

MERTON STREET PASTORS

England & Wales · Charity number 1166272

Details

Other names NONE

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-03-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION ARE FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF AND BEYOND AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHARITY LAW IN ENGLAND AND WALES, AS FOLLOWS: (1) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STREET PASTOR LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE "ASCENSION TRUST" THROUGH:(I) THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC PASTORAL CARE SERVICES TO HELP PEOPLE ON THE STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, GIVING GUIDANCE, SUPPORT AND SIGNPOSTING WHICH ASSIST IN PRESERVING PUBLIC ORDER, AVOID ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, RELIEVE SICKNESS AND PRESERVE HEALTH AND BY(II) ENLIGHTENING OTHERS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY THROUGH RAISING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF ECCLESIASTICAL RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC LIFE, MOBILIZING THE CHURCH ECUMENICALLY TO UNITY OF WORSHIP AND TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY CARRYING OUT THE MISSION AND OUTREACH WORK OF THE GOSPEL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.(2) TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY; IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH RAISING AWARENESS, PROMOTING, SUSTAINING AND INCREASING INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERTISE, THROUGH THE PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CAPABILITIES, COMPETENCES, SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGH FORMAL TRAINING, INFORMAL TALKS AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES, ACCORDING TO CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND THE STREET PASTOR URBAN TRINITY PRINCIPLE OF CHURCH, POLICE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

Activities: Merton Street Pastors train and mobilise volunteers from local churches to patrol the streets of Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon late at night on Friday nights. Our aim is to care for, listen to and help as much as the possible the people that we come into contact with.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Merton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£15,585	£21,183	-	-
2023-12-31	£20,473	£23,491	-	-
2022-12-31	£44,076	£25,483	-	-
2021-12-31	£33,979	£26,046	-	-
2020-12-31	£26,687	£26,821	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev KEVIN VICKERS	Chair	2016-03-30
Edith Gwendoline Wildman		2024-10-15
Geoffrey Peter Hack		2022-01-20
Neil Shane Douglas		2023-10-03
Rev Keith Mitchell		2019-01-17

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A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity No. 1166272

**REPORT
AND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

31 DECEMBER 2024

MERTON STREET PASTORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees

Mr K Vickers
Ms A Mukhtar - resigned 10th September 2024
Mr K Mitchell
Mr G Hack
Mr N Douglas
Mrs G Wildman - appointed 15th October 2024

Independent Examiner

Ryefield Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
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 - (ii) enlightening others about Christianity through raising awareness and understanding of ecclesiastical relevance to community and public life, mobilizing the Church ecumenically to unity of worship and to advance the Christian Faith by carrying out the mission and outreach work of the Gospel for the benefit of the public.
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MERTON STREET PASTORS
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Merton Street Pastors continued in the past year to 31st December 2024 to serve the Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon areas. In these three areas Merton Street Pastors has a partnership focus, building strong links with the local Metropolitan Police, Merton Council departments and local shop and pub/club manager groups, and to help tackle issues of anti-social behaviour on the streets, as well as being an influence, and presence for peace, calm, reassurance, help and hope in the local community.

That partnership and engagement with other organisations was recognised during this past year by:

- Our coordinator sitting on Merton's Safer Neighbourhood Board representing Merton Street Pastors and churches in the locality
- Attendance and networking at the Merton 316 Church Leaders Group
- Continuing and strengthening our partnership with Safer Merton in running the Wimbledon Safe Zone outside Wimbledon Station, and setting up a Safe Zone in Mitcham Town Centre
- Attendance and influence at Love Wimbledon and Pub Watch Meetings
- Promotion of MSP by attending at different churches in Merton

2024 has been a year in which our new coordinator has been establishing himself in the role with the team and our stakeholders, and continuing to promote the work and ministry among churches in Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon. The coordinators role has needed extra support from Trustees and team Members, and as such there has been a need for further training, and to build capacity among our team, and delegate some responsibilities to others.

We have seen 3 new recruits trained this year and join the overall team. We have also tried out more afternoon patrols in Mitcham where the need has been, and this has worked well with some of our older and less mobile Street Pastors, but keeps what we do sustainable. Overall, we have seen an average of 25 of our team Members active during the year.

Reviewing our aims from last year, we have recruited one new Trustee, whilst at the same time one has stepped down. We are still looking to recruit a new Treasurer/book-keeper. Our relationships with stakeholders is healthy, and we are blessed and encouraged by our faithful and dedicated volunteers, many who have been serving for many years. We have created more opportunities for daytime patrols and these have been received well. There is a need to increase our presence and awareness among the local churches and recruit more volunteers to pray, give and serve. We are thankful to God for his grace, his provision, and the lives of people our team have affected, encouraged and changed!

We remain massively grateful to our financial support base of regular donors and church donations, but realise that we need to increase these sources of income support in order to be sustainable, and without relying too heavily on external grant funding. This year our expenditure exceeded income by £5,598 and was met by our reserves carried forward. This is an area for us to focus on going forward.

