streets and into our schools. We are grateful for the very good relationship that we have with the Trust. Similarly, relationships with the Island's churches and communities are vital, hence communication needs to be the subject of continuing improvement.

Greater involvement by Street Pastors in significant events seems likely, and the demand for School Pastors is increasing, hence awareness raising and recruitment, within the context of the reasonable needs of other ministries, will be significant activities, as will seeking greater financial support through donations and grants. Social media and appropriate networking will play a significant role. Staff are working to their limits such that increasing hours or expanding the structure will be kept under review, as will the beneficial sharing of resources and governance with other Christian ministries.

Keeping our policies and procedures up to date and supporting our Coordinators in vital but time-consuming report writing, performance monitoring and financial tracking are essential. The appointment of a new Trustee and Treasurer, Malc Stevens, has improved our financial accountability.

Ultimately, to fulfil our charitable activities, we must ensure that our work is honouring God and that it is carried out with the love and humility of Jesus Christ.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

Isle of Wight Street Pastors aim to hold free reserves to suffice a bridge of 3 months' full operating costs for our mission, and in addition to cope with a loss of funding for up to 12 months. With a target level of approximately £20,000. At the end of 2024 our free reserves (excluding restricted and designated funds) stood at £22,757.27 (2023: £19,361). This is a slight increase on 2023 due to increased public donations during the festival period and remains above our target level. If our reserves drop below 75% of the full required target amount (This would be £15,000) or grant funding is expected to end, then the trustees have an emergency plan to increase income and/or decrease expenditure immediately and monitor progress and changes tentatively. Despite this level of preparation, the trustees acknowledge that reserve levels will vary depending on certain things (Cost of living/taxes/HMRC paye changes and payroll differences etc.) However, we aim to keep them above the target level without allowing them to grow to an excessive level. If reserves reach 25% more than the target (This would be £25,000) then the trustees will review means for using the excess funding to further the charitable objectives through new programmes or reducing fundraising activities.

Investment Policy

Isle of Wight Street Pastors do not hold long-term investments; we use all income generated to support day-to-day work.

Main sources of income

In 2024, our main sources of income were donations and grants. Donations were the largest source of funds, at £15,302.91, which accounts for 50.1% of our annual income. We received Grant Funding this year of £15,245. We are immensely grateful to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Garfield and Weston Foundation, and Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council.

Expenditure

All our income generated is used to fund our charitable activities and expenditures and is closely monitored by our team of designated trustees to ensure correct use and procedures are implemented. Accounts are monitored monthly by our Treasurer and Administrator and any issues or changes to these are reported to the board of trustees for immediate rectification.

The main cost to us as a charity is the employment of our three paid members of staff. Two part-time Coordinators and a part-time administrator. Whilst the administrator works across both of our initiatives, the coordinators are designated to either the Street or the School pastor initiatives specifically. While the Trustees are aware of the cost of staffing the charity, they also believe it is an essential requirement to support the progress and delivery of our mission. The dedication of

the staff to the two initiatives is undeniable and their work is seen daily through the delivery of our charitable objectives when supporting our community and also in bountiful personal testimonies. The staff are responsible for a broad range of work including facilitating training, organising patrols, supervising volunteers, liaising with member churches, working in partnership with other groups and organisations to improve the effectiveness of Isle of Wight Street Pastors, promoting the scheme and monitoring its effectiveness, ensuring the projects comply with legislation and good practice, maintaining necessary records and recruiting new volunteers and sourcing funding.

Preparation of accounts

This report, including the following financial statements were prepared by Elizabeth Taylor-Lucas (Administrator), approved by the trustees on 11/10/2025 and subsequently signed on behalf of the board by Malc Stevens (Treasuring Trustee).

Date: 17/11/2025

Signed by:



Print name: Malc Stevens (Treasuring Trustee)

ISLE OF WIGHT STREET PASTORS**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024****INTRODUCTION**

I have been requested to undertake an independent examination of the accounts of Isle of Wight Street Pastors for the financial year ending 31st December 2024. Isle of Wight Street Pastors is a Registered Charity (No. 1136110) with an annual turnover between £10,000 and £250,000 and an independent examination report is therefore a Charity Commission requirement together with the submission of Annual Accounts. I confirm that I have no other role or relationship with the Charity or its Trustee's and there are no circumstances in the examiner's judgement that would reasonably lead to the perception that the examiner is not independent.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

To assist my examination I have been provided with Excel spreadsheets containing all relevant accounting records, together with access to bank statements, payroll records and other supporting financial records held on an account with Xero.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The examination of accounts has included the following actions –

1. Checking the consistency of records contained on the Excel spreadsheets, that detailed expenditure and income statements reconcile with the accounts summary.
2. Reconciliation of accounting records to bank statements. The bank statements as at 1st January and 31st December 2024 were inspected and agreed to the Trustee Annual Report and Accounts.
3. Examination of financial statements as contained in the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts.
4. The Reserves Policy targets a desired level of reserves and this level of reserves was maintained in the year.

CONCLUSION

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect in which the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or · the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or · the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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. 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.

GARETH HUGHES BA (HON) FORMER CPFA

28th October 2025

Financial Statements

Isle of Wight Street Pastors' Statement of Financial Activities

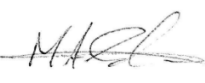
For the year ended December 31, 2024

	2024 Unrestricted Funds	2024 Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total	Note
	£	£	£	£	
Income					
Donations and grants	30,557.68	0	30,557.68	40,290.00	2
Other trading activities	0	0	0	0	3
Investments	0	0	0	0	4
Other Income	0	0	0	0	
Total income	30,557.68	0	30,557.68	40,290.00	
Expenditure					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	
Charitable activities	30,953.85	0	30,953.85	42,926.00	
Total expenditure	30,953.85	0	30,953.85	42,926.00	5
Net income/(expenditure)	396.17	0	396.17	(2,636.00)	5
Net movement in funds	396.17	0	396.17	(2,636.00)	
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	22,757.27	0	22,757.27	19,361.00	
Total funds carried forward	22,757.27	0	22,757.27	19,361.00	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	31st December 2024	31st December 2023	Note
	£	£	
Fixed assets	1,783.24	1,682	6
Tangible assets	(1,595.44)	(785)	
Total fixed assets	187.80	917	
Current assets			
Debtors	(4,579.76)	5,309	7
Cash at the bank and in hand	24,720.92	20,611	
Total current assets	20,141.16	25,920	8
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,428.31	(6,579)	9
Net current assets or liabilities	22,569.47	19,361	
Total assets less current liabilities	22,757.27	19,361	
Total net assets or liabilities	22,757.27	19,361	
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	22,757.27	19,361	
Restricted funds	0	0	
Total charity funds	22,757.27	19,361	

For the financial year in question, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Signed by: 

Date: 17/11/2025

Malc Stevens (Treasurying Trustee)

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 2024

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Isle of Wight Street Pastors meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Incoming resources

Income received has been classified as either unrestricted or restricted. Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for Isle of Wight Street Pastors' ordinary purposes. Restricted funds have been given, collected or donated for a specific purpose and it is a requirement of charity law that they be used for that purpose. Incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations or gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activity when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of service by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. Expenditure is accounted for gross.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Capitalisation of fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Individual items of expenditure with a purchase price not exceeding £100 are recognised as expenditure in the year of acquisition. Individual items exceeding £100 are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the asset, which for equipment is three years.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are for a specific purpose, and charity law requires that they be used for that purpose.

Street Pastors and School Pastors are two initiatives set up by the charity to address specific needs of care, safety and the reduction of crime in the community. Where funds have been provided specifically for one initiative or other narrower purposes they are accounted for as restricted funds.

2. Income from donations and grants

Account	Unrestricted Funds
Turnover	
Donations: Church other	304.30
Donations: Church Regular	749.00
Donations: Corporate other	36.11
Donations: Corporate regular	3,000.00
Donations: Events	57.00
Donations: Individual other	1,292.00
Donations: Individual Regular	4,121.50
Donations: Recruits	340.00
Gift Aid Tax	0.00
Grants: OPCC	7,745.00
Grants: Other	7,500.00
Interest Income	12.77
Other Revenue	5,400.00
Total Turnover	30,557.68

3. Income from other trading activities

There was no income from other trading activities in the financial year of 2024.

4. Investment income

There was no investment income in the financial year of 2024.

5. Analysis of total charitable expenditures

Expenditure breakdown	
Advertising & Marketing	0.00
Audit & Accountancy fees	0.00
Employers National Insurance	1,393.89
Fundraising expenses	0.00
General Expenses	1,235.81
Giveaways	0.00
Insurance	0.00
IT Software and Consumables	259.92
Legal Expenses	0.00
Licence Fee	3,694.97
Pensions Costs	1,080.48
Printing & Stationery	0.00
Rent	175.00
Salaries	21,801.51

School Resources	0.00
Telephone & Internet	40.00
Training & DBS Expenses	705.03
Travel – National	150.84
Uniform	38.40
Total Administrative Costs	30,953.85

6. Tangible fixed assets

As an added asset, the Trustees allocated a certain amount in 2021 for It and Technology upgrades to be used at the discretion of the Trustees to benefit Charitable works.

7. Debtors

	2024	2023
Accounts Receivable	28.50	0
Grant Instalment	(3,509.84)	2,930
Cash Float	20.00	20.00
Gift Aid Tax Receivable	(1,118.42)	2,379

8. Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	2023
Lloyds Bus Bank Instant	5,116.18	5,088
Lloyds Treasurer's Account	19,604.74	15,523
Total	24,720.92	20,611

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Isle of Wight Street Pastors	525.73	
PAYE & NIC Payable	(61.33)	
Pensions Payable	2,519.50	
Wages Payable – Payroll	(5,412.21)	
	(2,428.31)	(6,579)

10. Licence fee

Street Pastors is an international movement set up by Ascension Trust. Isle of Wight Street Pastors is under the umbrella of the Ascension Trust and has been supported by them in the initial set up and on-going running. The Licence fee is the payment to the Ascension Trust to cover this on-going support, including advice and guidance, training, insurance, supply of uniforms, development of operating protocols, brand management and development and quality assurance. This is calculated annually as 15% of income.

11. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration during the year. No trustee was reimbursed any expenses during the year. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

12. Consultancy

No consultancy fees were paid during the period.

13. Ultimate controlling party

The charitable company is governed by its members. No one member has sufficient voting rights to control the charitable company.

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(incorporating Isle of Wight School Pastors)

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Street and School Pastors in 2023

Street Pastors

The restructuring of late 2022 put Isle of Wight Street Pastors on a strong and well-resourced footing for the new year, with the new Coordinator, Suzanne McCaffery, developing vital partnerships with evening economy venues, the Police and other relevant community organisations. An answer to prayer and an important step forward was the appointment of a new Administrator, Ella Taylor-Lucas early in 2023.

Closer working with the Police has led to a greater understanding of their priorities, especially violence against women and girls, and has involved Street Pastors in some vital training. Along with close engagement with Executive Command, the primary door staff security company on the Island, and within the Community Partnership through which improved ways of communicating and reporting have been developed, 2023 was a very positive year. Executive Command have also involved Street Pastors in some very helpful training.

Three new Street Pastors completed their training in 2023, and despite the continuing hope for even more volunteers, regular patrols in Newport and Ryde were undertaken and additional patrols were provided for special events, including Cowes Week and outside the Isle of Wight Festival. The provision of bases for these patrols, and partnership working for special events, is greatly appreciated. Street Pastors go many extra miles in caring for the people they encounter and receive invaluable support from dedicated Prayer Pastors.

Prayer Pastors uphold Street Pastors throughout every patrol, either at the patrol base or in their home. Communication between volunteers, venue staff and the Police was greatly improved through the purchase of smartphones, thanks to a generous grant.

Individuals, churches and businesses have been very generous in their gifts of money, water and sweets to keep Street Pastors patrolling effectively. Conscious of the many and varied appeals for support across the Christian community, we have sought to work closely with like-minded ministries in order to achieve the most positive outcomes. Awareness raising was enjoyable and fruitful. Within the context of closer working with other ministries, Street Pastors are always eager to talk about our work with churches, groups and businesses.

In the light of the very positive relationships that have been forged, it is hoped that there will be greater sharing of CCTV information as we move forward.

The Board of Trustees is very grateful, under God, for the dedication of Suzanne and all those who have enabled Isle of Wight Street Pastors to carry out our charitable activities in 2023.

School Pastors

It has been another very busy and exciting year for School Pastors, with Coordinator Sally Murphy heading up a team of thirteen, supported by fourteen Prayer Pastors. In a similar way to the support for Street Pastors, these Prayer Pastors uphold each School Pastor for the time that they are known to be in school. The ministry is active in Carisbrooke College, Medina College, Ryde Academy and The Bay CofE Secondary School, patrolling, mentoring, and supporting students and staff.

In 2023, School Pastors had the privilege of mentoring 109 students across the Ryde, Medina and Carisbrooke campuses, in addition to patrolling at all sites. Because The Bay CofE Secondary school is faith-based, it has been possible to lead assemblies and make short videos about the meaning of Christmas and Easter.

Involvement in parents' evenings and concerts has facilitated positive engagement with parents and demonstrated the commitment of School Pastors to the life of each school

community. In 2023, trust in our work was very much consolidated, not least because many students and staff are facing immense personal challenges. Transition Days at all four schools were long, busy and very rewarding.

The credibility and integrity of Street Pastors resulted in their inclusion in the Year 10 RE syllabus at Christ the King School in Newport. It is hoped that more volunteers will come forward so that we can accept the invitation to become more active in this, another, faith-based school.

2023 saw increasing awareness of the challenges to mental wellbeing that are being faced by students and staff alike. Listening and mentoring are proving to be very effective responses, and the faith of School Pastors shines through the undertaking of their work. Safeguarding and other protocols are strictly adhered to, so that genuine and positive Christian faith becomes the subject of discussion and prayer when it might be helpful and encouraging.

Awareness raising is a balancing act, with a great desire to recruit more volunteers but also a need to present the schools in which we work in a positive light. This is done with God-given enthusiasm, often (as is preferred) together with Street Pastors. The resourcing of School Pastors is not straightforward, but when the importance of the work is made clear there is often a generous response.

The Board of Trustees continues to be amazed at the situations that School Pastors are encountering and is very grateful to Sally and her team for their selfless dedication.

The year in Statistics

The impact of the charitable activities is difficult to quantify using statistics, but the value can be discerned from individual comments by those who have been helped and the ongoing appreciation and support of the Police, schools and venues. As well as monitoring feedback on the streets and in schools we keep track of a number of key statistics to check how we are doing.

	2022	2023
Street Pastors		
Patrols	37	42
Man/woman hours	469	649.5
Meaningful conversations*	150	579
Tense/difficult situations	5	20
Bottles of water distributed	25	233
Bottles picked up	121	194
Pairs of flip-flops distributed	9	19
Foil blankets distributed	6	6
Prayer offered and/or requested	9	4

School Pastors		
Number of patrols	127	138
School Community Events	14	21
Number of mentoring sessions	521	555
Number of Drop-In sessions	0	0
Man/woman hours	1232	1155.5
Number of students mentored	122	109
Support offered for anti-social behaviour	9	26
Safeguarding issues reported to school staff	39	18

In our statistics we use the term “meaningful conversations” to describe interactions with people that go beyond a “hello, how are you?” It might be a discussion about spirituality, listening to a story of loss or helping reassure someone who is frightened. These conversations are really important to our work and can make life-changing differences to people, hence they are specifically recorded. We also have lots of casual interactions which go unrecorded but can often be more significant than we could anticipate.

Future Plans

Much of our work is ongoing and our core aim into 2024 is to continue to support as many people as possible on the streets and in our schools. We will continue to develop and strengthen essential and beneficial partnerships and become ever more responsive to the priorities of those who have primary responsibility for the areas in which we operate, especially the Police and the school authorities. A corporate understanding of the key issues affecting the evening economy and school students and staff will mean that Street and School Pastors continue to have a significant role in community life. Training will be important, as will better communication with the Island’s churches and communities.

The enhanced involvement of Street Pastors in significant events seems likely, and the demand for School Pastors is increasing, hence awareness raising and recruitment, within the context of the reasonable needs of other ministries, will be significant activities, as will seeking greater financial support through donations and grants. Staff are working to their limits such that increasing hours or expanding the structure will be kept under review, as will the beneficial sharing of resources and governance with other Christian ministries.

The appointment of our new Administrator offers an opportunity to be more proactive in updating policies and procedures as well as relieving our Coordinators of vital but time-consuming report writing, performance monitoring and financial tracking. It will be important to attract a new Trustee with significant financial experience.

Ultimately, to fulfil our charitable activities, we must ensure that our work is honouring God and that it is carried out with the love and humility of Jesus Christ.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

We aim to hold reserves to suffice a buffer of 3 months full operation costs for our mission, and in addition to cope with a loss of funding for up to 12 months. With a target level of approximately £20,000. If our reserves drop below 75% of the full target amount (£15,000) or grant funding is expected to end, then the trustees have an action plan to increase income and/or decrease expenditure and monitor progress tentatively. Despite this preparation the trustees acknowledge that reserve levels will vary depending on different things (Cost of living increases/taxes/HMRC PAYE changes and payroll differs etc) However we aim to keep them above the target level, without allowing them to grow to an excessive level. If reserves reach 25% more than the target (£25,000) then the trustees will review means for using the excess funding to further the charity's objectives through new programmes or reducing fundraising activities.

At the end of 2023 our free reserves (excluding restricted and designated funds) stood at a total of £19,361 (2022: £20,355). This is a slight decrease on last year due to slightly higher expenditure however retains reserves at over our target level.

Investment Policy

Isle of Wight Street Pastors do not hold long-term investments, we use all income generated to support our day-to-day work.

Main sources of income

Donations represented the largest part of the charity's income this year, comprising 58% of income (2022: 53%) once Gift Aid tax refunds are added in, a significant increase from 2022. Regular giving had an increase standing at £20,352 (2022: £17,214), it has remained at a relatively consistent level for the last five years and this is positive news. We have secured grant funding this year of £17,583 (2022: £19,403). We are grateful for further support from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and for support from Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council and The Wight Foundation.

Expenditure supporting charitable objectives

Income has been used for charitable activities in accordance with the Isle of Wight Street Pastors objectives. The largest cost to the charity remains staff costs. The trustees employ a part time coordinator to manage the Street Pastors initiative, a part time coordinator for School Pastors and a part time administrator working across both projects.

While staffing is a significant cost the trustees strongly believe having paid staff is essential to the success of both projects; the dedication shown by the staff has been a key part of the charity's success in reaching its objectives so far. The staff are responsible for a broad range of work including facilitating training, organising patrols, supervising volunteers, liaising with member churches, working in partnership with other groups and organisations to improve the effectiveness of Isle of Wight Street Pastors, promoting the scheme and monitoring its effectiveness, ensuring the projects comply with legislation and good practice, maintaining necessary records and recruiting new volunteers and sourcing funding so as to continue carrying out our life changing work.

The licence fee is the most significant other cost to the organisation. This is calculated as a percentage of income raised. This covers a variety of services which Ascension Trust provides to Street and School Pastor initiatives across the country including insurance, training, development, quality control and use of the Street/School Pastor branding.

Preparation of Accounts

This report, including the following financial statements, was prepared by Elizabeth Taylor-Lucas (Administrator) and approved by the trustees on 3 September 2024 and subsequently signed on their behalf by Robert White (Chair)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R White', written on a light-colored background.

