

Barnstaple Street Pastors

Registered Charity Number: 1140645

BARNSTAPLE STREET PASTORS

**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2021**

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have opted, under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'), to prepare receipts and payments accounts

Objectives and Aims

The objectives of BSP are:

- To promote, and support, the inhabitants of Barnstaple and the surrounding area and such other local communities and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit, to advance the Christian faith according to the Scriptures in Barnstaple and surrounding districts and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees 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.
- 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 Barnstaple and surrounding districts and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- To advance education in accordance with the Scriptures by such means as the trustees may think appropriate including but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing in the areas of health, citizenship, community development, human rights, conflict resolution and the promotion of religious and racial harmony in Barnstaple and surrounding districts and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

BSP started operations on 31 October 2009. The principal activity of the charity is street pastor work under a licence agreement with the Ascension Trust, operations generally being on Saturday nights (10pm to 2am) and occasionally other nights as requested by the police.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that the activities of the charity meet its charitable objectives and provide a benefit to the public.

The team activity over the 12 month period covered by this report was significantly impacted by the Covid 19 global pandemic with Government imposed restrictions preventing the team operating for significant periods alongside illness and shielding issues faced by members of the team. There has been no Night Time Economy with pubs and nightclubs required to close, however, as and when there have been sufficient team members, patrols have continued albeit covering the earlier evenings and at times during the day to provide reassurance to users of the town centre as lockdown measures were eased. Because of these significant limitations, the policy of keeping figures (listed below) were suspended. (*Prior year in brackets):

- 0 (95) Street pastors deployed, logging 380 (592) hours on the streets
- 0 (3) instances of Street pastors calming aggressive situations
- 0 (15) vulnerable individuals supported (mostly due to excessive alcohol)
- 0 (18) pairs of free flip flops distributed
- 0 (54) free drinks dispensed (this figure combines water given to aid those suffering from excessive alcohol intake and hot drinks to the homeless.)
- 0 (1) instances of first aid.
- 0 (551) instances of removal of glass bottles or broken glass from the streets
- 0 (1) instances where the Street Pastors have arranged transport for stranded people
- 0 (16) significant faith conversations (it must be noted here that Street Pastors are not street preachers; these are instances where people have spontaneously come to the team to ask questions or seek prayer)
- 0 (101) other significant conversations where people have been either requesting guidance on life issues or simply needing someone to talk to including homeless support with food & hot drinks.

Achievement and Performance

Charitable activities

Barnstaple Street Pastors (BSPs), together with a dedicated prayer team, continued to operate throughout 2020/21, albeit on a much-reduced basis due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The team have provided a visible, reassuring and supportive presence to users of Barnstaple Town Centre on Saturday evenings whenever there were sufficient team members to operate. The established team base at Christchurch, Bear Street, Barnstaple was not available during the pandemic and so the team operated for a period from the Amigos charity office and then from North Devon House of Prayer in the town centre.

The timing of patrols has been different this year because there has effectively been no Night Time Economy. With earlier patrols, the team have encountered different groups of vulnerable people including younger people alongside those previously seen such as local rough sleepers. In the course of these encounters, the team have provided practical support including food and hot drinks as well as emotional and spiritual help to those who they encounter. It has been noticeable that whenever the team have been patrolling during the pandemic, the emotional and mental wellbeing issues that they have encountered have been significant and their support greatly appreciated.

Before ending patrols on any given night, BSPs will determine whether there is a need to continue patrolling depending on the number of people on the street, the presence of particular community tensions and any incidents we may be dealing with. Whilst out on patrol the team work in partnership with the on-duty CCTV operator using digital radios.

The availability of team members has significantly diminished for this year because many did not feel able to patrol during the pandemic because of personal ill health or shielding issues. For most of this period, the team has continued to operate as best it can with 6 patrolling pastors available and prayer pastors operating from home. There was no scope for recruiting new members of the team as training was not possible.

The work is supported by Barnstaple churches together and a circulation list of 'friends of BSPs' who provide financial support and prayer as they are provided with updates on the work of the team three or four times a year. This whole service can only be made possible and successful by the glory of God and we continually give our thanks and praise to Him.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the volunteers who help in the organisation and running of its prayer and patrol teams.

Financial review

These financial statements aim to show donors, contributors and sponsors how their money has been used and to give some idea of the effectiveness of members' efforts.