MERTON STREET PASTORS
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR Cont..

We remain encouraged at this great work of the Church walking the streets of Merton, listening, caring, and helping, and remain committed to being an agent of good news and transformation for the long term. All the above activity and the funding of our part-time Coordinator is enabled by our generous donors, to whom the Trustees would like to express their thanks.

A LOOK AHEAD TO THE COMING YEAR

Our aims for the coming year include continuing to:

1. Recruit more Trustees, and a treasurer/Book Keeper
2. Consolidate our position with stakeholders, and prepare our structures for growth
3. To actively promote MSP as an extension and outreach team of every local church, and encourage prayer, financial, and volunteer support
4. Strengthen and encourage our teams through pastoral support, training, and fellowship
5. Increase our fundraising activities

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our main activities and who we try to help are outlined above. All our charitable activities focus on giving assistance to people in need in the community in many ways including:

- Caring, listening, and helping on the streets
- Referring vulnerable and needy people to other agencies as and when required
- Being a presence for light, and good in public places
- Practically getting involved in people's lives, pastorally, practically and spiritually
- Working in partnership with other agencies towards community cohesion
- Motivating the Christian community through social action in the community

When planning our activities for the period, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community.

MERTON STREET PASTORS
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity.

They are required to:


1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed
4. Prepare the financial statement on an ongoing basis

They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time
They also have the responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on:

Date: 25th September 2025

Date: 25th September 2025



.....
Mr. Kevin Vickers

.....
Keith Mitchell

Trustee

Trustee

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 December 2024 , which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Leslie John Tasker FCCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Address: Ryefields Ltd. Airport House, Purley Way, Croydon. Surrey CR0 0XZ

Date: 25/09/2025

MERTON STREET PASTORS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Restricted</u>	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
		General Fund £	Other Funds £	Fund £		
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
Donations and legacies		15,585		-	15,585	20,473
Total incoming resources		15,585	-	-	15,585	20,473
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>						
Charitable expenditure					-	-
Activity costs to further charity's objectives		3,663			3,663	6,569
Support costs		17,520		-	17,520	16,922
Total resources expended		21,183	-	-	21,183	23,491
Special write back					-	-
Net movement in funds	6	(5,598)			(5,598)	(3,018)
At 1 January 2024		33,685			33,685	36,703
Fund transfers					-	
Balance at 31 December 2024		28,087	-	-	28,087	33,685

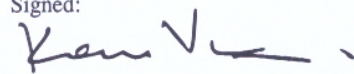
The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

MERTON STREET PASTORS

BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2024

			2024	2023
	Notes	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and investments	4	28,087		33,685
Stock, Debtors and prepayments	5	-		-
		28,087		33,685
Net Current Assets			28,087	33,685
NET ASSETS			28,087	33,685
 Capital and Reserves				
Share Capital	6		-	-
General fund	7		28,087	33,685
CHARITY'S FUNDS			28,087	33,685

Signed:



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Chairman



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Secretary

MERTON STREET PASTORS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The Selsdon Centre Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was not required.

(b) Income

Income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities generally on the date it is received.

(c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind are valued at nil cost to the Trust. A record of such assets is kept by the Trustees. When such assets are sold the proceeds are brought in as donation income in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(d) Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of Value Added Tax.

(e) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

1 part time staff were employed by the Charity. The total of employees remuneration (including employers national insurance contributions) for the year amounted to £14,547)

3 TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION

No remuneration or benefits were received by the trustees during the year. Any expenses paid were re-imbursed for costs incurred.

MERTON STREET PASTORS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023		
4. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	£	£		
Treasurers Accounts	28,013	33,610		
Treasurers Accounts	74	75		
	28,087	33,685		
5. STOCK, DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS				
	-	-		
6. SHARE CAPITAL				
The company has no share capital issued.				
7. FUNDS				
	Unrestricted		Restricted	
	Capital	General	Other Funds	Total
	Reserve	Fund		
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	-	33,685	-	33,685
Restricted items in year	-	-	-	-
Surplus for the year	-	(5,598)	-	(5,598)
31st December 2024	-	28,087	-	28,087
8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS				
No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.				
9. TAXATION				
As a charity, THE MERTON STREET PASTOR is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.				

