

MERTON STREET PASTORS

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity No. 1166272

REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

31 DECEMBER 2021

MERTON STREET PASTORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2021

Trustees

Mr K Vickers
Captain M Scott
Mr P Harlock
Ms A Mukhtar (from March 2021)
Mr K Mitchell
Mr G P Hack (from January 2022)

Independent Examiner

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Registered Charity Number 1166272

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MERTON STREET PASTORS
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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 2021.

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2021.

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 2021 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.
- Continued support from Love Wimbledon Business Improvement District.

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.

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.

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REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR Cont..

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 had been our Coordinator from that time and added significantly to the scope and scale and efficiency of what Merton Street Pastors did. He continued to do so during the Covid period and the restarting of patrols. John Goddard resigned at the end of December 2021 to move to a new role and went with our grateful thanks for the many years of impactful service. We are delighted to have recruited in January Mr Neil Douglas to fill the Coordinator role.

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.

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 6 and 10 new Street Pastors.
3. In light of the pandemic, we will continue to consult, collaborate and experiment with our team along with other stakeholders on how we respond and help the community to recover. We will continue to experiment with daytime patrols in an effort to understand changed needs and potential opportunities to 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

- 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 the financial position of the charity. They also have the responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to detect and prevent 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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>		
		General	Other		
	Notes	Fund	Funds	Fund	Total Funds
		£	£	£	2021
					2020
					£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>					
Donations and legacies		33,979		-	33,979
					-
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
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
At 1 January 2021		10,177		-	10,177
Fund transfers					-
Balance at 31 December 2021		18,110	-	-	18,110
					10,177

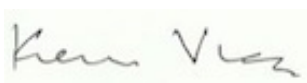
The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

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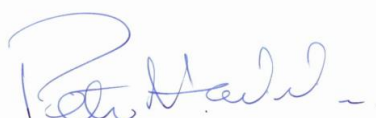
BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2021

			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			<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			<u>18,110</u>	<u>10,177</u>

Signed:



Chairman



Treasurer

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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-imburement for costs incurred.

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4. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	2021 £	2020 £
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 Capital Reserve £	General Fund £	Restricted Other Funds £	Total £
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
			-	-
	33,979	-	33,979	26,687
			-	-
<u>Total income</u>	33,979	-	33,979	26,687
<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
			-	-
	3,864	-	3,864	4,062
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
	22,182	-	22,182	22,759
<u>Total expenditure</u>	26,046	-	26,046	26,821
		-	-	-
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</u>	7,933	-	7,933	(134)