

## CHARITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

Trustees: Jonathan McGill – Chairperson  
Jenny Davis – Treasurer and secretary  
Margaret Travers  
Rev Martyn Travers  
Rev David Wood

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The charity is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1171291.

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The aims of the organization are to advance the Christian faith particularly but not exclusively by means of caring, listening and helping people on the streets.

#### Activities – Street Pastors night time Patrols

The primary activity of the charity is to provide patrols of street pastors as a service to the community, to give reassurance, safety and support through listening, caring and helping. These patrols advance the Christian faith by practical demonstration of the unconditional love and kindness of God.

The Charity's main activity and objectives for the year was to have a weekly patrol on a Friday night in Orpington and Beckenham High Street as and when the lockdowns were lifted. The street pastors by their weekly presence promote a calming influence on the High Streets and complement the work of the Police and other emergency services by providing a supportive presence for potential victims, providing a calming influence for potential offenders and a positive presence for the vulnerable. We continue to engage with people who are lost, alone and unwell.

**Activities – Prayer Support for Street Pastors.** A minister or church leader comes from the Churches Together in Beckenham to pray with the Beckenham Street Pastors; patrols in Orpington always start with prayer. Orpington street pastors have a list of people who pray for street pastors, and Beckenham also has churches and prayer groups who undertake to pray for street pastors.

**Reporting** – Each street pastor patrol has a leader who is responsible for the team for the night and who writes a report giving details of encounters, conversations, helping vulnerable people, calming aggressive situations and counting bottles and cans picked up.

**Achievements and Performance** – Street pastors are recognized as one of the key factors in keeping the High Streets calm on a Friday night. They provide a non-confrontational and supportive service to help those who are vulnerable, for those the worse for drink, or injured. For example people who may be the worse for drink are cared for and every effort is made to get them to their home safely either by a local taxi or by calling a member of the family to come and pick them up.

Street Pastors receive a warm welcome from the public – we have made many friends over the years and had many happy conversations with all kinds of people. The regular interaction with the public produces the significant but intangible benefit of reassurance and promotion of safer behaviour. We routinely get many people thanking us or saying they think street pastors is a great idea etc.

There continues to be an improvement in the atmosphere and a measurable reduction in violent crime in the night times when we are on duty in Beckenham and Orpington. Police have remarked on the reduction in violence on Beckenham High Street since the Street Pastors started in December 2007 and this is supported by the fact that there is a reduction of police officers deployed in Beckenham and Orpington High Streets on a Friday night.

### **Contribution made by volunteers**

Street pastors come from 17 churches across the Borough of Bromley and are uniformed volunteers after training for 45 hours. We have 33 Street Pastors in the Borough of Bromley. Due to the lockdowns the number of patrols was considerably reduced, although patrols did continue to go out on a Friday night when restrictions were lifted. In Orpington there were 38 patrols and in Beckenham 27. A total number of 68 people were helped on the streets during the year, and there were 20 anti-social incidents dealt with. 314 bottles were collected during the year, 7 pairs of flipflops were given out.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

We remain fully committed to maintaining our existing street pastor patrols and look to starting up Bromley patrols again. We are also aware that in order to keep the existing street pastor teams going out each week we need to look at recruiting more street pastors.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The income for 2021-22 was £2,1312. A large part of the donations were contributions from trainees and churches towards the cost of a new street pastors' training which came to £820. We spent £1,897, spending £1,031 on professional fees such as insurance, licence fees and obtaining our own DBS. We had a closing balance of £7842.

The charity does not employ any staff.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT GOVERNING DOCUMENT**

The Borough of Bromley Street Pastors' governing document is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Foundation.

### **Management and recruitment of new trustees**

The Management Committee of the Borough of Bromley Street Pastors, who are also the Trustees of the charity, aim to meet three times a year. One of the Management Committee resigned at the end of 2021. All trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid in the year.

We aim to recruit new trustees from the churches supporting the charity.

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The charity's trustees have regards to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. The trustees are aware of the guidance and have taken it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant in the running of the charity. In any instance where the trustees decide to depart from the guidance they have good reasons for doing so and this is recorded.

The trustees believe that the charity has provided public benefit through the street pastors' weekly patrols in Beckenham and Orpington.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The financial statements are set out in the accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. The accounts have been presented as a receipts and payments account.

Members of Trustees at the date the report and the accounts were approved were

Jonathan McGill (Chair)  
Jenny Davis – Treasurer and Secretary  
Rev Martyn Travers  
Margaret Travers  
Rev David Wood

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations. They are also responsible for ensuring that the charity maintains an adequate system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss or unauthorized use and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

## **ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:**

Signed

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