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources -Income</u>				
Donations				
Donations	15,585		15,585	20,473
Grants			-	-
Other Income			-	-
			-	-
	<u>15,585</u>	-	<u>15,585</u>	<u>20,473</u>
			-	-
<u>Total income</u>	<u>15,585</u>	-	<u>15,585</u>	<u>20,473</u>
<u>Resources expended - Expenditure</u>				
Charitable expenditure				
Activity costs to further charity's activities			-	-
Uniforms	263		263	-
General Operational Costs	826		826	1,187
Licence fees	2,574		2,574	5,382
			-	-
	<u>3,663</u>	-	<u>3,663</u>	<u>6,569</u>
Support costs				
Staff salaries and national insurance	14,547		14,547	14,188
Pension costs	633		633	552
Rent	-		-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	-		-	-
DBS Checks	150		150	145
Insurance	184		184	369
Telephone	243		243	312
Training	424		424	-
Accountancy costs	1,109		1,109	173
Social Media costs			-	-
Office admin	158		158	1,116
Other expenses	72		72	67
	<u>17,520</u>	-	<u>17,520</u>	<u>16,922</u>
			-	-
<u>Total expenditure</u>	<u>21,183</u>	-	<u>21,183</u>	<u>23,491</u>
			-	-
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</u>	<u>(5,598)</u>	-	<u>(5,598)</u>	<u>(3,018)</u>

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- Attendance and Networking at the Merton 316 Church Leaders Group.
- Partnership working with Safer Merton in setting up the Wimbledon Safe Zone.
- Attendance at Pub Watch Meetings.
- Receiving a certificate from the Mayor of Merton for service to the community during Covid-19.

September 2023 saw the appointment of Ralph Manser as our new part-time coordinator taking over from Neil who has moved to Cambridge. Ralph is also a member of our Street Pastor Team and joins us on the leadership, eager to serve in a new capacity. Neil joined the Trustees on the 3rd October after agreeing to hold the fort for us (Jan – Sept) up until Ralph was appointed. He will continue to serve and support Ralph in his role remotely.

We have 3 new Street Pastors trained this year, and overall we have seen an average of 25 of our team members active during the year. A priority is to revisit our non-active members and recruit more Team Members to increase our coverage across Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon to facilitate more sustainable patrols. We are now regularly hosting afternoon patrols in the Mitcham Fare green area as a way of wider engagement and impact. In June, working with Safer Merton we established a Safe Zone outside Wimbledon Station. This is hosted by us once a month and has proved to be an effective way of engaging people late at night. We have had incredible feedback and testimony from people who have benefitted from Street Pastors in staying safe, listening, caring, and helping in many ways.

Merton Street Pastors finances have continued to be stable throughout 2023. There are good levels of support from individuals, local churches and Merton Council which have provided a solid year on year foundation to our finances. This year expenditure exceeded income by around £3k but we were able to cover this by our unrestricted reserves that stand at around £15,000. We are happy to report that Merton Street Pastors appear to be on a solid footing, but we must continue to sustain this by attracting even more regular church and individual givers going forward. The ongoing funding of our part-time Coordinator and sustaining of all the work undertaken on the streets of Merton by our team of volunteers is enabled by our existing generous donors, regular prayer support, and of course the volunteer Street Pastors themselves, to whom the Trustees would like to express their sincere and overwhelming thanks.

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MERTON STREET PASTORS
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

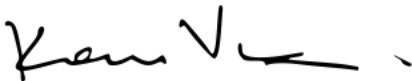
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1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
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3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed
4. Prepare the financial statement on an ongoing basis

They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time
They also have the responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on



.....
Mr. Kevin Vickers



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Mr Keith Mitchell

Trustees

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 December 2023 , which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

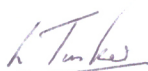
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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
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- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Leslie John Tasker FCCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Address: Ryefields Ltd. Progress House, 404 Brighton Road, South Croydon. Surrey CR2 6AN

Date: 28/10/24

MERTON STREET PASTORS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Restricted</u>	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
		General	Other	Fund		
		Fund £	Funds £	Fund £		
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
Donations and legacies		20,473		-	20,473	44,076
Total incoming resources		20,473	-	-	20,473	44,076
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>						
Charitable expenditure						
Activity costs to further charity's objectives		6,569			6,569	7,571
Support costs		16,922		-	16,922	17,912
Total resources expended		23,491	-	-	23,491	25,483
Special write back			-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	6	(3,018)		-	(3,018)	18,593
At 1 January 2023		36,703		-	36,703	18,110
Fund transfers					-	
Balance at 31 December 2023		33,685	-	-	33,685	36,703

The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

MERTON STREET PASTORS

BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2023

			2023	2022
	Notes	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and investments	4	33,685		21,703
Stock, Debtors and prepayments	5	-		15,000
		<u>33,685</u>		<u>36,703</u>
Net Current Assets			<u>33,685</u>	<u>36,703</u>
			NET ASSETS	
			<u>33,685</u>	<u>36,703</u>
Capital and Reserves				
Share Capital	6	-	-	-
General fund	7		<u>33,685</u>	<u>36,703</u>
			CHARITY'S FUNDS	
			<u>33,685</u>	<u>36,703</u>

Signed:



.....
K Vickers



.....
K Mitchell

MERTON STREET PASTORS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The Selsdon Centre Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was not required.

(b) Income

Income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities generally on the date it is received.

(c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind are valued at nil cost to the Trust. A record of such assets is kept by the Trustees. When such assets are sold the proceeds are brought in as donation income in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(d) Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of Value Added Tax.