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Isle of Wight Street Pastors

INTRODUCTION

I have been requested to undertake an independent examination of the accounts of Isle of Wight Street Pastors for the financial year ending 31st December 2023. Isle of Wight Street Pastors is a Registered Charity (No. 1136110) with an annual turnover between £10,000 and £250,000 and an independent examination report is therefore a Charity Commission requirement together with the submission of Annual Accounts. I confirm that I have no other role or relationship with the Charity or its Trustee's and there are no circumstances in the examiner's judgement that would reasonably lead to the perception that the examiner is not independent.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

To assist my examination I have been provided with Excel spreadsheets containing all relevant accounting records, together with access to bank statements, payroll records and other supporting financial records held on an account with Xero.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The examination of accounts has included the following actions –

1. Checking the consistency of records contained on the Excel spreadsheets, that detailed expenditure and income statements reconcile with the accounts summary.
2. Reconciliation of accounting records to bank statements. The bank statements as at 1st January and 31st December 2023 were inspected and agreed to the Trustee Annual Report and Accounts.
3. Examination of financial statements as contained in the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts.
4. The Reserves Policy targets a desired level of reserves and this level of reserves was maintained in the year.

CONCLUSION

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect in which the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or · the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or · The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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. 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.

GARETH HUGHES BA (HON) FORMER CPFA
22nd June 2024

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2023

	2023 Unrestricted Funds	2023 Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total	Note
	£	£	£	£	
Income					
Donations and grants	40,290	0	40,290	40,883	2
Other trading activities	0	0	0	29	3
Investments	1	0	1	3	4
Other Income	0	0	0	0	
Total income	40,290	0	40,290	40,915	
Expenditure					
Raising funds	0	0	0	400	
Charitable activities	42,926	0	42,926	43,426	5
Total expenditure	42,926	0	42,926	43,426	
Net income/(expenditure)	(2,636)	0	(2,636)	(2,511)	
Net movement in funds	(2,636)	0	(2,636)	(2,511)	
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	21,997	0	21,997	24,508	
Total funds carried forward	19,361	0	19,361	21,997	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	31 st December 2023	31 st December 2022	Note
	£	£	
Fixed assets	1682	1682	
Tangible assets	(785)	0	7
Total fixed assets	917		
Current assets			
Debtors	5,309	3,208	8
Cash at bank and in hand	20,611	24,369	9
Total current assets	25,920	27,577	
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6,579	5,580	10
Net current assets or liabilities	19,361	21,997	
Total assets less current liabilities	19,361	21,997	
Total net assets or liabilities	19,361	21,997	
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	19,361	21,997	
Restricted funds	0	0	
Total charity funds	19,361	21,997	

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.



Signed

Robert White (Chair)

Date

4 September 2024

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Isle of Wight Street Pastors meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Incoming resources

Income received has been classified as either unrestricted or restricted. Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for Isle of Wight Street Pastors' ordinary purposes. Restricted funds have been given, collected or donated for a specific purpose and it is a requirement of charity law that they be used for that purpose. Incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations or gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activity when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of service by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. Expenditure is accounted for gross.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Capitalisation of fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Individual items of expenditure with a purchase price not exceeding £100 are recognised as expenditure in the year of acquisition. Individual items exceeding £100 are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the asset, which for equipment is considered to be three years.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are for a specific purpose and it is a requirement of charity law that they be used for that purpose.

Street Pastors and School Pastors are two initiatives set up by the charity to address specific needs of care, safety and the reduction of crime in the community. Where funds have been provided specifically for one initiative or other narrower purposes they are accounted for as restricted funds.

2. Income from donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Grants			
Police & Crime Commissioner	10,060	0	10,060
Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council	2,000	0	2,000
The Garfield Weston Foundation	0	0	0
Wight Aid Foundation	500	0	500
Total grants	12,560	0	12,560
Donations			
Church donations	1,078	0	596
Church regular giving scheme	2,170	0	2,170
Corporate regular giving	6,429	0	6,960
Individual donations	6,800	0	1,484
Individual regular giving scheme	6,876	0	8,084
New recruit donations	25	0	0
Other donations	768	0	256
Gift Aid tax refunds	2,379	0	1,930
Total donations and grants	40,290	0	40,290

2. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Payments for additional uniform	0	0	0
Trading sales	0	0	0
Total other trading activities	0	0	0

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Bank interest	1	0	1
Total investment income	1	0	1

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Note
	£	£	£	
School Pastors				
School resources	0	0	0	
Coordinator salary	15,725	0	15,725	
Support costs	6,821	0	6,821	6
Street Pastors				
Giveaways	0	0	0	
Coordinator salary	8,650	0	8,650	
Support costs	6,821	0	6,821	6
Total expenditure on charitable activities	31,075	0	31,075	

6. Analysis of support costs

Support costs provided to the two initiatives are shown below. These are apportioned equally to the two initiatives, Street Pastors and School Pastors.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Note
	£	£	£	
Audit & Accountancy	764	0	764	
Insurance	325	0	325	11
Expenses	1,829	0	1,829	
Giveaways	173	0	173	
National Insurance	783	0	783	
It consumables	588	0	588	
Licence fee	6,127	0	6,127	
Pensions	1,835	0	1,835	
Postage	9	0	9	
Printing & stationery	131	0	131	
Rent office	300	0	300	
Subscriptions	80	0	80	
Telephone & Internet	460	0	460	

Training and DBS'	622	0	622
National Travel	659	0	659
Uniform	43	0	43

7. Tangible fixed assets

As an added asset the Trustees allocated a certain amount in 2021 for It and Technology upgrades to be used at the discretion of the Trustees to benefit Charitable works, this year two new laptops were purchased after one loss of use due to system issues and one due to age related issues. The trustees agreed this expenditure from the IT upgrade fund and with proof of purchase this was claimed as an expense from the fund. Nine hundred and seventeen pounds remain carried forward.

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid tax	2,379	812
Grant instalment due	2,930	2,368
Sundry debtor	0	28
Total	5,309	3,208

9. Cash at bank and in hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Lloyds Bank – current account	15,523	19,337
Lloyds Bank – instant access reserve	5088	5,012
Petty cash	0	20
Total	20,611	24,369

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accounts payable	0	0
Accruals	3,491	5,395
Employers costs	1,254	183
Pensions payable	1,853	0
Wages payable	3	2
Total	6,579	5,580

11. Licence fee

Street Pastors is an international movement set up by Ascension Trust. Isle of Wight Street Pastors is under the umbrella of the Ascension Trust and has been supported by them in the initial set up and on-going running. The Licence fee is the payment to the Ascension Trust to cover this on-going support, including advice and guidance, training, insurance, supply of uniforms, development of operating protocols, brand management and development and quality assurance. This is calculated annually as 15% of income.

12. Trustees remuneration and benefit

No trustee received any remuneration during the year. No trustee was reimbursed any expenses during the year. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

13. Paid employees

	2023	2022
Staff costs paid during the year were:	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	28,650	32,545
Employers' National Insurance costs	0	0
Pension contributions	1,894	746
Gross Staff Costs	30,544	33,291
Total Net Staff Costs	30,544	33,291
Average number of employees in the year	3	2
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year	1.5	1.5

14. Consultancy

The contract with Big Plans Charity Consultancy ceased and no consultancy fees were paid during the period.

15. Designated funds

In order to better plan our future IT upgrade requirements, the trustees have elected to create a designated fund for IT equipment renewal. This enables more effective annual budgeting, evening out the peaks and troughs created by the need to periodically replace relatively expensive equipment. This designated fund forms part of the charity's unrestricted funds and can be re-allocated by the trustees as appropriate. It does not form part of the charity's free reserves, as it is budgeted for specific planned future expenditure. The value of this fund was not added to in the year. This is also shown under Assets due to the nature of holding money legally as a charity.

Fund name	Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£
IT upgrade	1,642	0	785	917
OPCC grant (Street Pastors)	0	0	0	0

16. Ultimate controlling party

The charitable company is under the control of its members. No one member has sufficient voting rights to control the charitable company.

ISLE OF WIGHT STREET PASTORS

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Accounts

Isle of Wight Street Pastors

(incorporating Isle of Wight School Pastors)

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Administrative Information

Trustees/Directors

Robert White (Chair)

Tracey Dancy

Kevin Farrow

Georgie Porter

Ian Peters

The Reverend Emma Cooksey

Honorary Treasurer

Andrew Gardner

Staff

Andrew Gardner (Coordinator, Street Pastors, resigned 30/11/2022)

Sally Murphy (Coordinator, School Pastors)

Suzanne McCaffery (Administrator/ Coordinator, Street Pastors from 1/12/2022)

Structure, Governance and Management

Isle of Wight Street Pastors is a company limited by guarantee, number 07200287, and a registered charity, number 1136110, governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who are also directors of the company. All references to trustees in this report can also be read as directors. The trustees are responsible for the effective governance of the charity, its strategic direction and setting the policy framework. Responsibility for day to day running of the initiatives is delegated to the coordinators, though major or contentious issues are referred back to the trustees.

Trustees are elected by members of the charity at the annual general meeting. A third of trustees retire from office each year but may be reappointed to serve a further term. The existing trustees make recommendations to the meeting regarding suitable candidates who have the necessary skills, experience and abilities required to ensure the board of trustees is able to offer effective governance. The trustees may also co-opt new trustees during the year who serve until the next AGM when they retire but may be reappointed by members.

Isle of Wight Street Pastors operates the Street Pastors and School Pastors initiatives. Ascension Trust (registered charity number 1127204) provides a number of services to Isle of Wight Street Pastors and licences the Street and School Pastors branding for the local initiative's use; in return Isle of Wight Street Pastors pays a licence fee and agrees to meet nationally agreed quality standards. The charity enjoys good relations with neighbouring initiatives and local coordinators meet regularly to share good practice.

