



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021**

**Charity name: Worcester Street Pastors**

**Charity registration number: 1137648**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>In association with Ascension Trust, Worcester Street Pastors' objectives are:</p> <p>To advance education in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the management team may consider appropriate in Worcester and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the management team may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Charity.</p> <p>To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in Worcester and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the management team may from time to time think fit.</p> <p>To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Licence Agreement executed with Ascension Trust and the Core Values and Mission Statement, in Worcester and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the management team may from time to time think fit particularly but not exclusively by means of caring, listening and helping people on the streets and at various venues day and night.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>A street pastor is someone from the Christian community who is willing to care, listen and help particularly young people who have found themselves disenfranchised and/or marginalised from society, and who are willing to engage people where they are, in</p>

	<p>terms of their thinking (perspective of life) and location (where they hang out - be it on the streets, in pubs and clubs or at parties).</p> <p>A street pastor is there to get to know people in the community and to build relationships in order to find out their needs and what can be done to help. Street pastors must gain the credibility of the community, so that the community knows that the church has come to them.</p> <p>A street pastor's main role is to make themselves available to care, listen, support and help vulnerable people, especially young individuals, to move into positive endeavours. Street pastors come from right across the Christian community, and can be anyone who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is 18 years old or over (no upper age limit)</li> <li>• has been committed to a Christian fellowship for at least a year</li> <li>• has obtained a supportive reference from their senior church leader</li> <li>• has undergone a DBS check</li> <li>• has successfully attended street pastor training.</li> </ul> <p>Street pastor teams are committed to deeper day-to-day working partnerships with relevant statutory agencies and voluntary organisations.</p> <p>The aim and intention is that Worcester Street Pastor teams (usually of 4, occasionally 3) will patrol Worcester city centre's streets each Saturday night/Sunday morning from around 10pm until up to 4am, depending upon how many people are around &amp; what's happening. Their strategic role is to care, listen and help; giving assistance to people in need; seeking to prevent victimisation; bringing calm to tense situations; comforting and supporting those in difficulty or distress - often due directly or indirectly to excess alcohol consumption by themselves or others; and seeking to support/assist the statutory agencies and other services as best they reasonably can.</p> <p>The continuing Covid-19 crisis caused major disruption to patrol operations. Legal restrictions and Central Government guidance meant teams at times were unable to operate for extended periods, with venues closed and city centre streets virtually deserted. Even when restrictions started to ease it was necessary to consider the safety of street pastor volunteers, some being vulnerable with underlying health conditions.</p>
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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are aware of, & in all aspects of the charity's operations have complied with, their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.
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Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Worcester Street Pastors is entirely reliant upon the contributions of volunteers as management team members, operational street pastors and prayer pastors. Operational street pastors give not only their time freely for Saturday night/Sunday morning patrols and training but also contribute financially towards the organisation's costs.</p> <p>Further, Worcester Street Pastors' work could not continue without the sacrificial commitment of many who support in prayer, plus the generous financial support of some local churches and individuals.</p>
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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We entered 2021 still unable to resume patrols, but this became possible in mid-May. Fortunately we had continued to maintain/develop operational readiness, which enabled teams to be back into business without undue difficulty.</p> <p>Whilst the aim &amp; intention is for street pastor teams to be out every Saturday night through the year, due primarily to the restrictions it was only possible to cover 52% of the 52 weekends.</p> <p>A total of 654 people were helped on the streets in some way; 456 bottles/glasses/fragments were safely cleared away; 18 incidents of anti-social behaviour were attended; 10 people were signposted to other organisations for longer-term advice/support; 111 pairs of flip-flops were given out to people in need of feet protection; and 122 "rough sleepers" were checked upon.</p>

