



WREXHAM STREET PASTORS **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**



This annual report covers the period from January 2023 until December 2023. It would be fair to say that the Wrexham nighttime economy has not bounced back to what it used to be before the Covid pandemic. Many of the pubs have either closed or the management has changed. There are also many vacant shops within the city centre that impacts negatively on the city itself. The one big positive ray of hope for the city has been the excellent results that the Wrexham Football Club have experienced since the takeover by Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney in November 2020. The promotion of the Club over the last two years has drawn worldwide attention. This has translated into an increase in foreign tourism not only to the city but to North Wales as well. Wrexham Street Pastors has continued to build on the upward momentum of 2022 where we were able to be out patrols on most Saturdays throughout the year. We are again grateful for a year in which we saw our Street Pastor volunteers respond to the calling of working together with the Wrexham City Council and the Police to make the Wrexham nighttime economy safer for everyone.

Three Trustee and Steering Group meetings and one general meeting were held during the year. There were no changes to the Board of Trustees during 2023. We wish however to pay our respects to our previous chairperson – Art Ellinson - who has passed away. At the start of 2023 we had 20 active Street Pastors and efforts were ongoing to try and recruit more Street Pastors.

A Social gathering was also held at the end of January 2023 at the Hope Street Church. The purpose of this gathering was to assess how the Street Pastors and Prayer Partners felt about the coming year and ask them to please try and assist in the recruiting of new Street Pastors. The Annual Barbeque get together was held in October 2023 and was well attended. It was decided that the annual year end function that is normally held in December would be moved to January 2024. Weekly Wrexham Street Pastor updates were sent to all the Trustees, Steering Group Members, Street Pastors, Prayer Partners.

On behalf of the Trustees and the Steering Group we wish to express our sincere gratitude to each and every Wrexham Street Pastor volunteer for the continued commitment and support this dedicated team has provided. We also want to express our real appreciation for the Prayer Partners who continually intercede in prayer for the Street Pastors and other Street Pastor initiatives. A number of Street Pastors

faced some difficult challenging health choices during the year which led to them either retiring as Street Pastors or curtailing their involvement. Several of the team went above and beyond their call as volunteers to ensure that we were able to continue serving the community, not only as Street Pastors, but also doing other support work through their local churches. The Wrexham Street Pastor volunteers are drawn from at least 11 different churches and 2 Christian organisations.

As the Wrexham Street Pastor Coordinator, I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to all the Wrexham Street Pastors, Prayer Partners as well as everyone else who is involved supporting Wrexham Street Pastors. This includes our valued partners namely Ascension Trust, Wrexham City County Borough Council, North Wales Police, together with other organisations within the nighttime economy as well as those who have provided funding to support the Wrexham Street Pastors in the past.

Street Patrols January 2023 until December 2023. .

Wrexham Street Pastors conducted 40 patrols during the year. Six less than the previous year. We had 17 active Street Pastors who went out on patrol. Collectively a total of approximately 592 volunteer hours were undertaken during the course of the year. This truly reflects the dedication of the team. The information that is recorded monthly from the patrols that took place continued to confirm the positive role that Wrexham Street Pastors fulfils within the nighttime economy. During these patrols 480 bottles and 605 cans were removed from the streets. 2 space blankets were given out, and 90 pairs of flip flops were donated to grateful members of the public. During these patrols a total of 446 meaningful interactions or positive encounters with members of the public took place. All of these interactions and actions contributed towards helping make Wrexham a safer and more peaceful place as well as providing the added benefit of making a positive difference in many people's lives.

Wrexham Street Pastors regularly interact positively with the nighttime economy partners who participate in making the Wrexham nighttime economy safer. The Welfare Centre at Hafan-Y-Dref has been staffed on Saturday evenings by a private medical company appointed by the City Council. Wrexham Street Pastors have passed on 3 referrals during patrols to the medical team at the centre who have done outstanding work. It should be mentioned that since the appointment of the private medical company Wrexham Street Pastors have had a substantial reduction in the number of medically related cases that needed attending to solely by us.

General Community Support

Many of the volunteers who are part of the Wrexham Street Pastor initiative also served the Wrexham community through other channels during this year under review.

As the Coordinator I would like to express my grateful appreciation for all the support, commitment and encouragement that was expressed during the year. We also sadly say goodbye to those who have chosen to retire and we wish them everything of the best in the years ahead. Thank you once again, one and all, for your continued support and encouragement which is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Many blessings.

Laurie Searle

Coordinator – Wrexham Street & School Pastors

September 2024

Charity Number: 1162341



WREXHAM STREET PASTORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity number 1162341

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WREXHAM STREET PASTORS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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WREXHAM STREET PASTORS**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Charity number	1162341
Organisation	Wrexham Street Pastors is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) first registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 22 nd June 2015.
Registered address	7 Heol Penally Wrexham LL12 8JT
Trustees	Gareth W Jones (Chair) Brynmor L Williams (Secretary) Rodney I March Mary Arton Sandra Owens
Accountants	Finansure Limited 2 Sheppard Street Brymbo Wrexham LL11 5FF

WREXHAM STREET PASTORS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
RECEIPTS		
Donations received	2,769	2,889
Grants received	-	3,714
Gift Aid reclaimed	254	249
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,023	6,852
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PAYMENTS		
Licence fees	1,656	186
Operating costs	479	288
CCPAS exps	326	129
Administrative services	2,065	1,805
Event costs	141	-
Insurance	211	-
Travel expenses	-	53
Speaker gift	-	250
Professional fees	50	-
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	4,928	2,711
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NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(1,905)	4,141
Cash funds brought forward	18,014	13,873
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Cash funds carried forward	16,109	18,014
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WREXHAM STREET PASTORS
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
CASH FUNDS		
Lloyds TSB current account	15,959	17,864
Cash in hand	150	150
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	16,109	18,014
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LIABILITIES		
Licence fees	600	1,455
Administrative services	232	655
Event costs	-	136
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	832	2,246
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We have prepared these financial statements in accordance with records and explanations given to us and verify the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2023.

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Dated: 9th October 2024

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 13th October 24 and are signed on their behalf by:

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 Mr G Jones

Gareth Wynne Jones