The trustees and coordinators routinely examine the business, reputational and operational risks when preparing strategic plans and developing new projects. In addition, the charity works closely with Ascension Trust, using their expertise of Street and School Pastor initiatives across the UK, to further minimise risk.

Charitable Activities

The charity exists to deliver three charitable purposes. It aims to promote public protection, provide relief for people at risk and advance an understanding of the Christian religion by means of offering care, compassion and support. We achieve this through delivery of two initiatives:

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Street and School Pastors in 2022

Street Pastors

Coming out of the Covid pandemic, 2022 saw personnel changes in Isle of Wight Street Pastors. Several Street Pastors stepped down, as did the Coordinator, Andrew Gardner. However, with experience going back to 2009, Suzanne McCaffery took on the Coordinator role, while continuing to cover essential administration until a new Administrator is appointed. Andrew is now the Honorary Treasurer. We thank God for those who have served, and those who continue to serve.

Despite the temporary reduction in volunteers, regular street patrols continued throughout the year in Newport and Ryde. One patrol was also carried out during Cowes Week.

It has been important to understand the impact of the pandemic on “the evening economy” such that street patrols respond to “the new normal” and rebuild relationships with the Police, venues and door staff in order to respect their priorities. This includes a greater focus on the early evening period and less need to patrol until 3am. In fact, the tendency has been for significant activity, and hence patrolling, to end soon after midnight. It is good that in addition to practical items, such as bottles of water, lollipops and flip-flops, chocolates can again be given out. This can help to diffuse tension and encourage positive conversations.

A vital aspect of street patrols is the support of Prayer Pastors, who, at the patrol base or in their home, uphold Street Pastors throughout the patrol period. Communication between volunteers, as well as with venue staff and the Police, is the subject of ongoing review and improvement.

Moving into 2023, Isle of Wight Street Pastors is well-resourced and showing signs of growth. It is ready to embrace new opportunities as identified in relationship with the Police, venues and the local community. It is also in a strong position to work with other relevant organisations in order to offer the best outcomes for local people and businesses.

School Pastors

It has been a very busy and exciting year for School Pastors. The team has grown from 10 to 14 School Pastors. The ministry has added The Bay CofE Secondary School, Sandown, to the established presence at Carisbrooke College, Medina College and Ryde Academy and has welcomed 5 new Prayer Pastors.

The School Pastor team has had the privilege of mentoring 122 students across the Ryde, Medina and Carisbrooke campuses, in addition to patrolling at all sites. New Prayer Pastors dedicated to Sandown have been notable for fundraising.

School Pastors supported Induction Days in Sandown, Ryde and Carisbrooke which made their connections with the new Year 7 students stronger when they arrived in the new school year. For the first time they also went into a Primary school in Ryde to talk to Year 6 students. This was extremely successful, and they will return this year and also aim to connect with more feeder schools in this way.

As an additional part of the service to the schools, School Pastors manned the refreshments for the Carisbrooke, Medina and Sandown parent information evenings and also the joint summer concert. Their presence at these evenings has been a privilege as the schools are seeing them as a valued part of their community. The School Pastor banner was displayed and School Pastors are among the advertised services offered by Carisbrooke in their latest information literature.

2022 saw a sharp rise in Safeguarding concerns which have mainly been connected to the mental health and welfare of the students.

Along with Street Pastors it was good to have a School Pastor presence at the Lionheart Christian Festival and a community Carol Service in Newport. A significant fundraising and awareness event was also arranged.

Dialogue with both Community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Youth Trust has been established to see how School Pastors and the statutory mental health support agencies can work together to best support the students at our schools. The hope is that they can offer the Pastors specific training in the areas of mental health in which they have found themselves working. They also looked at how School Pastors could support students waiting for their assessments. Currently the waiting lists are 8 weeks before assessment and a further 12 weeks before being seen. The relationships with partnership personnel will also enable School Pastors to be encouraging and supportive.

Having regard for the charitable objects, and working to the governance of the college, School Pastors were able to take a mission team into one of the establishments for a volleyball challenge.

A significant event for the Charity, aimed at regrouping after the Covid pandemic and committing ourselves afresh to the charitable activities was the Re-remembering service of worship and celebration held at St. John's Church in Newport in May 2022. It was a time when everyone could meet, celebrate and worship God together.

The year in statistics

The impact of the charitable activities is difficult to quantify using statistics, but the value can be discerned from individual comments by those who have been helped and the ongoing appreciation and support of the Police, schools and venues. As well as monitoring feedback on the streets and in schools we keep track of a number of key statistics to check how we are doing.

	2022	2021
Street Pastors		
Patrols	37	29
Man/woman hours	469	421
Meaningful conversations*	150	181
Tense/difficult situations	5	25
Bottles of water distributed	25	59
Bottles picked up	121	92
Pairs of flip-flops distributed	9	28
Foil blankets distributed	6	8
Prayer offered and/or requested	9	15
School Pastors		
Number of patrols	127	73
School Community Events	14	1
Number of mentoring sessions	521	293
Number of Drop-In sessions	0	0
Man/woman hours	1232	1056
Number of students mentored	122	80
Support offered for anti-social behaviour	9	2
Safeguarding issues reported to school staff	39	12

*In our statistics we use the term “meaningful conversations” to describe interactions with people that go beyond a “hello, how are you?”. It might be a discussion about spirituality, listening to a story of loss or helping reassure someone who is frightened. These conversations are really important to our work and can make life-changing differences to people, hence they are specifically recorded. We also have lots of casual interactions which go unrecorded but can often be more significant than we could anticipate.

Future Plans

Much of our work is ongoing and our core aim into 2023 is to continue to support as many people as possible on the streets and in our schools. We will continue to develop and strengthen essential and beneficial partnerships and become ever more responsive to the priorities of those who have primary responsibility for the areas in which we operate, especially the Police and the school authorities. A corporate understanding of the key issues affecting “the evening economy” and school students and staff, including residual trauma arising from the pandemic, will mean that Street and School Pastors have a significant role in community life. Training will be important, as will better communication with the Island’s churches and communities.

A significant need at the time of writing is that of a new Administrator, or a new structure that embraces the vital administrative functions, including remaining up to date on relevant policies and procedures, ensuring good governance, and pursuing financial diligence under God.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

We aim to hold sufficient reserves to ensure a buffer of 3 months operating costs, and in addition to be able to cope with a loss of grant funding for 12 months. This gives a target level of approximately £20,000. If reserves drop below 75% of the target (£15,000) or grant funding is expected to end, then the trustees will develop an action plan to increase income and/or decrease expenditure and monitor progress against this plan. The trustees acknowledge that reserves levels will vary, and aim to keep them above the target level, but not allow them to grow to an excessive level. If reserves reach 25% more than the target (£25,000) then the trustees will review options for using the excess funding to further the charity’s objects through new or enhanced work programmes or reducing fundraising activity.

At the end of 2022 our free reserves (excluding restricted and designated funds) stood at a total of £20,355 (2021; £22,866). This is decrease on last year and retains reserves at a little over our target level.

Investment Policy

Isle of Wight Street Pastors does not hold any long-term investments, using all income generated to support our day-to-day work.

Main sources of income

Donations represented the largest part of the charity’s income this year, comprising 53% of income (2021: 65%) once Gift Aid tax refunds are added in. Regular giving fell again compared to last year to £17,214 (2021: £18,452), although it has remained at a relatively

consistent level for the last five years. We have secured grant funding this year of £19,403 (2021: £13,319). We are grateful for further support from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and for support from Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council, the Garfield Weston Foundation and Solar Farms.

Expenditure supporting charitable objectives

Income has been used for charitable activities in furtherance of Isle of Wight Street Pastors objects. The largest cost to the charity is staff costs. The trustees employ a part time coordinator to manage the Street Pastors initiative, a part time coordinator for School Pastors and a part time administrator working across both projects.

While staffing is a significant cost the trustees strongly believe having paid staff is essential to the success of both projects; the dedication shown by the staff has been a key part of the charity's success in reaching its objectives so far. The staff are responsible for a broad range of work including facilitating training, organising patrols, supervising volunteers, liaising with member churches, working in partnership with other groups and organisations to improve the effectiveness of Isle of Wight Street Pastors, promoting the scheme and monitoring its effectiveness, ensuring the projects comply with legislation and good practice, maintaining necessary records and recruiting new volunteers.

The licence fee is the most significant other cost to the organisation. This is calculated as a percentage of income raised. This covers a variety of services which Ascension Trust provides to Street and School Pastor initiatives across the country including insurance, training, development, quality control and use of the Street/School Pastor branding.

Preparation of accounts

This report, including the following financial statements, was approved by the trustees on the 18th May 2023 and is signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R White', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Robert White (chair)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Isle of Wight Street Pastors

INTRODUCTION

I have been requested to undertake an independent examination of the accounts of Isle of Wight Street Pastors for the financial year ending 31st December 2022. Isle of Wight Street Pastors is a Registered Charity (No. 1136110) with an annual turnover between £10,000 and £250,000 and an independent examination report is therefore a Charity Commission requirement together with the submission of annual Accounts. I confirm that I have no other role or relationship with the Charity or its Trustees and there are no circumstances in the examiner's judgement that would reasonably lead to the perception that the examiner is not independent.

To assist my examination, I have been provided with Excel spreadsheets containing all relevant accounting records, together with access to bank statements, payroll records and other supporting financial records held on an account with Xero.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The examination of accounts has included the following actions –

1. Checking the consistency of records contained on the Excel spreadsheets, that detailed expenditure and income statements reconcile with the accounts summary.
2. Reconciliation of accounting records to bank statements. The bank statements as at 1st January and 31st December 2022 were inspected and agreed to the Trustee Annual Report and Accounts.
3. Examination of financial statements as contained in the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts.
4. The Reserves Policy targets a desired level of reserves and this level of reserves was maintained in the year.