(e) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

1 part time staff were employed by the Charity. The total of employees remuneration (including employers national insurance contributions) for the year amounted to £14,188)

3 TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION

No remuneration or benefits were received by the trustees during the year. Any expenses paid were re-imburement for costs incurred.

MERTON STREET PASTORS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022	
	£		£
4. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND			
Treasurers Accounts	33,610	21,650	
Treasurers Accounts	75	53	
	33,685	21,703	
5. STOCK, DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS			
Debtor - Merton Council	-	15,000	
	-	15,000	

6. SHARE CAPITAL

The company has no share capital issued.

7. FUNDS

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total
	Capital Reserve	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	-	36,703	-	36,703
Restricted items in year	-	-	-	-
Surplus for the year	-	(3,018)	-	(3,018)
31st December 2023	-	33,685	-	33,685

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

9. TAXATION

As a charity, THE MERTON STREET PASTOR is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<u>Total</u> 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources - Income</u>				
Donations				
Donations	20,473		20,473	43,976
Grants			-	-
Other Income			-	100
			-	-
	20,473	-	20,473	44,076
			-	-
<u>Total income</u>	20,473	-	20,473	44,076
<u>Resources expended - Expenditure</u>				
Charitable expenditure				
Activity costs to further charity's activities			-	-
Uniforms			-	-
General Operational Costs	1,187		1,187	1,918
Licence fees	5,382		5,382	5,652
			-	-
	6,569	-	6,569	7,571
Support costs				
Staff salaries and national insurance	14,188		14,188	14,002
Pension costs	552		552	506
Rent	-		-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	-		-	-
DBS Checks	145		145	322
Insurance	369		369	-
Telephone	312		312	327
Training	-		-	-
Accountancy costs	173		173	1,037
Social Media costs			-	864
Office admin	1,116		1,116	105
Other expenses	67		67	749
	16,922	-	16,922	17,912
			-	-
<u>Total expenditure</u>	23,491	-	23,491	25,483
			-	-
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</u>	(3,018)	-	(3,018)	18,593

MERTON STREET PASTORS

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MERTON STREET PASTORS
A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity No. 1166272

REPORT
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

31 DECEMBER 2022

MERTON STREET PASTORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2022

Trustees	Mr K Vickers	
	Captain M Scott	resigned April 2022
	Mr P Harlock	resigned April 2022
	Ms A Mukhtar	
	Mr K Mitchell	
	Mr G Hack	Appointed Jan 2022

Independent Examiner	Ryefield Ltd
	Chartered Certified Accountants
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	404 Brighton Road
	South Croydon
	CR2 6AN

Registered Charity Number 1166272

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MERTON STREET PASTORS
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Trustees

The trustees are responsible for the strategic, spiritual and financial oversight of the charity. They delegate much of the operational running to the part-time Coordinator and the team leaders.

Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 December 2022.

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2022.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The work in Merton began in 2008 under a Charity Trust deed dated 8th March 2008 and was registered with the Charities Commission. on 14th May 2008. The legal structure of Merton Street Pastors was changed in the period March 2016 to March 2017 to align with a more flexible corporate structure recommended by Ascension Trust for all Street Pastor local teams. From 1st April 2017 Merton Street Pastors moved forward solely as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity commission.

Merton Street Pastors operates under a licence agreement with Ascension Trust (AT) dated 16 December 2015 in which AT make certain commitments in terms of training, licencing, branding and uniform provision; and in return requires conformity with certain behaviours, policies and practices from the approximately 280 local Street Pastor Groups and 12000+ individual Street Pastors currently operating across the UK.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The objectives of Merton Street Pastors are, in the geographic area of the London Borough of Merton and beyond as the trustees may from time to time determine in accordance with Charity Law in England and Wales, as follows:

- (1) To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Street Pastor Licence Agreement with the “Ascension Trust” through:
 - (i) the provision of public pastoral care services to help people on the streets and other public places, giving guidance, support and signposting which assist in preserving public order, avoid anti-social behaviour, relieve sickness and preserve health and by
 - (ii) enlightening others about Christianity through raising awareness and understanding of ecclesiastical relevance to community and public life, mobilizing the Church ecumenically to unity of worship and to advance the Christian Faith by carrying out the mission and outreach work of the Gospel for the benefit of the public.
- (2) To develop the capacity and skills of socially disadvantaged groups in our community in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society; in particular but not exclusively through raising awareness, promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge, skills and expertise, through the practical development of individual capabilities, competences, skills and understanding through formal training, informal talks and capacity building in voluntary services, according to Christian principles and the Street Pastor Urban Trinity principle of church, police and local government working together for the benefit of the community.

MERTON STREET PASTORS

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Merton Street Pastors continued in the past year to 31st December 2022 to serve the Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon areas. In these three areas Merton Street Pastors has a partnership focus, building strong links with the local Metropolitan Police, Merton Council departments and local shop and pub/club manager groups, and to help tackle issues of anti-social behaviour on the streets, as well as being an influence, and presence for peace, calm, reassurance, help and hope in the local community.

