



Jesmond Street Pastors

Newcastle upon Tyne

Annual Trustees Report 2023

2023 was the seventh year of operation of Jesmond Street Pastors since its incorporation in August 2016. As with other charities and organisations, operational activities were back to normal after the restrictions brought about by the Covid pandemic were lifted.

Jesmond

Jesmond is an affluent residential suburb and is split into two electoral wards just north of the centre of Newcastle Upon Tyne. The population is about 12,000. The area consists of a mixture of residential homes, in mostly Edwardian and Victorian terraces. There is a large student population mainly accommodated in multiple occupancy houses. There are many cafes and restaurants, boutiques and small supermarkets centring along St Georges Terrace, Acorn Road, and Osborne Road. Jesmond Street Pastors patrol the section of Osborne Road where the nightlife is based around several chic cocktail bars. Our base of operations is Jesmond Methodist Church, located on St Georges Terrace.

Street Pastors

The Street Pastors initiative was pioneered in London in 2003 by Ascension Trust (<https://www.ascensiontrust.org.uk/>). A street pastor is a trained volunteer who is a Christian and is part of a local church, and who is concerned for society and their local community. They patrol in teams of men and women, often on a Friday and/or Saturday night, to care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets. They are willing to engage with people, whatever their perspective on life and wherever they hang out, working in collaboration with other agencies and projects. See <https://www.streetpastors.org/> for more information about Street Pastors.

Each local Street Pastor project is approved and set up by the Ascension Trust, which is the governing body behind Street Pastors, and run by a local coordinator with support from local churches and community groups, in partnership with the police, local council and other statutory agencies.

Currently, over 220 towns and cities around the UK have a Street Pastors team. In addition to Street Pastors, there may be prayer pastors, who support the local team with prayer throughout the patrol period. Each

team will have a management committee, and trustees elected from local churches.

Since 2014, some Street Pastors have received additional training as Response Pastors, who provide support to those affected by a disaster or crisis. Response pastors can be called upon any day or night to support and assist where appropriate. A response pastor is a crucial point of contact and an additional support to the established emergency services. See <https://www.streetpastors.org/about-us/response-pastors/>.

Jesmond Street Pastors Operational Aspects

2023 was a challenging year for the team due to sickness within the team. This meant that patrols from July went down to one patrol a month.

The Summer period was quieter as the students were not in residence and in September, when they arrived, they didn't seem to appear in such numbers as in previous years.

Licensing hours have been maintained and all licensed premises are the same as previous years with one or more retail food outlets having changed.

The Safer Transport and Women's Safety in Vulnerable Places projects came to an end in September. We received a letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner thanking us for our valuable contribution to the success of the projects.

We started the year with seven Street Pastors and ended the year with six. However, two new Street Pastors are in training and will start patrols in 2024.

Our Coordinator keeps in touch with local councillors and the Keep Jesmond Clean team, looking at ways to reduce the volumes of glass on the streets and how the street pastors can contribute to public safety on the streets of Jesmond.

Even though we are a very small team in Jesmond, there is evidence to show that we are making an impact.

Management Committee

The Management Committee met three times in 2023. Where necessary, members have been kept up to date via email.

Their role is to ensure that the project continues to operate smoothly. They have checked that the project conforms to the General Data Protection Regulations. In addition, they monitor income and expenditure and plan ways to raise funds. They also check that the project conforms to Charity Commission regulations and follows Ascension Trust guidelines.

Trustees and Management Committee

There was one change of Trustee during 2023. Rev'd Canon Brian Hurst of St George's Jesmond resigned due to a change of appointment. We place on record our sincere thanks to him for his season with JSP. To date we have not yet replaced him on the Committee.

The list of Trustees is as follows.

Chair and Coordinator: Mr Chris Lincoln, Methodist Church.

Secretary: Mrs Margaret Graham, Jesmond Methodist Church.

Treasurer: Mrs Janet Anderson, Jesmond Methodist Church.

Committee members:

Dr Laura Graham, Methodist Church.

Mrs Jean Degenhardt, Jesmond United Reformed Church.

Mr John Waddell, Church of the Holy Name, Jesmond.

Rev Alison Wilkinson, Jesmond Methodist Church.

We thank our officers and Trustees for their support and prayers during 2023.

It is hoped through time that there will be a representative from all Jesmond Churches on the Management Committee.

Mr Chris Lincoln, as Chair of Trustees, spends much of his time liaising with the police and local councillors as well as speaking to the Churches in Jesmond to encourage more volunteers to come forward as Street Pastors or Prayer Pastors.

Financial Report

Jesmond Street Pastors is a small project and for its finances relies very much on donations from the local churches, the community and the general public.

We received some general funding from Northumbria Police (£100) to support our work in the community of Jesmond. As lead team we received and distributed funding for the other Street Pastor teams – Jesmond, Newcastle, Whitley Bay, and Sunderland - and Street Angels who operate in South Shields, as indicated in our accounts.

Expenditure includes essential items such as a mobile phone, first aid material, and insurance for the street pastors. The License fee to Ascension Trust is obligatory.

Our audited accounts are available separately. We are grateful to our Auditor, Mr David Stabler, for his help and advice.

Summary of our accounts for 2023:

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Northumbria Police	£1,708.00	Mobile phone	£205.62
Donation	£100.00	Insurance	£221.52
		Ascension Trust License fee	£600.00
		Supplies	£9.45
		Jesmond Methodist Church	£1,000.00
		Street Angels – South Shields	£100.00
		Whitley Bay Street Pastors	£780.97
		Newcastle Street Pastors	£100.00
		Sunderland Street Pastors	£627.03
Total Income:	£1,808.00	Total Expenditure:	£3,644.59

BALANCE SHEET	
Balance at 01/01/2023	£7,576.50
Income	£1,808.00
Total Income	£9,384.50
Less Expenditure	£3,644.59
Closing Balance at 31/12/2023	£5,739.91

In conclusion, we pray that Jesmond Street Pastors will continue to support the night-time economy in Jesmond, and care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets.

Margaret E Graham
Secretary, Jesmond Street Pastors. September 2024

Jesmond Street Pastors 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023						BALANCE SHEET	
INCOME			EXPENDITURE				
31/03/2023	Northumbria Police	£500.00	09/01/2023	Ascension Trust License Fee	£200.00	Balance at 01/01/2023	£7,576.50
			23/01/2023	O2	£19.18		
14/08/2023	St Georges Parish Church	£100.00	22/02/2023	Keith Gilfillan Supplies	£9.45	Income	£1,808.00
			22/02/2023	O2	£15.28		
09/10/2023	Northumbria Police	£1,208.00	22/03/2023	O2	£15.28	Total	£9,384.50
			22/04/2023	Ascension Trust License Fee	£200.00		
			23/04/2023	O2	£17.32	Less Expenditure	£3,644.59
			24/04/2023	Whitley Bay SP	£100.00		
			24/04/2023	Newcastle SP	£100.00		
			22/05/2023	O2	£17.32	Closing Balance 31/12/2023	£5,739.91
			24/05/2023	Jesmond Methodist Church	£1,000.00		
			08/06/2023	Sunderland SP	£100.00		
			08/06/2023	South Shields	£100.00		
			22/06/2023	O2	£17.32		
			17/07/2023	Ascension Trust License Fee	£200.00		
			17/07/2023	Access Insurance	£221.52		
			22/07/2023	O2	£17.32		
			23/08/2023	O2	£17.32		
			23/09/2023	O2	£17.32		
			10/10/2024	Sunderland SP	£527.03		
			10/10/2024	Whitley Bay SP	£680.97		
			23/10/2023	O2	£17.32		
			23/11/2021	O2	£17.32		
			22/12/202	O2	£17.32		
		£1,808.00			£3,644.59		

Examined and found correct - compared to bank statements and vouchers.

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