CONCLUSION

Having regard to the above, no matters have come to my attention that need further reporting and in my opinion the accounts comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

Gareth Hughes, BA (Hon), former CPFA

13th July 2023

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2022

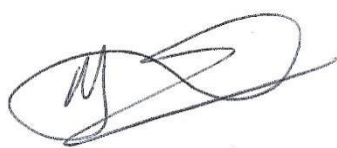
	2022 Unrestricted Funds	2022 Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total	Note
	£	£	£	£	
Income					
Donations and grants	31,397	9,486	40,883	38,475	2
Other trading activities	29	0	29	0	3
Investments	3	0	3	1	4
Other Income	0	0	0	6,624	
Total income	31,429	9,486	40,915	45,100	
Expenditure					
Raising funds	0	0	0	400	
Charitable activities	33,940	9,486	43,426	40,572	5
Total expenditure	33,940	9,486	43,426	40,972	
Net income/(expenditure)	(2,511)	0	(2,511)	4,128	
Net movement in funds	(2,511)	0	(2,511)	4,128	
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	24,508	0	24,508	20,380	
Total funds carried forward	21,997	0	21,997	24,508	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	31 st December 2022	31 st December 2021	Note
	£	£	
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	0	86	7
Total fixed assets	0	86	
Current assets			
Debtors	3,208	5,238	8
Cash at bank and in hand	24,369	23,878	9
Total current assets	27,577	29,116	
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5,580	4,694	10
Net current assets or liabilities	21,997	24,422	
Total assets less current liabilities	21,997	24,508	
Total net assets or liabilities	21,997	24,508	
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	21,997	24,508	
Restricted funds	0	0	
Total charity funds	21,997	24,508	

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Signed



Robert White, Chair

Date 18th May 2022

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Isle of Wight Street Pastors meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Incoming resources

Income received has been classified as either unrestricted or restricted. Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for Isle of Wight Street Pastors' ordinary purposes. Restricted funds have been given, collected or donated for a specific purpose and it is a requirement of charity law that they be used for that purpose. Incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations or gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activity when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of service by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. Expenditure is accounted for gross.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Capitalisation of fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Individual items of expenditure with a purchase price not exceeding £100 are recognised as expenditure in the year of acquisition. Individual items exceeding £100 are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the asset, which for equipment is considered to be three years.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are for a specific purpose and it is a requirement of charity law that they be used for that purpose.

Street Pastors and School Pastors are two initiatives set up by the charity to address specific needs of care, safety and the reduction of crime in the community. Where funds have been provided specifically for one initiative or other narrower purposes they are accounted for as restricted funds.

2. Income from donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Grants			
Police & Crime Commissioner	0	9,486	9,486
Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council	2,000	0	2,000
The Garfield Weston Foundation	2,917	0	2,917
Solar Farms	5,000	0	5,000
Total grants	9,917	9,486	19,403
Donations			
Church donations	596	0	596
Church regular giving scheme	2,170	0	2,170
Corporate regular giving	6,960	0	6,960
Individual donations	1,484	0	1,484
Individual regular giving scheme	8,084	0	8,084
New recruit donations	0	0	0
Other donations	256	0	256
Gift Aid tax refunds	1,930	0	1,930
Total donations	21,480	0	21,480
Total donations and grants	31,397	9,486	40,883

2. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Payments for additional uniform	29	0	29
Trading sales	0	0	0
Total other trading activities	29	0	29

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Bank interest	3	0	3
Total investment income	3	0	3

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Note
	£	£	£	
School Pastors				
School resources	0	0	0	
Coordinator salary	14,915	0	14,915	
Support costs	9,534	0	9,534	6
Street Pastors				
Giveaways	97	0	97	
Coordinator salary	1,987	7,947	9,934	
Support costs	7,407	1,539	8,946	6
Total expenditure on charitable activities	33,940	9,486	43,426	

6. Analysis of support costs

Support costs provided to the two initiatives are shown below. These are apportioned equally to the two initiatives, Street Pastors and School Pastors.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Note
	£	£	£	
Insurance	187	0	187	
Licence fee	6,145	0	6,145	11
Marketing	443	0	443	
Office	2,711	0	2,711	
Governance and management consultancy	0	0	0	
Personnel				
Payroll - administrator	6,157	1,539	7,696	
Staff travel	0	0	0	
Volunteer training and uniform	1,212	0	1,212	
Equipment depreciation	86	0	86	
Total support costs	16,941	1,539	18,480	

7. Tangible fixed assets

	2022	2021
	£	£
Computer equipment	0	86
Total	0	86

8. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid tax	812	488
Grant instalment due	2,368	4,750
Sundry debtor	28	0
Total	3,208	5,238

9. Cash at bank and in hand

	2022	2021
	£	£
Lloyds Bank – current account	19,337	18,849
Lloyds Bank – instant access reserve	5,012	5,009
Petty cash	20	20
Total	24,369	23,878

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accounts payable	0	0
Accruals	5,395	3,510
Tax and National Insurance payable	183	319
Pensions payable	0	863
Wages payable	2	2
Total	5,580	4,694

11. Licence fee

Street Pastors is an international movement set up by Ascension Trust. Isle of Wight Street Pastors is under the umbrella of the Ascension Trust and has been supported by them in the initial set up and on-going running. The Licence fee is the payment to the Ascension Trust to cover this on-going support, including advice and guidance, training, insurance, supply of uniforms, development of operating protocols, brand management and development and quality assurance. This is calculated annually as 15% of income.

12. Trustees remuneration and benefit

No trustee received any remuneration during the year. No trustee was reimbursed any expenses during the year. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

13. Paid employees

	2022	2021
Staff costs paid during the year were:	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	32,545	31,206
Employers' National Insurance costs	0	0
Pension contributions	746	716
Gross Staff Costs	33,291	31,922
Less: Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Grants	0	-6,625
Total Net Staff Costs	33,291	25,297
Average number of employees in the year	3	3
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year	1.5	1.5

14. Consultancy

The contract with Big Plans Charity Consultancy ceased and no consultancy fees were paid during the period.

15. Restricted and designated funds

This year only one grant received was designated as Restricted Funds, being the grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, all of which was specifically for the use of the Street Pastor initiative. This grants and its related expenditure has been allocated to a restricted fund, shown below.

In order to better plan our future IT upgrade requirements, the trustees have elected to create a designated fund for IT equipment renewal. This enables more effective annual budgeting, evening out the peaks and troughs created by the need to periodically replace relatively expensive equipment. This designated fund forms part of the charity's unrestricted funds and can be re-allocated by the trustees as appropriate. It does not form part of the charity's free reserves, as it is budgeted for specific planned future expenditure. The value of this fund was not added to in the year.

Fund name	Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£
IT upgrade	1,642	0	0	1,642
OPCC grant (Street Pastors)	0	9,486	9,486	0

16. Ultimate controlling party

The charitable company is under the control of its members. No one member has sufficient voting rights to control the charitable company.

ISLE OF WIGHT STREET PASTORS

England & Wales - Charity number 1136110

Accounts

Isle of Wight Street Pastors

(incorporating Isle of Wight School Pastors)

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 2021



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Administrative Information

Trustees/Directors

Robert White (Chair)

Tracey Dancy

Kevin Farrow

Alastair Macdonald (deceased 18/8/2021)

Georgie Porter

Pete Luther (resigned 7/7/2021)

Ian Peters

Rev Emma Cooksey (appointed 11/10/2021)

Staff

Andrew Gardner (Coordinator, Street Pastors)

Sally Murphy (Coordinator, School Pastors)

Suzanne McCaffery (Administrator)

Structure, Governance and Management

Isle of Wight Street Pastors is a company limited by guarantee, number 07200287, and a registered charity, number 1136110, governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who are also directors of the company. All references to trustees in this report can also be read as directors. The trustees are responsible for the effective governance of the charity, its strategic direction and setting the policy framework. Responsibility for day to day running of the initiatives is delegated to the coordinators, though major or contentious issues are referred back to the trustees.

Trustees are elected by members of the charity at the annual general meeting. A third of trustees retire from office each year but may be reappointed to serve a further term. The existing trustees make recommendations to the meeting regarding suitable candidates who have the necessary skills, experience and abilities required to ensure the board of trustees is able to offer effective governance. The trustees may also co-opt new trustees during the year who serve until the next AGM when they retire but may be reappointed by members.

Isle of Wight Street Pastors operates the Street Pastors and School Pastors initiatives. Ascension Trust (registered charity number 1127204) provides a number of services to Isle of Wight Street Pastors and licences the Street and School Pastors branding for the local initiative's use; in return Isle of Wight Street Pastors pays a licence fee and agrees to meet nationally agreed quality standards. The charity enjoys good relations with neighbouring initiatives and local coordinators meet regularly to share good practice.

The trustees and coordinators routinely examine the business, reputational and operational risks when preparing strategic plans and developing new projects. In addition, the charity works closely with Ascension Trust, using their expertise of Street and School Pastor initiatives across the UK, to further minimise risk.

Charitable Activities

The charity exists to deliver three charitable purposes. It aims to promote public protection, provide relief for people at risk and advanced an understanding of the Christian religion by means of offering care, compassion and support. We achieve this through delivery of two initiatives:

- Street Pastors – caring for and protecting vulnerable people on the streets at night and acting as a positive presence to dissuade anti-social behaviour and a calming influence in tense and volatile situations. Street Pastors patrol in Newport, Ryde and occasionally in Cowes.
- School Pastors - providing safety and reassurance to school students around the school site during the school day and a positive adult presence. School pastors work in three secondary schools: Medina College, Carisbrooke College and Ryde Academy.

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. This year we have continued to operate the Street and School Pastors initiatives on the Isle of Wight in pursuit of our objects for the public benefit. The following report outlines the highlights of the year and demonstrates how our activities benefit the public.

Street and School Pastors in 2021

Street Pastors

The year 2021 started with a third national lockdown and Street Pastors were out of action while pubs, venues and other night-time venues were closed. Although some business had re-opened after Easter, with customers permitted in outside areas, Street Pastors only resumed patrols in May when customers were allowed back inside and there started to be more people about on the town streets. There were still restrictions, including physical distancing, carrying PPE if needed, not giving out sweets and Prayer Pastors not permitted to be in the base churches during a patrol.

Huge appreciation must be given to our faithful Prayer Pastors who still kept up their vigil, praying from home throughout every patrol. The teams were finding that the behaviour of the public seemed more reserved than pre-COVID and found very few people needing our help due to serious intoxication. On the other hand, people were very willing to talk about their concerns and anxieties and about how pleased they were to see Street Pastors on the streets again, looking out for their wellbeing and safety.

The number of Street Pastors is reduced from pre-COVID levels. A small number have stepped down, as normally happens each year, but our opportunities to recruit have been very few, until we are again invited into churches to talk about our work. However, we did have one new recruit complete her training and join the teams, and we ended the year with 22 Street Pastors and 9 Prayer Pastors.

School Pastors

Due to the COVID lockdown, schools did not re-open until the 8th March. Sarah Fifield was the School Pastor Coordinator and was working extremely hard trying to keep up morale amongst the volunteers and good connections with the schools.

Sally Murphy took over the role at the end of March, just in time for the re-opening of schools after the Easter Break and the request for the return of School Pastors. After a whirlwind of meetings and lots of praying we were up and running in our three secondary schools of Ryde Academy, Medina College and Carisbrooke College, offering both patrols and mentoring. COVID and other personal circumstances meant we stepped out in faith with 6 active School Pastors and a new coordinator.

COVID infections and restrictions remained a serious issue throughout the year, but School Pastors continued to serve the students and staff of all three schools. We wore masks, kept appropriate distances, and observed the risk assessments. All School Pastors were given complete freedom and understanding if they were unable to do a patrol and several of us did contract the virus, but never from our work in schools.

The Prayer Pastors have been so faithful, they have prayed as we worked in every school, every session. We have also welcomed two new Prayer Pastors from which has been a real encouragement. The Prayer Pastors have provided pastoral love and support to both the School Pastors and each other. For a ministry built on prayer we have been truly blessed by them all. Throughout 2021 we both lost and added to our team of volunteers. We ended the year with 7 fully trained, 3 active trainees and a (not so) new coordinator. We also have 2 new recruits signed up for an exciting new venture in Sandown Bay Secondary School later this year.

As the statistics below indicate, we have been extremely busy with both the high numbers and high levels of need. Most of our services resumed, but drop-in sessions ceased during the COVID period and have not recommenced. We are facing one of the biggest mental health crises amongst our young people in recent history. The statutory bodies have been unable to cope and, by the grace of God, we have been there to bridge the gap. We have been available at the point of need; it has been both hard and rewarding. We have seen lives changed and children protected, we have witnessed to staff and grown in our own faith.

We are very proud of our whole team of volunteers and staff.

The year in statistics

The impact of much of our work can have long-term and far-reaching results, but it can be difficult to track and quantify the results our efforts have; we always love hearing from people who have been helped by Street or School Pastors, so we know more about the impact we are having. As well as monitoring feedback on the streets and in schools we keep track of a number of key statistics to check how we are doing.

	2021	2020
Street Pastors		
Patrols	29	23
Man/woman hours	421	333
Meaningful conversations*	181	82
Tense/difficult situations	25	4
Bottles of water distributed	59	13
Bottles picked up	92	37
Pairs of flip-flops distributed	28	8
Foil blankets distributed	8	4
Prayer offered and/or requested	15	4
School Pastors		
Number of patrols	73	88
School Community Events	1	2
Number of mentoring sessions	293	139
Number of Drop-In sessions	0	52
Man/woman hours	1056	465
Number of students mentored	80	56
Support offered for anti-social behaviour	2	13
Safeguarding issue reported to school staff	12	5

*In our statistics we use the term “meaningful conversations” to describe interactions with people that go beyond a “hello, how are you?”. It might be a discussion about spirituality, listening to a story of loss or helping reassure someone who is frightened. These conversations are really important to our work and can make life-changing differences to people, hence they are specifically recorded. We also have lots of casual interactions which go unrecorded but can often be more significant than we could anticipate.

Future Plans

Much of our work is ongoing and our core aim into 2022 is to continue to support as many people as possible on the streets and in our schools. As ever, this means an ongoing need for support from people in prayer, funding and volunteering. The “living with Covid” landscape, previously envisaged as “the new normal”, presents significant challenges, such as residual fear and reluctance among some volunteers, and trauma among members of our communities. We know there will be a significant role for Street and School Pastors in helping our towns and schools to recover and will work with partners in the police and local authority to ensure our work throughout 2022 provides the maximum support where it is needed.

In order to mark emergence from the worst of the pandemic, while recognising the new threats to well-being posed by the invasion of Ukraine, spiralling costs, the housing crisis and increased concerns for mental health, Isle of Wight Street Pastors is holding a recommissioning, entitled “Re-membering” on 7th May 2022.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

We aim to hold sufficient reserves to ensure a buffer of 3 months operating costs, and in addition to be able to cope with a loss of grant funding for 12 months, both of these measures taken in a 'normal' year not affected by the present health crisis. This gives a target level of approximately £20,000. If reserves drop below 75% of the target (£15,000) or grant funding is expected to end, then the trustees will develop an action plan to increase income and/or decrease expenditure and monitor progress against this plan. The trustees acknowledge that reserves levels will vary, and aim to keep them above the target level, but not allow them to grow to an excessive level. If reserves reach 25% more than the target (£25,000) then the trustees will review options for using the excess funding to further the charity's objects through new or enhanced work programmes or reducing fundraising activity.

At the end of 2021 our free reserves (excluding restricted and designated funds) stood at a total of £22,866 (2020 £18,738). This is an increase on last year and brings reserves to a little over our target level.

Investment Policy

Isle of Wight Street Pastors does not hold any long-term investments, using all income generated to support our day to day work.

Main sources of income

Donations represented the largest part of the charity's income this year, comprising 65% of income (2020 72%) once Gift Aid tax refunds are added in. Regular giving fell slightly compared to last year to £18,452 (2020 £19,485). Regular giving has remained at a relatively consistent level for the last five years. We have secured grant funding this year of £13,319 (2020 £10,836). We are grateful for further support from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and for support from Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Expenditure supporting charitable objectives

Income has been used for charitable activities in furtherance of Isle of Wight Street Pastors objects. The largest cost to the charity is staff costs. The trustees employ a part time coordinator to manage the Street Pastors initiative, a part time coordinator for School Pastors and a part time administrator working across both projects. The charity made occasional use of the services of a consultant during the year as part of a strategy aimed at ensuring the most diverse skill base is obtained for the most reasonable cost. Looking ahead, such skills will have to be found among the staff and trustees, or through other appropriate consultants.

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This report, including the following financial statements, was approved by the trustees on the 30th April 2022 and is signed on their behalf by:

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Robert White (chair)

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CONCLUSION

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Gareth Hughes, BA (Hon), CPFA

29th May 2022

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

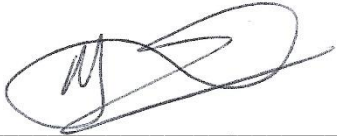
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	£	£	£	£	
Income					
Donations and grants	30,156	8,319	38,475	38,486	2
Other trading activities	0	0	0	0	3
Investments	1	0	1	3	4
Other Income	6,624	0	6,624	8,896	
Total income	36,781	8,319	45,100	47,385	
Expenditure					
Raising funds	400	0	400	407	
Charitable activities	32,253	8,319	40,572	41,821	5
Total expenditure	32,653	8,319	40,972	42,228	
Net income/(expenditure)	4,128	0	4,128	5,157	
Net movement in funds	4,128	0	4,128	5,157	
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	20,380	0	20,380	15,223	
Total funds carried forward	24,508	0	24,508	20,380	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

	31st December 2021	31st December 2020	Note
	£	£	
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	86	357	7
Total fixed assets	86	357	
Current assets			
Debtors	5,238	347	8
Cash at bank and in hand	23,878	21,698	9
Total current assets	29,116	22,045	
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4,694	2,022	10
Net current assets or liabilities	24,422	20,023	
Total assets less current liabilities	24,508	20,380	
Total net assets or liabilities	24,508	20,380	
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	24,508	20,380	
Restricted funds	0	0	
Total charity funds	24,508	20,380	

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Signed  Robert White, Chair
Date 18th May 2022

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Isle of Wight Street Pastors meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Incoming resources

Income received has been classified as either unrestricted or restricted. Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for Isle of Wight Street Pastors' ordinary purposes. Restricted funds have been given, collected or donated for a specific purpose and it is a requirement of charity law that they be used for that purpose. Incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations or gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activity when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of service by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. Expenditure is accounted for gross.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Capitalisation of fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Individual items of expenditure with a purchase price not exceeding £100 are recognised as expenditure in the year of acquisition. Individual items exceeding £100 are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the asset, which for equipment is considered to be three years.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are for a specific purpose and it is a requirement of charity law that they be used for that purpose.

Street Pastors and School Pastors are two initiatives set up by the charity to address specific needs of care, safety and the reduction of crime in the community. Where funds have been provided specifically for one initiative or other narrower purposes they are accounted for as restricted funds.

2. Income from donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Grants			
Police & Crime Commissioner	0	8,319	8,319
Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council	2,000	0	2,000
The Garfield Weston Foundation	3,000	0	3,000
Total grants	5,000	8,319	13,319
Donations			
Church donations	330	0	330
Church regular giving scheme	2,260	0	2,260
Corporate regular giving	6,960	0	6,960
Individual donations	1,108	0	1,108
Individual regular giving scheme	9,232	0	9,232
New recruit donations	750	0	750
Other donations	2,195	0	2,195
Gift Aid tax refunds	2,321	0	2,321
Total donations	25,156	0	25,156
Total donations and grants	30,156	8,319	38,475

2. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Payments for additional uniform	0	0	0
Trading sales	0	0	0
Total other trading activities	0	0	0

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Bank interest	1	0	1
Total investment income	1	0	1

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Note
	£	£	£	
School Pastors				
School resources	59	0	59	
Coordinator salary	13,896	0	13,896	
Support costs	8,758	0	8,758	6
Street Pastors				
Giveaways	22	0	22	
Coordinator salary	3,842	6,853	10,695	
Support costs	6,076	1,466	7,542	6
Total expenditure on charitable activities	32,653	8,319	40,972	

6. Analysis of support costs

Support costs provided to the two initiatives are shown below. These are apportioned equally to the two initiatives, Street Pastors and School Pastors.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Note
	£	£	£	
Insurance	256	0	256	
Licence fee	5,420	0	5,420	11
Marketing	400	0	400	
Office	1,584	0	1,584	
Governance and management consultancy	0	0	0	
Personnel				
Payroll - administrator	5,866	1,466	7,332	
Staff travel	0	0	0	
Volunteer training and uniform	1,037	0	1,037	
Equipment depreciation	271	0	271	
Total support costs	14,834	1,466	16,300	

7. Tangible fixed assets

	2021	2020
	£	£
Computer equipment	86	358
Total	86	358

8. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gift Aid tax	488	347
Grant instalment due	4,750	0
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	0	1,226
Total	5,238	1,573

9. Cash at bank and in hand

	2021	2020
	£	£
Lloyds Bank – current account	18,849	16,669
Lloyds Bank – instant access reserve	5,009	5,009
Petty cash	20	20
Total	23,878	21,698

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accounts payable	0	265
Accruals	3,510	2,520
Tax and National Insurance payable	319	370
Pensions payable	863	93
Wages payable	2	0
Total	4,694	3,248

11. Licence fee

Street Pastors is an international movement set up by Ascension Trust. Isle of Wight Street Pastors is under the umbrella of the Ascension Trust and has been supported by them in the initial set up and on-going running. The Licence fee is the payment to the Ascension Trust to cover this on-going support, including advice and guidance, training, insurance, supply of uniforms, development of operating protocols, brand management and development and quality assurance. This is calculated annually as 15% of income.

12. Trustees remuneration and benefit

No trustee received any remuneration during the year. No trustee was reimbursed any expenses during the year. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

13. Paid employees

	2021	2020
Staff costs paid during the year were:	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	31,206	29,689
Employers' National Insurance costs	0	0
Pension contributions	716	210
Gross Staff Costs	31,922	29,899
Less: Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Grants	-6,625	-8,896
Total Net Staff Costs	25,297	21,003
Average number of employees in the year	3	3
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year	1.5	1.5

14. Consultancy

Payments totalling £3060 have been made to Big Plans Charity Consultancy relating to professional advice and services received during the period.

15. Restricted and designated funds

This year only one grant received was designated as Restricted Funds, being the grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, all of which was specifically for the use of the Street Pastor initiative. These grants and its related expenditure has been allocated to a restricted fund, shown below.

In order to better plan our future IT upgrade requirements, the trustees have elected to create a designated fund for IT equipment renewal. This enables more effective annual budgeting, evening out the peaks and troughs created by the need to periodically replace relatively expensive equipment. This designated fund forms part of the charity's unrestricted funds and can be re-allocated by the trustees as appropriate. It does not form part of the charity's free reserves, as it is budgeted for specific planned future expenditure. The value of this fund was not added to in the year.

Fund name	Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£
IT upgrade	1,642	0	0	1,642
OPCC grant (Street Pastors)	0	8,319	8,319	0

16. Ultimate controlling party

The charitable company is under the control of its members. No one member has sufficient voting rights to control the charitable company.

ISLE OF WIGHT STREET PASTORS

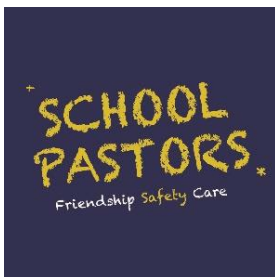
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Accounts

Isle of Wight Street Pastors

(incorporating Isle of Wight School Pastors)

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 2020



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Administrative Information

Trustees/Directors

Tracey Dancy (Chair from 11/8/20)

Kevin Farrow

Don Jones (former Chair, resigned 11/8/20)

Terry Clawson (resigned 11/8/20)

Alastair Macdonald (appointed 6/7/20)

Georgie Porter (appointed 17/7/20)

Robert White (appointed 11/8/20)

Pete Luther (appointed 11/8/20)

Ian Peters (appointed 11/8/20)

Graham Hall (resigned 20/3/20, re-appointed 11/8/20, resigned 21/8/20)

Staff

Andrew Gardner (Coordinator, Street Pastors)

Sarah Fifield (Coordinator, School Pastors)

Suzanne McCaffery (Administrator)

Structure, Governance and Management

Isle of Wight Street Pastors is a company limited by guarantee, number 07200287, and a registered charity, number 1136110, governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who are also directors of the company. All references to trustees in this report can also be read as directors. The trustees are responsible for the effective governance of the charity, its strategic direction and setting the policy framework. Responsibility for day to day running of the initiatives is delegated to the coordinators, though major or contentious issues are referred back to the trustees.

Trustees are elected by members of the charity at the annual general meeting. A third of trustees retire from office each year but may be reappointed to serve a further term. The existing trustees make recommendations to the meeting regarding suitable candidates who have the necessary skills, experience and abilities required to ensure the board of trustees is able to offer effective governance. The trustees may also co-opt new trustees during the year who serve until the next AGM when they retire but may be reappointed by members.

Isle of Wight Street Pastors operates the Street Pastors and School Pastors initiatives. Ascension Trust (registered charity number 1127204) provides a number of services to Isle of Wight Street Pastors and licences the Street and School Pastors branding for the local initiative's use; in return Isle of Wight Street Pastors pays a licence fee and agrees to meet nationally agreed quality standards. The charity enjoys good relations with neighbouring initiatives and local coordinators meet regularly to share good practice.

The trustees and coordinators routinely examine the business, reputational and operational risks when preparing strategic plans and developing new projects. In addition, the charity works closely with Ascension Trust, using their expertise of Street and School Pastor initiatives across the UK, to further minimise risk.

Charitable Activities

The charity exists to deliver three charitable purposes. It aims to promote public protection, provide relief for people at risk and advanced an understanding of the Christian religion by means of offering care, compassion and support. We achieve this through delivery of two initiatives:

- Street Pastors – caring for and protecting vulnerable people on the streets at night and acting as a positive presence to dissuade anti-social behaviour and a calming influence in tense and volatile situations. Street Pastors patrol in Newport, Ryde and occasionally in Cowes.
- School Pastors - providing safety and reassurance to school students around the school site during the school day and a positive adult presence. School pastors work in three secondary schools: Medina College, Carisbrooke College and Ryde Academy; and, to a lesser extent, in Lanesend Primary School.

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. This year we have continued to operate the Street and School Pastors initiatives on the Isle of Wight in pursuit of our objects for the public benefit. The following report outlines the highlights of the year and demonstrates how our activities benefit the public.

Street and School Pastors in 2020

The work of Street Pastors has been greatly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. As all the pubs, restaurants and night-time venues were forced to close at the end of March, there was no need for the normal late-night patrols. When the lockdown started to relax in June, we looked at the possibility of providing some support in the towns in the daytime but found that so many of our team members were shielding or in the most vulnerable categories that we were unable to carry out a viable service. Then in July the pubs re-opened, and we started to put on limited patrols with the few team members we had available; this continued until December, when the next lockdown began. The streets were understandably much quieter, and venues closed earlier than before, so we encountered fewer people needing our assistance. However, we continued to talk to as many people as possible on the streets and we were told repeatedly that people were happy to see us, and to know that we were looking out for their safety. The statistics set out in the next section show the significant impact of the pandemic on this year's activities.

As School Pastors began the new term in January 2020, we had no idea how things would change so dramatically for our work within schools, however what didn't change was God's faithfulness to us and the incredible attitude of our volunteers.

At the start of 2020 we saw a continuation of Anxiety and Resilience workshops in Ryde Academy and Medina College, with 1:1 mentoring also taking place there plus 1:1s in Carisbrooke College and Lanesend Primary School. We have seen a great rise in the number of students being referred to us with anxiety issues; this was even before Covid took its hold on the nation. However, in March we saw all schools close and all of our patrols and mentoring put on hold. This was such a difficult time for everyone, especially our volunteers who knew how much the closure of schools would cause such anxiety and disruption for the many students they had got to know well.

We began a weekly Prayer meeting over Zoom, where we saw many of our volunteers join on a regular basis to pray for all our students, the staff and the wider school community. We have undertaken some online training during our time out of schools, focussing on Safeguarding and Mentoring. We have had three new trainees begin their online training. However, our volunteer numbers are low, therefore we have had to postpone one of our patrols at Medina.

We were able to return to schools at the beginning of the new academic year, September 2020, when staff and students were so pleased to see us. We were able to patrol in all three secondary schools up until Christmas and mentor students in Ryde Academy, Carisbrooke College and Lanesend Primary.