That partnership and engagement with other organisations was recognised during this past year by:

- Our new coordinator sitting on Merton's Safer Neighbourhood Board representing the Merton Church Community and building even greater bonds with joint training taking place with the Domestic Abuse Team
- Strong links with the YWAM Team pioneering a new work into the Wimbledon area and the Merton borough
- Continued support from Love Wimbledon Business Improvement District
- Attendance and networking at the Merton 316 Church Leaders Group

2022 saw the appointment of Neil Douglas our new part-time coordinator who has hit the road running in helping us to regroup and develop the work on the streets post-covid. Neil came to us from Sutton Street Pastors and brought a fresh perspective and some new ideas. He has set up and organised our records, data, rotas, reports, and policies on a programme called the Better Impact Platform. This also helps our efficiency and compliance with GDPR and keeps all our records and communications in one place. During the year Neil recruited Tiagh on a freelance basis to promote our work across social media platforms like facebook, instagram and Twitter. We had some great feedback and have been able to offer prayer support through this. J Goddard has graciously stayed with us and has been overseeing QuickBooks for our finances.

Two of our Trustees moved on this year, P Harlock after many years as a Street Pastor in Wimbledon, a Trustee and Treasurer, and M Scott who moved to Ipswich with his family. G Hack joined the Trustee body at the beginning of the year. From a base of 44, we have 33 active Street Pastors and 5 new Street Pastors in training. A priority is to recruit more Team Members and increase our coverage across Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon to facilitate more sustainable patrols. We are now regularly hosting afternoon patrols in the Mitcham Fare green area as a way of wider engagement and impact.

After many years of hard work on fundraising, the Merton Street Pastors finances have seemed fairly stable throughout 2022. There are good levels of support from individuals and local churches which provide a solid year on year foundation to our finances. Our income has balanced nicely with our expenditure in 2022 so that our unrestricted reserves have hovered around £12000 consistently. With Merton Council making an additional significant one off contribution to help cover training costs for new volunteers so that we can grow the size of our Street Pastor team in the coming years, we are happy to report that Merton Street Pastors appear to be on a solid footing. The ongoing funding of our part-time Coordinator and sustaining of all the work undertaken on the streets of Merton by our team of volunteers is enabled by our generous donors, regular prayer support, and of course the volunteer Street Pastors themselves, to whom the Trustees would like to express their sincere and overwhelming thanks.

We remain encouraged at this great work of the church walking the streets of Merton, listening, caring and helping, and remain committed to being an agent of good news and transformation in the community for the long term.

MERTON STREET PASTORS

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

A LOOK AHEAD TO THE COMING YEAR

Our aims for the coming year include:

1. Recruit a new part-time coordinator to replace ND who is relocating to Cambridge
2. Consolidate our position and prepare our structures for growth
3. Recruit at least one more Trustee
4. To actively promote Street Pastors as an extension and outreach team of every local church and encourage, prayer, financial and new Street Pastor volunteer support
5. Maintain and strengthen our relationships with stakeholders
6. Create more opportunities for daytime patrolling opening a new avenue for volunteers, and potential new volunteers who are not available to patrol at night
7. Strengthen the teams through pastoral support and ongoing training and discipleship

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our main activities and who we try to help are outlined above. All our charitable activities focus on giving assistance to people in need in the community in many ways including:

- Caring, listening, and helping on the streets
- Referring vulnerable and needy people to other agencies as and when required
- Being a presence for light, and good in public places
- Practically getting involved in people's lives, pastorally, practically and spiritually
- Working in partnership with other agencies towards community cohesion
- Motivating the Christian community through social action in the community

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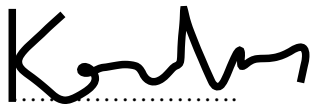
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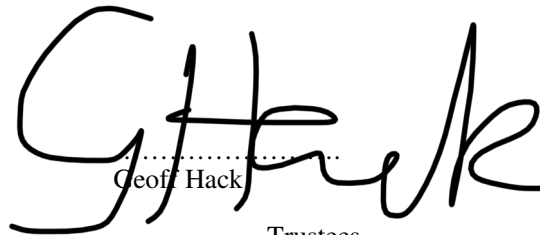
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This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on



Mr. Kevin Vickers



Trustees

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 December 2022 , which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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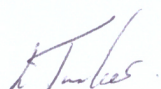
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(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Leslie John Tasker FCCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Address: Ryefields Ltd. Unit 139, Airport House, Purley Way, Croydon, Surrey. CR0 0XZ

Date: 30-Oct-2023

MERTON STREET PASTORS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Restricted</u>	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
		General	Other	Fund		
		Fund £	Funds £	Fund £		
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
Donations and legacies		44,076		-	44,076	33,979
Total incoming resources		44,076	-	-	44,076	33,979
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>						
Charitable expenditure					-	-
Activity costs to further charity's objectives		7,571			7,571	3,864
Support costs		17,912		-	17,912	22,182
Total resources expended		25,483	-	-	25,483	26,046
Special write back			-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	6	18,593		-	18,593	7,933
At 1 January 2022		18,110		-	18,110	10,177
Fund transfers					-	
Balance at 31 December 2022		36,703	-	-	36,703	18,110

