

Barnstaple Street Pastors

Registered Charity Number: 1140645

# **BARNSTAPLE STREET PASTORS**

**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

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**Barnstaple Street Pastors**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. 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 and occasionally other occasions 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 has continued on Saturday nights whenever there has been a team available to include a prayer pastor either at the base of the House of Prayer or from home.

The team has not been keeping accurate records of all of its activities however, from the Patrol Reports produced for each evening, the following figures have been gleaned. The team actually has provided a great deal more than the below and the figures provided represent the confirmed minimum.

- 17 Street Pastors & 5 Observers deployed over 36 nights, providing 540 hours on the streets
- 9 Prayer Pastors providing 185 hours of support to patrolling teams
- 3 instances of Street Pastors calming aggressive situations
- 12 vulnerable individuals supported (mostly due to excessive alcohol)
- 3 pairs of free flip flops distributed
- 47 free drinks dispensed (this figure combines water given to aid those suffering from excessive alcohol intake and hot drinks to the homeless.)
- 0 instances of first aid.
- 73 instances of removal of glass bottles or broken glass from the streets
- 2 instances where the Street Pastors have arranged transport for stranded people
- 14 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)
- 37 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.
- 8 instances of information
- 2 instances of lost property being handed into CCTV manager.
- 6 sleeping bags supplied to homeless.

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**Achievement and Performance**

**Charitable activities**

Barnstaple Street Pastors (BSPs) continued to operate throughout 2023/24. The team has provided a visible, reassuring and supportive presence to users of Barnstaple Town Centre on Saturday evenings whenever there have been sufficient team members (in line with insurance requirements) to operate. This will always include a dedicated prayer pastor either at base or praying from home. During the year, the team has continued to use as its base the North Devon House of Prayer right in the centre of Town.

The timing of patrols has varied between 6pm and 2am on Saturday evening depending upon the availability of team members. With earlier patrols, the team has 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 has 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, the emotional and mental wellbeing issues that they have encountered have been significant and their support greatly appreciated.

The team uses various items of literature to give away for those that feel they would like ongoing spiritual support including business cards to sign post individuals to the North Devon House of Prayer during the week.

Patrols normally last for around 4 hours and 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 and door staff at the different licensed premises.

The size of the team has remained about the same for the year. 4 individuals were trained in March 2024 with one commencing patrols and one progressing towards that. We have seen a small number of others joining to support the team as prayer pastors. At the same time other pastors have continued to struggle with health issues meaning that, it has not been possible to provide patrols every weekend. As well as email, a team WhatsApp group was created to enable members to communicate their availability on a week-to-week basis.

In addition to Saturday patrols, team members also meet once a month for a breakfast as a way of supporting each other and keeping connected. The management team has met on three occasions within the period covered by this report to ensure proper oversight and management of the team's operations.

As a group, BSPs became members of the newly restarted Churches Together in Barnstaple in September 2023. This whole ministry 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 £1,224 (2023: £7,362) and outgoing resources were £3,462 (2023: £2,822)  
The Cash balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 was £6,245 (2023: £8,484).

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. The accounts have not independently reviewed.

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**Reserves policy**

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

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

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

Formerly incorporated on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010, Barnstaple Street Pastors was a company limited by guarantee (CRN 7344549) and registered as a charity on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 between 2 and 4 times a year.

**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	Position	Appointments/Resignations
Roger Bartlett	Chair	
Brian Tancock	Treasurer	
David Eckhardt	Secretary	
Gareth Owens	SP Coordinator	Resigned 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023

**Committee Members**

Name	
Derek Gaunt	Team Leader
Glyn Harding	Team Leader
Liz Honeysett	Team Leader
Andrew Harvey-Bryant	Team Leader
Lloyd Huxtable	Team Leader
Clive Mason	Committee Assistant

Approved by the board of trustees on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Roger Bartlett, Chair

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	Restrict ed funds £	2022 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations from Barnstaple churches	500	0	1365	0	730
Donations from other organizations and individuals	724	0	2998	3000	893
<b>Total receipts</b>	1224	0	4363	3000	1,623
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments to Ascension Trust	1,157	0	1,000	0	600
Training and uniforms	1,318	0	620	0	0
Equipment and consumables	152	0	96	0	96
Rental of communication equipment	0	0	692	0	0
Tithe of income to similar charities	0	0	0	0	144
Induction and celebrations of street pastors	0	0	0	0	0
CCPAS disclosure service	145	0	462	0	141
Premises Rent (NDHOP)	690				
<b>Total payments</b>	3,462	0	2,822	0	980
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	-2,238	0	1,541	0	643
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds brought forward	5,485	0	3,944	3,000	3,944
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	3,246	3,000	5,485	3,000	3,944

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
For The Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	Restricted Funds	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stock @ Start of Year	1,222	0	509	0	637
Stock After 25% Depreciation /Year	(306)		(127)		(127)
Cash at bank	6,246	3,000	5,484	3000	3944
	7,162		5,866		4,454
With Restricted Funds Removed	(3,000)				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors					
• Ascension Trust	(200)	0	(330)	0	400
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>	3,962	+ 3,000	5,536	+ 3,000	4,054

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Apr 2023				31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2024
General Fund	2,785	1224	(2,143)		1866
Restricted:	3,000	0			3,000
Training and uniform fund	2,700	0	(1,318)		1,382
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>8,485</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>(3461)</b>		<b>6,248</b>

	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 <sup>st</sup> Apr 2022				31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2023
General Fund	3,944	1,663	(2,822)		2,785
Restricted:		3,000			3,000
Training and uniform fund	0	2,700	(0)		2,700
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>7,363</b>	<b>(2,822)</b>		<b>8,485</b>

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 or £200 as a minimum quarterly, 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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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 Roger Bartlett, Chair