The year in statistics

The impact of much of our work can have long-term and far-reaching results, but it can be difficult to track and quantify the results our efforts have; we always love hearing from people who have been helped by Street or School Pastors, so we know more about the impact we are having. As well as monitoring feedback on the streets and in schools we keep track of a number of key statistics to check how we are doing.

	2020	2019
Street Pastors		
Patrols	23	72
Man/woman hours	333	1,420
Meaningful conversations*	82	515
Tense/difficult situations	4	60
Bottles of water distributed	13	122
Bottles picked up	37	774
Pairs of flip-flops distributed	8	122
Foil blankets distributed	4	26
School Pastors		
Number of patrols	88	115
School Community Events	2	21
Number of mentoring sessions	139	182
Number of Drop In Sessions	52	216
Man/woman hours	465	1,690
Number of students mentored	56	131
Support offered for anti-social behaviour	13	64
Safeguarding issue reported to school staff	5	24

*In our statistics we use the term "significant conversations" to describe interactions with people that go beyond a "hello, how are you?". It might be a discussion about spirituality, listening to a story of loss or helping reassure someone who is frightened. These conversations are really important to our work and can make life-

changing differences to people, hence they are specifically recorded. We also have lots of casual interactions which go unrecorded but can often be more significant than we could anticipate.

Future Plans

Much of our work is ongoing and our core aim into 2021 is to continue to support as many people as possible on the streets and in our schools. As ever, this means an ongoing need for support from people in prayer, funding and volunteering. At the time this report is being finalised we are passing through the stages of emerging from the lockdown due to Covid-19 that was in place through the winter months. We know there will be a significant role for street and school pastors in helping recovery post lockdown and will work with partners in the police and local authority to ensure our work throughout 2021 provides the maximum support where it is needed.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

We aim to hold sufficient reserves to ensure a buffer of 3 months operating costs, and in addition to be able to cope with a loss of grant funding for 12 months, both of these measures taken in a 'normal' year not affected by the present health crisis. This gives a target level of approximately £20,000. If reserves drop below 75% of the target (£15,000) or grant funding is expected to end, then the trustees will develop an action plan to increase income and/or decrease expenditure and monitor progress against this plan. The trustees acknowledge that reserves levels will vary, and aim to keep them above the target level, but not allow them to grow to an excessive level. If reserves reach 25% more than the target (£25,000) then the trustees will review options for using the excess funding to further the charity's objects through new or enhanced work programmes or reducing fundraising activity.

At the end of 2020 our free reserves (excluding restricted and designated funds) stood at a total of £18,738. This is an increase on last year and shows that we have continued to receive support from donors and from grants, whilst receiving government grants by way of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme when staff worked reduced hours under flexible furlough. We continue to work on new funding opportunities to help recover reserves to our target level.

Investment Policy

Isle of Wight Street Pastors does not hold any long-term investments, using all income generated to support our day to day work.

Main sources of income

Donations represented the largest part of the charity's income this year, comprising 72% of income (2019 81%) once Gift Aid tax refunds are added in. Regular giving again increased this year to £19,485 (2019 £18,288). Regular giving has remained at a relatively consistent level for the last five years. We have secured grant funding this year of £10,836 (2019 £8,844). We are grateful for further support from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and for support from WightAid.

Expenditure supporting charitable objectives

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6th May 2021

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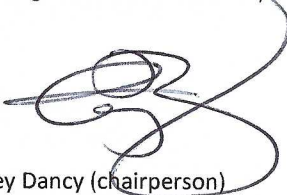
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Looking ahead

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This report, including the following financial statements, was approved by the trustees on the 30th April 2021 and is signed on their behalf by:

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Tracey Dancy (chairperson)

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2020

	2020 Unrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total	Note
	£	£	£	£	
Income					
Donations and grants	29,650	8,836	38,486	46,654	2
Other trading activities	0	0	0	69	3
Investments	3	0	3	3	4
Total income	29,653	8,836	38,489	46,726	
Expenditure					
Raising funds	407	0	407	2	
Charitable activities	24,089	8,836	32,925	47,054	5
Total expenditure	24,496	8,836	33,332	47,056	
Net income/(expenditure)	5,157	0	5,157	(330)	
Net movement in funds	5,157	0	5,157	(330)	
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	15,223	0	15,223	15,553	
Total funds carried forward	20,380	0	20,380	15,223	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

	31 st December 2020	31 st December 2019	Note
	£	£	
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	357	678	7
Total fixed assets	357	678	
Current assets			
Debtors	347	770	8
Cash at bank and in hand	21,698	18,844	9
Total current assets	22,045	19,614	
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,022	5,069	10
Net current assets or liabilities	20,023	14,545	
Total assets less current liabilities	20,380	15,223	
Total net assets or liabilities		15,223	
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	20,380	15,223	
Restricted funds	0	0	
Total charity funds	20,380	15,223	

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Signed  Tracey Dancy, Chair

Date 30/4/2021

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Isle of Wight Street Pastors meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Incoming resources

Income received has been classified as either unrestricted or restricted. Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for Isle of Wight Street Pastors' ordinary purposes. Restricted funds have been given, collected or donated for a specific purpose and it is a requirement of charity law that they be used for that purpose. Incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations or gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activity when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of service by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. Expenditure is accounted for gross.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Capitalisation of fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Individual items of expenditure with a purchase price not exceeding £100 are recognised as expenditure in the year of acquisition. Individual items exceeding £100 are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the asset, which for equipment is considered to be three years.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are for a specific purpose and it is a requirement of charity law that they be used for that purpose.

Street Pastors and School Pastors are two initiatives set up by the charity to address specific needs of care, safety and the reduction of crime in the community. Where funds have been provided specifically for one initiative or other narrower purposes they are accounted for as restricted funds.

2. Income from donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Grants			
Police & Crime Commissioner	0	8,356	8,356
Newport Parish Council	2,000	0	2,000
Wight Aid	0	480	480
Total grants	2,000	8,836	10,836
Donations			
Church donations	2,807	0	2,807
Church regular giving scheme	2,395	0	2,395
Corporate regular giving	6,960	0	6,960
Individual donations	50	0	50
Individual regular giving scheme	10,130	0	10,130
New recruit donations	250	0	250
Other donations	2,881	0	2,881
Gift Aid tax refunds	2,177	0	2,177
Total donations	27,650	0	27,650
Total donations and grants	29,650	8,386	38,486

2. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Payments for additional uniform	0	0	0
Trading sales	0	0	0
Total other trading activities	0	0	0

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Bank interest	3	0	3
Total investment income	3	0	3

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Note
	£	£	£	
School Pastors				
School resources	238	480	718	
Coordinator salary	9,860	0	9,860	
Support costs	7,912	0	7,912	6
Street Pastors				
Giveaways	3	0	3	
Coordinator salary	0	6,880	6,880	
Support costs	6,483	1,476	7,959	6
Total expenditure on charitable activities	24,496	8,836	33,332	

6. Analysis of support costs

Support costs provided to the two initiatives are shown below. These are apportioned equally to the two initiatives, Street Pastors and School Pastors.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Note
	£	£	£	
Insurance	187	0	187	
Licence fee	5,028	0	5,028	11
Marketing	408	0	408	
Office	2,196	0	2,196	
Governance and management consultancy	3,060	0	3,060	
Personnel				
Payroll - administrator	2,966	1,476	4,442	
Staff travel	0	0	0	
Volunteer training and uniform	229	0	229	
Equipment depreciation	321	0	321	
Total support costs	14,395	1,476	15,871	

7. Tangible fixed assets

	2020	2019
	£	£
Computer equipment	358	679
Total	358	679

8. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gift Aid tax	347	770
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	1,226	0
Total	1,573	770

9. Cash at bank and in hand

	2020	2019
	£	£
Lloyds Bank – current account	16,669	5,007
Lloyds Bank – instant access reserve	5,009	13,817
Petty cash	20	20
Total	21,698	18,844

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accounts payable	265	304
Accruals	2,520	4,013
Tax and National Insurance payable	370	385
Pensions payable	93	358
Wages payable	0	9
Total	3,248	5,069

11. Licence fee

Street Pastors is an international movement set up by Ascension Trust. Isle of Wight Street Pastors is under the umbrella of the Ascension Trust and has been supported by them in the initial set up and on-going running. The Licence fee is the payment to the Ascension Trust to cover this on-going support, including advice and guidance, training, insurance, supply of uniforms, development of operating protocols, brand management and development and quality assurance. This is calculated annually as 15% of income.

12. Trustees remuneration and benefit

No trustee received any remuneration during the year. No trustee was reimbursed any expenses during the year. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

13. Paid employees

	2021	2020
Staff costs paid during the year were:	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	20,793	29,631
Employers' National Insurance costs	0	0
Pension contributions	210	448
Total staff costs	21,003	29,809
Average number of employees in the year	3	3
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year	1.5	1.5

14. Consultancy

Payments totalling £3060 have been made to Big Plans Charity Consultancy relating to professional advice and services received during the period.

15. Restricted and designated funds

This year part of a grant was carried forward from last year from the National Lottery Community Fund for School Pastors. In addition, grants have been received this year specifically supporting Street and School Pastors separately. These grants, and related expenditure, have been allocated to a restricted fund, shown below.

In order to better plan our future IT upgrade requirements, the trustees have elected to create a designated fund for IT equipment renewal. This enables more effective annual budgeting, evening out the peaks and troughs created by the need to periodically replace relatively expensive equipment. This designated fund forms part of the charity's unrestricted funds and can be re-allocated by the trustees as appropriate. It does not form part of the charity's free reserves, as it is budgeted for specific planned future expenditure.

Fund name	Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£
IT upgrade	1,642	0	0	1,642
OPCC grant (Street Pastors)	0	8,836	8,836	0
WightAid grant (School Pastors)	0	480	480	0

16. Ultimate controlling party

The charitable company is under the control of its members. No one member has sufficient voting rights to control the charitable company.