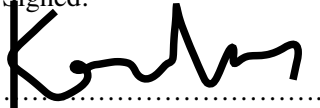
The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

MERTON STREET PASTORS

BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2022

			2022	2021
	Notes	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and investments	4	21,703		13,110
Stock, Debtors and prepayments	5	<u>15,000</u>		<u>5,000</u>
		36,703		18,110
Net Current Assets			<u>36,703</u>	<u>18,110</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>36,703</u>	<u>18,110</u>
Capital and Reserves				
Share Capital	6		-	-
General fund	7		<u>36,703</u>	<u>18,110</u>
CHARITY'S FUNDS			<u>36,703</u>	<u>18,110</u>

Signed:



Chairman



Trustee

MERTON STREET PASTORS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

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Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was not required.

(b) Income

Income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities generally on the date it is received.

(c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind are valued at nil cost to the Trust. A record of such assets is kept by the Trustees. When such assets are sold the proceeds are brought in as donation income in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(d) Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of Value Added Tax.

(e) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

1 part time staff were employed by the Charity. The total of employees remuneration (including employers national insurance contributions) for the year amounted to £14002

3 TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION

No remuneration or benefits were received by the trustees during the year. Any expenses paid were re-imburement for costs incurred.

MERTON STREET PASTORS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
4. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
Treasurers Accounts	21,650	13,065
Treasurers Accounts	53	45
	21,703	13,110
5. STOCK, DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
Debtor - Merton Council	15,000	5,000
	15,000	5,000

6. SHARE CAPITAL

The company has no share capital issued.

7. FUNDS

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total
	Capital Reserve	General Fund	Other Funds	
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2022	-	18,110	-	18,110
Restricted items in year	-	-	-	-
Surplus for the year	-	18,593	-	18,593
31st December 2022	-	36,703	-	36,703

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

9. TAXATION

As a charity, THE MERTON STREET PASTOR is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources - Income</u>				
Donations				
Donations	43,976		43,976	31,454
Grants			-	-
Other Income	100		100	2,525
			-	-
	44,076	-	44,076	33,979
			-	-
<u>Total income</u>	44,076	-	44,076	33,979
<u>Resources expended - Expenditure</u>				
Charitable expenditure				
Activity costs to further charity's activities			-	-
Uniforms			-	279
General Operational Costs	1,918		1,918	347
Licence fees	5,652		5,652	3,238
			-	-
	7,571	-	7,571	3,864
Support costs				
Staff salaries and national insurance	14,002		14,002	18,416
Pension costs	506		506	891
Rent	-		-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	-		-	-
DBS Checks	322		322	252
Insurance			-	184
Telephone	327		327	311
Training	-		-	20
Accountancy costs	1,037		1,037	203
Social Media costs	864		864	-
Office admin	105		105	1,652
Other expenses	749		749	254
	17,912	-	17,912	22,182
<u>Total expenditure</u>	25,483	-	25,483	26,046
			-	-
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</u>	18,593	-	18,593	7,933

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Independent Examiner

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The Team was very similar to 2020 with 48 street Pastors and despite the ongoing Covid crisis undertaking patrols in Merton in 2021, but clearly at a lower level than at pre-covid levels.

2021 was a mix of covid lockdown in the early months and then the process of increasing patrols in line with the uncertain process of opening retail outlets such as pubs and clubs in the evenings. Patrols rebuilt gradually in frequency from March, largely in line with what was happening with the nighttime hospitality economy in the Borough as Covid restrictions changed.

As we started to come out of the worst of the Covid period we took the opportunity in March 2021 of undertaking a Zoom consultation exercise across the Merton Street Pastor team on future strategy impact and opportunity. We concluded that post-Covid there would be ongoing mental health/wellbeing impacts from the extended covid isolation for many and that MSP should potentially be more available for Merton residents during the daytime as well as at night. We began some experimentation with daytime patrols during the rest of the year in different local places and times. We also used Zoom to present to and consult with supporters and partners in June, particularly around the potential post Covid needs and opportunities.

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All the above activity and the funding of our part-time Coordinator is enabled by our generous donors, to whom the Trustees would like to express their thanks. Approximately forty percent of our annual funding in the past year was by way of regular monthly givers. Other funding came by way of grants from Merton churches and other organisations. Merton Street Pastors did also in the first 3 months of 2021 receive £2,066 from the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to cover the Coordinator furlough over that period.

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Our aims for the coming year include:

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They are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed
4. Prepare the financial statement on an ongoing basis

They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the state of the affairs of the charity. They also have the responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to detect and prevent the occurrence of fraud.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 21st April 2022



Trustees

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 December 2021 , which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Leslie John Tasker FCCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Address: Ryefields Ltd. Progress House, 404 Brighton Road, South Croydon. Surrey CR2 6AN
Date: 13th April 2022

MERTON STREET PASTORS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Restricted</u>	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
		General	Other	Fund		
		Fund £	Funds £	Fund £		
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
Donations and legacies		33,979		-	33,979	26,687
Total incoming resources		33,979	-	-	33,979	26,687
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>						
Charitable expenditure						
Activity costs to further charity's objectives		3,864		-	3,864	4,062
Support costs		22,182		-	22,182	22,759
Total resources expended		26,046	-	-	26,046	26,821
Special write back			-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	6	7,933		-	7,933	(134)
At 1 January 2021		10,177		-	10,177	10,311
Fund transfers					-	
Balance at 31 December 2021		18,110	-	-	18,110	10,177

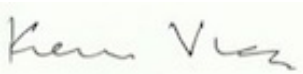
The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

MERTON STREET PASTORS

BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2021

			2021	2020
	Notes	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and investments	4	13,110		10,177
Stock, Debtors and prepayments	5	<u>5,000</u>		
		18,110		
Net Current Assets			<u>18,110</u>	<u>10,177</u>
			NET ASSETS	NET ASSETS
			<u>18,110</u>	<u>10,177</u>
Share Capital	6		-	-
General fund	7		<u>18,110</u>	<u>10,177</u>
			CHARITY'S FUNDS	CHARITY'S FUNDS
			<u>18,110</u>	<u>10,177</u>

Signed:



Chairman



Treasurer

MERTON STREET PASTORS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The Selsdon Centre Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was not required.

(b) Income

Income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities generally on the date it is received.

(c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind are valued at nil cost to the Trust. A record of such assets is kept by the Trustees. When such assets are sold the proceeds are brought in as donation income in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(d) Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of Value Added Tax.

(e) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

One part time staff member was employed by the Charity. The total of employees remuneration (including employers national insurance contributions) for the year amounted to £18,416.

3 TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION

No remuneration or benefits were received by the trustees during the year. Any expenses paid were re-imbursed for costs incurred.

MERTON STREET PASTORS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
4. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
Treasurers Account	13,065	10,132
Petty Cash Account	45	45
	13,110	10,177

Investment cash balances held have been redesignated into the above category.

5. STOCK,DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
Debtor - Merton Council	5,000	-
	5,000	-

6. SHARE CAPITAL

The company has no share capital issued.

7. FUNDS

	Unrestricted	General	Restricted	Total
	Capital	Fund	Other Funds	
	Reserve	Fund		
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2021	-	10,177	-	10,177
Restricted items in year	-	-	-	-
Surplus for the year	-	7,933	-	7,933
31st December 2021	-	18,110	-	18,110

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

9. TAXATION

As a charity, THE MERTON STREET PASTOR is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	Total
	2021		2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources -Income</u>				
Donations				
Donations	31,454		31,454	20,309
Grants			-	-
Other Income	2,525		2,525	6,378
			-	-
	<u>33,979</u>	-	<u>33,979</u>	<u>26,687</u>
			-	-
<u>Total income</u>	<u>33,979</u>	-	<u>33,979</u>	<u>26,687</u>
<u>Resources expended - Expenditure</u>				
Charitable expenditure				
Activity costs to further charity's activities			-	-
Uniforms	279		279	-
General Operational Costs	347		347	204
Licence fees	3,238		3,238	3,858
			-	-
	<u>3,864</u>	-	<u>3,864</u>	<u>4,062</u>
Support costs				
Staff salaries and national insurance	18,416		18,416	17,979
Pension costs	891		891	840
Rent	-		-	400
Repairs and Maintenance	-		-	-
DBS Checks	252		252	-
Insurance	184		184	184
Telephone	311		311	306
Training	20		20	750
Accountancy costs	203		203	635
Office admin	1,652		1,652	1,416
Other expenses	254		254	249
	<u>22,182</u>	-	<u>22,182</u>	<u>22,759</u>
			-	-
<u>Total expenditure</u>	<u>26,046</u>	-	<u>26,046</u>	<u>26,821</u>
			-	-
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2020 was of course a year like no other with it roughly being divided into 3 sections, pre-covid, lockdown and post lockdown. The resilience of our team is highlighted by the fact that across the pre-covid and post lockdown sections, the same number of them that patrolled in 2019 also patrolled in 2020 which is an amazing achievement.

We started the year as any other and had already patrolled the streets 19 times by the 13th March, which was a night out in Mitcham and our last for a while. On the 18th March, we decided to pause our patrols whilst we sought to determine the best way forward. Our street pastor volunteers are an amazing bunch, with one in their 80s, fifteen in their 70s, thirteen in their 60s, thirteen in their 50s, four in their 40s and three in their 30s. As such, we wanted to make sure we made the right decision given the limited amount that was understood about Coronavirus at the time, particularly as age was often linked to increased vulnerability. The first lockdown was then announced and it became clear to the trustees we should take a break until the situation improved.

