

MERTON STREET PASTORS

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity No. 1166272

**REPORT
AND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

31 DECEMBER 2020

MERTON STREET PASTORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees

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Mr P Harlock
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Registered Charity Number 1166272

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MERTON STREET PASTORS
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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 2020.

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2020.

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.

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REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Merton Street Pastors continued in the past year to 31st December 2020 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 the Merton Church Community.
- Our coordinator chairing the meetings of the Merton 316 Church Leaders group.
- An invitation to a learning review across multiple agencies relating to someone we interacted regularly with on the streets.
- Continued support from Love Wimbledon Business Improvement District.
- Receiving a certificate from the Mayor of Merton for service to the community during Covid-19.

The Team was very similar to 2019 with 48 street Pastors undertaking at least one patrol in Merton in 2020. During the current financial year, Merton Street Pastors has continued to recruit and train volunteers through its license agreement with Ascension Trust and added 2 new street pastors.

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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REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR Cont..

By the end of the year our Wimbledon team was regularly undertaking 3 patrols a month again, with our Mitcham team generally managing two evening patrols and one afternoon patrol. Unfortunately, our Morden team was not able to patrol very much at all post lockdown due to lack of availability of several of our regulars. However, the one night we did patrol there, there was a very significant encounter and we thank God we were able to be there that night. Due to the sterling work of the council and the Everyone In programme, there were less rough sleepers on the streets and of course the town centres felt very different because of the restrictions.

A part-time Coordinator role was created in October 2010 which has significantly added to the effectiveness of networking and engaging with community and churches and businesses locally. Mr John Goddard has been our Coordinator since that time and in the past year his work has continued to enable the scope and scale and efficiency of what Merton Street Pastors does. Due to the cancellation of our patrols and reduced activities for large parts of 2020, the trustees decided to furlough our coordinator for three months from April to June before resuming at reduced hours for the remainder of the year.

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. In the past year, as a result of our coordinator's furlough we received £5678.03 from the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

A LOOK AHEAD TO THE COMING YEAR

Our aims for the coming year include:

1. Work with our volunteers to help as many of them as possible to return to actively patrolling.
2. To maintain current patrol frequency and if possible return to pre-pandemic levels, we are aiming to recruit and train between 4 and 6 new Street Pastors.
3. In light of the pandemic, we want to consult, collaborate and experiment with our team along with other stakeholders on how we respond and help the community to recover. We are particularly keen to experiment with daytime patrols in an effort to create opportunities where we make ourselves available to care, listen and help those who may be particularly lonely or vulnerable that we would not come into contact with in the night time economy. Daytime patrolling may also open up Street Pastoring to another cohort of potential volunteers who do not want to do it at night.
4. Strengthen the teams through pastoral support and ongoing training and discipleship
5. Widen services leveraging our expert Coordinator resource. Increase associated income to fund this expansion.

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.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

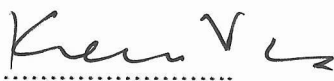
Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity.

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


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Mr. Kevin Vickers


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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.



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Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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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	Other	Fund		
		Fund £	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>
NET ASSETS			<u>10,177</u>	<u>10,311</u>
Capital and Reserves				
Share Capital	5		-	-
General fund	6		<u>10,177</u>	<u>10,311</u>
CHARITY'S FUNDS			<u>10,177</u>	<u>10,311</u>

Signed:

Karen V L
Chairman

Reth Hauld
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-imbursement for costs incurred.

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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
	<u>10,177</u>	<u>10,311</u>

5. SHARE CAPITAL

The company has no share capital issued.

6. FUNDS

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

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	Total
	2020		2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources -Income</u>				
Donations				
Donations	20,309		20,309	23,384
Grants			-	-
Other Income	6,378		6,378	626
			-	-
	26,687	-	26,687	24,010
			-	-
<u>Total income</u>	26,687	-	26,687	24,010
<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
			-	-
	4,062	-	4,062	3,729
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
	22,759	-	22,759	22,641
<u>Total expenditure</u>	26,821	-	26,821	26,370
			-	-
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</u>	(134)	-	(134)	(2,360)