



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

NORTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020

Charity no  
(if any)

1161154

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020

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 those 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:

SW

Date:

21/02/2021

Name:

STEPHEN KEITH WATKINS

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS  
ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS

Address:

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	Day 1	Month January	Year 2020
To	Day 31	Month December	Year 2020

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Northampton Street Pastors
Other names charity is known by	NSP
Registered charity number (if any)	1161154
Charity's principal address	9 Tower Street
	Northampton
Postcode	NN1 2SN

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Adam Eakins	Chairperson	From March 2020	The Trustees
2	Paul Worth	Vice Chairperson	From March 2020	The Trustees
3	Richard Johnson	(Treasurer)	From March 2020	The Trustees
4	Phil Snelson		From March 2020	The Trustees
5	Anne Davis		From March 2020 until September 2020	The Trustees
6	Martin Hill		From March 2020	The Trustees
7	Sarah Williams		From March 2020	The Trustees
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#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Standard Ascension Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Trust managed by Management Committee with 7 members
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Trustees are appointed from local churches by existing Trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
  - the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
  - relationship with any related parties;
  - trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.
- Northampton Street Pastors has a licence agreement with Ascension Trust and operates under their policies and procedures.
  - Representatives of Northampton Street Pastors regularly attend meetings with Police and Local Authorities.
  - All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.
  - All Street Pastor volunteers need to complete an application form and to provide two references. They are then recommended for training following an interview by existing Street Pastor Team Leaders.
  - DBS checks are carried out on all Street Pastors 3 yearly.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Licence Agreement executed with Ascension Trust particularly but not exclusively by means of caring, listening and helping people on the streets and at various venues.

To relieve sickness and financial hardship and promote and preserve good health by provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including the provision of counselling and support.

To enhance education in accordance with Christian principles



**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

#### **Street Pastors**

Patrols on Saturday and the last Friday night nearest to "pay-day" on the streets of Northampton town centre between the hours of approximately 22.30- 03.30. Additional evenings are arranged for specific events or "risk" nights by agreement with the management committee, police and local authority.

Provision of items to improve safety, health and the condition of the people the Street Pastors encounter, including flip-flops, bottles of water, space blankets and lollipops.

Taking time to listen to and talk with people we meet whilst on patrol, including but not limited to those attending night clubs, door staff, shop and restaurant staff and homeless people.

Provision of practical advice and support, including prayer, when requested, enabling people to enjoy their evening out and get home safely.

#### **School Pastors**

Patrols have operated, when possible due to Covid regulations, (ie schools have been open) in two secondary schools in Northampton. One on a Thursday and a second on Friday afternoons between the hours of 3.00- 5.00pm. At times patrols have been confined to the local Shopping Centre, when access to school sites has been restricted.

Patrols are in around the vicinity of the schools as well as the major routes used by students at the end of the day and a near by shopping centre where students gather.

School Pastors provide a "listening ear" as they engage with students and their presence contributes to providing a safer and more reassuring atmosphere.

#### **General**

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### Results for 2020

##### Partner and Community Links

Street and School Pastors enjoy very good links and work closely with partner organisations - these include the Northamptonshire Police, Northampton Town Centre Task Group and the schools they are involved with. Street and School Pastors are well regarded and very much appreciated by these partners and particularly in the NTE (Night Time Economy).

##### Covid-19 pandemic

Due to the pandemic we suspended operations in March, Street Pastors restarted in August. A number of our volunteers needed to shield or had family who were vulnerable and were unable to volunteer. The Street Pastors coordinator liaised with the local authority and Pub watch. Trustee Sarah Williams worked on our Covid guidance and successfully organised the fielding of teams most weeks. We had flexible timings that supported the NTE during the more restricted opening hours laid down by the government. We ensured we complied with guidance changing our approach as appropriate to remain safe for all. Expressions of thanks and appreciation were received. The coordinators were furloughed at times during this year.

##### Our Volunteers

All patrols are carried out on a voluntary basis, there are 20 active Street Pastors and 12 active School Pastors. Street Pastors have collectively done 283 hours patrolling the streets (reduced due to Covid) and School Pastors 51 hours in the vicinity of the linked schools.

##### Interventions

Interventions continue between Street Pastors and clubbers along with anyone in the night time economy, also School Pastors and students, teachers and workers in the local vicinity. Street Pastors escorted over 16 people to taxis, so they got home safely, and calmed several situations that may have escalated into fights, contacted friends and family so individuals were passed into safe hands, and called paramedics on numerous occasions. School Pastors communicated with 126 people and intervened with 16 situations.

##### Trustees

A change of chairperson from Paul Worth to Adam Eakins in March 2020. Anne Davis stepped down from the Trustee Board in September of 2020. They worked within the Covid guidelines during the year.

##### Recruitment

The pandemic provided issues with recruitment. Plans were put into place to deliver an on-line recruitment early in 2021. The trustees continue to support the development of recruitment strategies.

##### Staffing

No appointments were made during 2020. The following staff remain in post. Keith Holland-Delamere as Street Pastor Coordinator, Tim Briggs as School Pastor Coordinator and Teresa Brown as Administrator.

##### Students

Relationships continue with the University. In January 2020 a team was fielded for a special Wednesday night student event, this was received well by university staff and students alike.

**Section E****Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Aim to always to hold three months running costs in reserve.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Grants have been received from local charities, together with funding from Northampton Borough Council's Partnership Fund and Northamptonshire Community Foundation

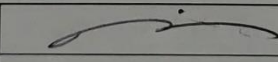
Donations have been received from individuals, local churches and organisations.

Expenditure has supported training, equipment and salaries for 25 hours per month each for a Street Pastor Co-ordinator and a School Pastor Co-ordinator to administer the services delivered. Expenditure also includes the payment of an additional 20 hours per month administrative support. The coordinators were furloughed for 4 months. There is a facility for people to donate via our web site which recovers Gift Aid for us.

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Adam Eakins	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	

Date 17/3/2021