		<p>In 2019, the management team adopted development goals/priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- consolidate present operations through a 30% increase in the street pastor team within 12 months</li> <li>- expand operations into a second night through a 100% increase in the street pastor team within 2 years</li> <li>- initiate discussions with other agencies/ organisations within 12 months upon partnering in a safe place initiative</li> <li>- explore and implement ways to strengthen prayer support.</li> </ul> <p>The Covid-19 crisis prevented progress upon expansion and development of patrolling operations, but recruitment and training have now resumed and are progressing. Conversations are continuing on the prospect of establishing some form of partnered safe place, primarily within Safer Worcester Partnership as part of Project X proposals; funds have been set aside in reserve towards our contribution.</p> <p>All continue to be greatly encouraged by Sue's faithful support in overseeing and delivering prayer support, ably assisted by Lydia; their regular Saturday night attendance with the teams is greatly valued and appreciated. Sue also ensures WSP's inclusion in her wider engagements with churches and prayer activities/events.</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>We were fortunate/blessed to close the year in a strong financial position, with balances of £38,948. We continue to benefit from grant funding by the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner which enables retention of Jerry Reakes-Williams as part-time paid operations co-ordinator. We must also acknowledge Jane Edwards' hard work &amp; faithful commitment as part-time paid promotions co-ordinator, adding very substantially to our funds through many - mostly successful - applications to a range of funding charities.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>During the reporting year the management team continued the policy of designating reserves for business continuity, street pastor recruitment &amp; WSP's contribution towards establishing a joint-agency safe place.</p>



Amount of reserves held as at 31 December 2021	Para 1.22	SP recruitment restricted fund - £7,306 Safe Place contribution - £10,000 In addition, the Trustees consider that the general reserves need to be at least £11,605 to ensure business continuity.
Details of funds materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

## Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution, adopted/lodged May 2010 (currently under review, final documents with Ascension Trust for processing in due course)
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association consisting of members (as above, currently under review)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Recommendation of the management team for endorsement by the Annual General Meeting

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Worcester Street Pastors
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1137648
Charity's principal address	Torrington, Bell Lane, Lower Broadheath Worcester WR2 6RR

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (as at 31 December 2021)

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee)
Matt Town	Chairman		AGM
Liz Wilson	Treasurer		AGM
Trevor McAvoy	Secretary		AGM
Sue Gillgan	Prayer co-ordinator		AGM
Kim Stansfield			AGM

**Changes to Trustees during 2021:**

In January 2021, Bev Dickens stepped down from his Trustee/management team role, being replaced by Kim Stansfield.

In July 2021, Andy Browning stepped down from his Trustee/vice-chairman/management team role, needing to focus upon his ministry responsibilities to St Peter's Baptist Church.

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**


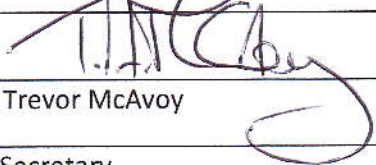
Jerry Reakes-Williams (operations co-ordinator)

Jane Edwards (promotions co-ordinator)

**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Matthew Town	Trevor McAvoy
<b>Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chairman	Secretary

**Date**

19 July 2022



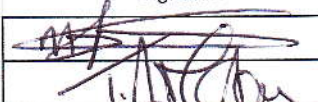


Charity Name Worcester Street Pastors		Charity Number 1137648		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/21	

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Designated Safe Place to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	11,500	12,625		24,125	12,943
Street Pastors' Training Fees & Uniform					
Gifts	2,601			2,601	2,636
Gift Aid Rebate	225			225	225
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>14,326</b>	<b>12,625</b>		<b>26,951</b>	<b>15,804</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>14,326</b>	<b>12,625</b>		<b>26,951</b>	<b>15,804</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
DBS Checks	10			10	
Training					
Uniforms					34
Expendables inc flip flops, space blankets, water and alarms	503			503	281
Refreshments	394			394	
Co ordinator & Fundraiser	540	5,200		5,740	5,340
Advertising & Recruitment		2,619		2,619	
Licence Fees to Ascension Trust	4,043			4,043	2,337
Miscellaneous	60			60	18
Accountancy Fees	82			82	78
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,632</b>	<b>7,819</b>		<b>13,451</b>	<b>8,088</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,632</b>	<b>7,819</b>		<b>13,451</b>	<b>8,088</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,694</b>	<b>4,806</b>		<b>13,500</b>	<b>7,716</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>					
	12,948	2,500	10,000	25,448	17,732
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>21,642</b>	<b>7,306</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>38,948</b>	<b>25,448</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted Funds to nearest £	Designated Safe Place to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Bank - Community Account No 43035158	21,642	7,306	10,000
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>21,642</b>	<b>7,306</b>	<b>10,000</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Independent Examiner	General	195	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		M. TOWN	19/7/22	
		T.A. PECH	19/7/22	





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**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Worcester Street Pastors

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/12/2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1137648

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*S Stansfield*

**Date:**

19/07/2022

**Name:**

Sarah Stansfield

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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