

MERTON STREET PASTORS

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity No. 1166272

**REPORT
AND
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 Progress House 404 Brighton Road South Croydon CR2 6AN
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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.

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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.

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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

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.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year. They are required to:

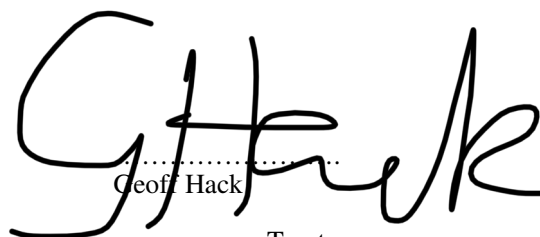
1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed
4. Prepare the financial statement on an ongoing basis

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


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

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

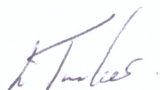
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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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Date: 30-Oct-2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Restricted</u>		
		General	Other		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Notes	Fund	Funds	Fund	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
<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

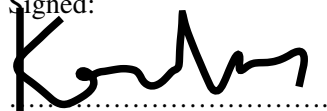
The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

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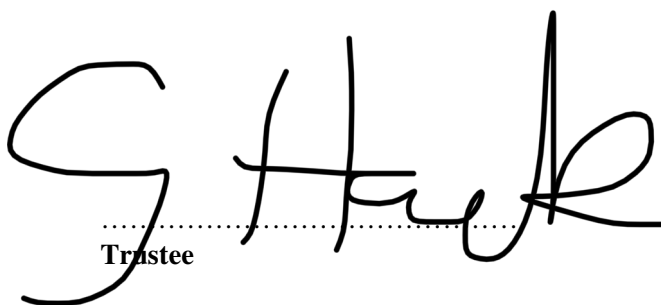
BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2022

			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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 £14002

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 2022

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

6. SHARE CAPITAL

The company has no share capital issued.

7. FUNDS

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

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		
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	2022		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