The work of the charity includes intangibles difficult to measure – possibly the simplest being how safe the people of Barnstaple feel on the streets on Saturday nights when we receive many positive words from people that have been helped and those who appreciate the peace we bring to situations. There are cordial relationships with both the Police and door staff at the various locations in the town and on occasions SPs have been requested to calm or help situations which may become inflamed if official action is taken.

The incoming resources for the period were £1,436 (2020: £3,105) and outgoing resources were £1,229 (2020: £2,264) The Cash balance at 31st March 2021 was £3,301 (2020: £3,094).

The funds in hand will provide for training in the next financial year, both for retraining of existing members and new. To minimise costs, where possible this will be carried out with other street pastor organisations in Devon & Somerset. Although an independent examination of the accounts is not required, the trustees have asked Magnus Proctor FFA to review the financial statements.

There were no areas of concern

Reserves policy

The trustees consider the reserves held at the year-end to be sufficient for the ongoing needs of the charity.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Barnstaple Street Pastors (BSP) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a trust deed dated 6th October 2019.

Formerly incorporated on 12th August 2010, Barnstaple Street Pastors was a company limited by guarantee (CRN 7344549) and registered as a charity on 2nd March 2011, operating under the licence agreement signed with the Ascension Trust. It converted to a CIO in October 2019.

Trustees are appointed by seeking people with relevant skills and experience. Induction and training are provided on a personal basis as appropriate. The trustees meet quarterly.

Reference and Administration Details

Registered name

Barnstaple Street Pastors

Registered Charity number

1140645

Principal address

19 Redlands Road
Fremington
Barnstaple
Devon
EX31 2NY

Trustees

Name

Roger Bartlett
Brian Tancock
David Eckhardt
Gareth Owens
Derek Wilson

Position

Chair
Treasurer
Secretary
SP Coordinator
(Prayer coordinator)

Appointments/Resignations

Appointed July 2020

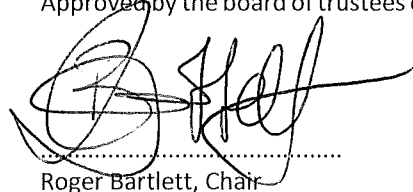
Committee Members

Name

Derek Gaunt
Glyn Harding
Liz Honeysett

Team Leader
Team Leader
Team Leader

Approved by the board of trustees on 28th September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



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Roger Bartlett, Chair

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations from Barnstaple churches	860	0	1,450	1,720
Donations from other organizations and individuals	576	0	1,655	60
Total receipts	1,436	0	3,105	1,780
Payments				
Payments to Ascension Trust	706	0	218	171
Training and uniforms	160	58	730	442
Equipment and consumables	84	0	45	214
Rental of communication equipment	0	0	672	672
Tithe of income to similar charities	0	0	178	0
Induction and celebrations of street pastors	150	0	252	0
CCPAS disclosure service	129	0	169	181
Total payments	1,229	58	2,264	1,680
Net receipts / (payments)	207	(58)	841	100
Reconciliation of funds				
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Total Funds brought forward	3,094	58	2,253	2,153
Total Funds carried forward	3,301	0	3,094	2,253

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
At 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Fixed Assets				
	0	0	0	0
Current Assets				
Stock @ Start of Year	849	0	942	372
Stock After 25% Depreciation /Year	(212)		(93)	(0)
Cash at bank	3301	0	3,094	2,253
	3,938	0	3,943	2,625
Current Liabilities				
Creditors				
• Ascension Trust	113	0	113	196
	113	0	113	196
Total Assets less Liabilities	3,825	0	3,830	2,429

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28th September 2021 and were signed on its behalf



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Roger Bartlett, Chair

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted by law for smaller charities.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. Movement in Funds

	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 st Apr 2020				31 st Mar 2021
General Fund	3,094	1,436	(1229)		3,301
Restricted:					
Training and uniform fund	0	0	(0)		0
Total Funds	3,094	1,436	(1229)		3,301

	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 st Apr 2019				31 st Mar 2020
General Fund	2,195	3,105	(2,206)		3,094
Restricted:					
Training and uniform fund	58	0	(58)		0
Total Funds	2,253	3,105	(2,264)		3,094

The training and uniform fund – restricted donations made to support the training and uniform costs of street pastors. There is a 25% /year depreciation on stock.

3. Ascension Trust

Under the licence agreement with the Ascension Trust, BSP agree to pay 15% of the income of the charity to the Ascension Trust as a management licence fee to cover their support costs and £2m public liability insurance.

4. Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity