



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

BURY STREET PASTORS

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1170471

Set out on pages

On the attached pages

**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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed: S J McDonald

29/09/2022

**Name:** S J McDonald B.Sc., ICPA

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

Independent Certified Practising Accountants

**Address:**

Station Chambers, 36 Bolton Street

Bury, Lancs

BL9 0LL

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

None to report

# Profit and Loss

## Bury Street Pastors Initiative For the year ended 31 December 2021

2021

### Turnover

Donations Received	2,417.22
Money From GMSPT [Not to be inc. on License]	590.45
Street Pastors Training and Uniform	310.00
Street Pastors training given	300.00
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>3,617.67</b>

### Cost of Sales

ID badges	34.00
Purchase of Goods For Use on Street	297.31
Purchase of Training	497.62
Purchase of Uniform	203.90
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>1,032.83</b>

### Gross Profit

2,584.84

### Administrative Costs

Ascension Trust License Fee	750.00
Audit & Accountancy fees	120.00
Cleaning	27.10
DBS Checks	50.04
General Expenses	697.09
IT Software and Consumables	926.28
Light, Power, Heating	2,989.83
Mobile Phones	393.69
Postage, Freight & Courier	15.84
Printing & Stationery	30.85
Purchase of Food for Street Pastors	83.47
Rates	493.29
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>6,577.48</b>

### Operating Profit

(3,992.64)

### Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation

(3,992.64)

### Profit after Taxation

(3,992.64)



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From** 01/01/21 **Period start date** **To** 31/12/21 **Period end date**

**Charity name:** Bury Street Pastors

**Charity registration number:** 1170471

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>See attached sheet</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>See attached sheet</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>See attached sheet</b>

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	



## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Bury Street Pastors normally have teams operating every Friday and Saturday evening in Bury town centre.</p> <p>Covid-19 restrictions continued into 2021, and during these lockdown periods, teams only operated when permitted.</p> <p>The teams of Street Pastors gave support to people who were lost, homeless, hurt, or just needing a helping hand, a listening ear or encouragement.</p> <p>The teams also often ensured that vulnerable people were able get home safely by checking that they were accompanied by friends, or could find a taxi.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trustees reviewed the end of year financial position and confirmed that it remains a going concern.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Bury Street Pastors do not hold reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity currently has no requirement to hold reserves.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Bury Street Pastors do not operate on a deficit budget.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bury Street Pastors
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170471
Charity's principal address	Imperial House 79-81 Hornby Street Bury Lancs BL9 5BN





### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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### Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

#### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gordon Clark	Ruth Warburton
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	31/10/2022	31/10/2022

## **Objectives and activities**

The objects of the charitable incorporated organisation are for public benefit, in the geographic area of Bury 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.

## **Summary of the main activities**

As a Christian charity working under the auspices of the Street Pastor License Agreement of the Ascension Trust, our aims are to advance the Christian faith and promote community capacity building for the benefit of the public.

### **Advancement of religion**

As a Christian Organisation we work through the collective effort of local churches whose members volunteer to be Street Pastors, receiving specialised training with us, which enables them to develop their own individual capacity as 'salt and light' in the community whilst actively engaging in providing essential voluntary services in public care and for public benefit, in partnership with our local authority, police and other agencies, particularly around the night-time economy, to relieve people who are in distress, injured, disoriented or displaying anti-social behaviour under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The nature of our work involves pastoral care of the general public and thereby



we both demonstrate the intrinsic Christian value of loving our neighbour without prejudice and raise awareness of the relevance of faith and church life today, in terms of the problems and needs experienced by troubled individuals and groups within our community.

Primarily our Street Pastor work involves pastoral care in the streets by caring for, listening to and helping people. This is done through the organized patrols of Street Pastors who are trained to give reassurance, guidance, support or signposting to partnering agencies, in an effort to avoid anti-social behaviour and to preserve life, health and public order.