As things started to open up as lockdown eased, we consulted with our team in July, ran a few pilot patrols with our team leaders in August before inviting the rest of the team to join in from September onwards. We then patrolled all the way up until 18th December, including through the second lockdown in November with the full support of the Police who said that our continuing, "will be a good support to local people in difficult times." In fact, the November lockdown was very much a time where street pastoring was like a mission to the one. However, we had some blessed times engaging with some of the rough sleepers who were around at the time.

There were plenty of highlights after we returned to the streets. Many people were pleased to see us out again and there were a number of very powerful and memorable interactions on the streets with people that really needed the presence of street pastors in a moment of difficulty. One of the most powerful things we do is give people our time and a listening ear whether it's in a car park in Morden or at Wimbledon station or the pub in Mitcham who give us a cup of coffee half way round our patrol.

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Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity.

They are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed
4. Prepare the financial statement on an ongoing basis

They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time. They also have the responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on



Mr. Kevin Vickers



Peter Harlock

Trustees

MERTON STREET PASTORS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Independent examiner's report to the trustees

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 December 2020 , which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Leslie John Tasker FCCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: Ryefields Ltd. Unit 139 Airport House, Purley Way, Croydon. Surrey CR0 0XZ

Date: 21-09-21

MERTON STREET PASTORS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Restricted</u>	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
		General Fund £	Other Funds £	Fund £		
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
Donations and legacies		26,687		-	26,687	24,010
Total incoming resources		26,687	-	-	26,687	24,010
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>						
Charitable expenditure						
Activity costs to further charity's objectives		4,062			4,062	3,729
Support costs		22,759		-	22,759	22,641
Total resources expended		26,821	-	-	26,821	26,370
Special write back			-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	6	(134)		-	(134)	(2,360)
At 1 January 2020		10,311		-	10,311	12,671
Fund transfers					-	
Balance at 31 December 2020		10,177	-	-	10,177	10,311


The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

MERTON STREET PASTORS


BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2020

			2020	2019
	Notes	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and investments	4	<u>10,177</u>		10,311
		10,177		
Net Current Assets			<u>10,177</u>	<u>10,311</u>
			<u>10,177</u>	<u>10,311</u>
NET ASSETS				
Capital and Reserves				
Share Capital	5		-	-
General fund	6		<u>10,177</u>	<u>10,311</u>
			<u>10,177</u>	<u>10,311</u>
CHARITY'S FUNDS				

Signed:



Chairman



Vice Chairman **Treasurer**

MERTON STREET PASTORS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The Selsdon Centre Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was not required.

(b) Income

Income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities generally on the date it is received.

(c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind are valued at nil cost to the Trust. A record of such assets is kept by the Trustees. When such assets are sold the proceeds are brought in as donation income in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(d) Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of Value Added Tax.

(e) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

1 part time staff were employed by the Charity. The total of employees remuneration (including employers national insurance contributions) for the year amounted to £17979)

3 TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION

No remuneration or benefits were received by the trustees during the year. Any expenses paid were re-imburement for costs incurred.

MERTON STREET PASTORS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		2020	2019	
		£		£
4. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND				
Treasurers Accounts		10,132	10,222	
Treasurers Accounts		45	89	
		10,177	10,311	

5. SHARE CAPITAL

The company has no share capital issued.

6. FUNDS

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total
	Capital Reserve	General Fund	Other Funds	
	£	£	£	
At 1 January 2020	-	10,311	-	10,311
Restricted items in year	-	-	-	-
Surplus for the year	-	(134)	-	(134)
31st December 2020	-	10,177	-	10,177

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

8. TAXATION

As a charity, THE MERTON STREET PASTOR is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources -Income</u>				
Donations				
Donations	20,309		20,309	23,384
Grants			-	-
Other Income	6,378		6,378	626
			-	-
	<u>26,687</u>	-	<u>26,687</u>	<u>24,010</u>
			-	-
<u>Total income</u>	<u>26,687</u>	-	<u>26,687</u>	<u>24,010</u>
<u>Resources expended - Expenditure</u>				
Charitable expenditure				
Activity costs to further charity's activities			-	-
Uniforms			-	-
General Operational Costs	204		204	675
Licence fees	3,858		3,858	3,054
			-	-
	<u>4,062</u>	-	<u>4,062</u>	<u>3,729</u>
Support costs				
Staff salaries and national insurance	17,979		17,979	16,743
Pension costs	840		840	762
Rent	400		400	960
Repairs and Maintenance			-	-
Insurance	184		184	184
Telephone	306		306	310
Training	750		750	1,270
Accountancy costs	635		635	636
Office admin	1,416		1,416	1,491
Other expenses	249		249	285
	<u>22,759</u>	-	<u>22,759</u>	<u>22,641</u>
			-	-
<u>Total expenditure</u>	<u>26,821</u>	-	<u>26,821</u>	<u>26,370</u>
			-	-
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</u>	<u>(134)</u>	-	<u>(134)</u>	<u>(2,360)</u>