Our patrol teams frequent the night time economy areas between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. People leaving pubs or clubs late at night are often disorientated through drink or drugs and as such are at potential risk of sexual assault or other abuse. Our Street Pastors help them get to a safe place until they are able to look after themselves or simply to get home safely. We provide water to those in need of it, flip-flops particularly to women who can no longer cope with their high-heeled shoes and space blankets to people who are inadequately clothed in very cold weather.

We foster community safety also by doing Street Pastor patrols at festivals, community events or other public places where a calming influence and a positive presence is beneficial to the public. Our Coordinator and Senior Street Pastors work in close cooperation with the local police and local authority to establish the current status of particular community needs, where the trouble spots are and where our patrols will be most helpful. During the night-time economy patrols, we also liaise with the security staff of pubs, clubs and restaurants, monitoring where people are at during the night, in an effort to assist those who are in distress, injured, disorientated or displaying anti-social behaviour under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

When revellers or marginalized young people display aggressive behaviour our Street Pastors are trained to defuse anti-social behaviour or gang-related violence by mediating and reassuring people. Where this proves to be insufficient and when necessary, the Street Pastor Patrol Team Supervisor, who is in communication with the police, notifies the police of the situation for their appropriate intervention.

On patrol, often we meet rough sleepers. We engage with them in conversation and seek to refer them to appropriate agencies to help them reintegrate into community life. When people have needs beyond our capacity (e.g. drug or alcohol dependency) we refer them on to specialised agencies.

In the discharge of duties, our Street Pastors patrol in a set uniform, distinguished by the Street Pastor logo and invariably this elicits questions from the general public who wish to know more about our Christian beliefs. When asked to, we share our belief in Jesus Christ and His love for all mankind and pray with individuals as requested. This enlightens others about Christianity and advances



the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public. Further to this, we organize special lectures, prayer and worship events for Street Pastors and local churches to promote our work inter-denominationally and recruit further volunteers to carry out our Street Pastor objects and the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We also promote and attend inter-church events for prayer, worship and to do informative talks to raise awareness and understanding of the social needs of our community. At these events, members of the local churches take cognizance of the social issues impacting our community and enlist to potentially be Street or Prayer Pastors.

#### Community Capacity Building

As Street Pastors our work encompasses liaison with local authorities and police in a directed effort to mitigate and address issues emanating from socially disadvantaged groups or marginalized persons in our local community.

All our Street Pastors are trained to identify and appropriately deal with community needs in accordance with Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities and Confidentiality Policies. We strive to uphold best practice in the provision of our services for public benefit, usually organized in team patrols, mostly in night time economy areas between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights or at special festivals or community events.

Our primary aim would neither be successful nor sustainable if we did not promote volunteering and developed the capacity and skills of members of our community to better identify and help meet, not only their individual need to participate more fully in society, but also the need to provide a service that meets particular community needs through pastoral care of vulnerable or marginalized people on our streets.

Our Street Pastor License Agreement guides the transfer of knowledge and skills involved in public pastoral care. We do this with a view to raise the moral and spiritual welfare of our community, which results in greater social cohesion and helps us keep our streets and public places safe.

To this end our Street Pastors go through a rigorous training programme and regular refresher courses to ensure their knowledge, skills and self-confidence in the handling of public care is of a high standard and effective in benefiting the public. Among other disciplines, the training focuses on best practice derived from Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities and Confidentiality Policies.

All our Street Pastor volunteers are adults, drawn from at least four different local denominations to ensure the breadth of our collective activity covers the public benefit requirement but moreover because we want the impact of our activities to be far-reaching, relevant and efficient in addressing the urban and social-ills within our community.



For this reason we rely intensely upon forming good working relationships with the police, local authority and others agencies, rather than being insular in our approach and form of outreach which may meet a targeted need but does not benefit the community as a whole. As Street Pastors are Christians who are members of a local church, our work demonstrates the compassion of Jesus Christ in very practical ways within the life of our community. In this manner we preserve the relevance of church and faith, to life and society by building the capacity and skills of Street Pastors as non-judgmental and non-discriminatory agents of peace, reconciliation and safety in our community. This is a positive influence upon public morality and civic cohesion.