

CHARITY REPORT FOR THE APRIL 2022 TO 31ST DECEMBER 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 from 1 April 2022 to the year ended 31st December 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 has been working to restart our patrols on a Friday night in Orpington and Beckenham High Street, and as from November a once a month patrol in Bromley High Street. 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 and Bromley always start with prayer and all three areas finish with prayer at the end of their patrols. Orpington street pastors have a list of people who pray for street pastors, Beckenham and Bromley also have 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 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. The Bromley Street Pastors restarted in November at the request of the police and are hoping to go out on a twice monthly basis in 2023.

Contribution made by volunteers

Street pastors come from 19 churches across the Borough of Bromley and are uniformed volunteers after training for 45 hours. We have 31 Street Pastors in the Borough of Bromley. After the lockdown finished, we were not able to raise enough teams to return to weekly patrols but went out as often as we could raise a team. In Orpington there were 31 patrols, in Beckenham 20 and in Bromley 2. A total number of 130 people were helped on the streets, and there were 12 anti-social incidents dealt with. 327 bottles were collected during the year, 9 pairs of flipflops were given out.

FUTURE PLANS

We remain fully committed to maintaining our existing street pastor patrols and are very pleased that we were able to start up in Bromley again. For the initial start in Bromley in November and December both Orpington and Bromley Street pastors were part of the team. Recruiting for Bromley has been encouraging and we look forward to the new recruits going out on patrol in June 2023. Both Orpington and Beckenham had new recruits during 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The income from 1 April to 31 December 2022 was £641. We spent £2,486, including £1,281 on training and £709 on professional fees such as insurance, licence fees and obtaining our own DBS. We had a closing balance of £5,997.

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. 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, Orpington and now Bromley.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements are set out in the accounts for the period 1st April and ending 31st December. 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

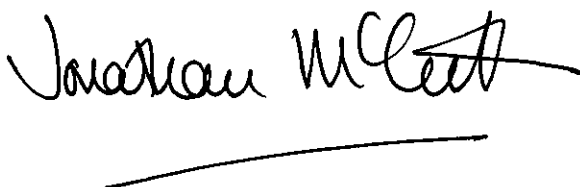
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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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**Account for Borough of Bromley Street Pastors
Balance Sheet for April 2022 - December 2022**

Income		Expenditure
Donations General	£431	
Donations Training	£210	
Office Costs		
Professional Fees		£709
Gift Aid		
Training		£1281
DBS		£356
Printing/publicity		£105
Bank charges		
£35		
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Total	£641	£2,486
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Closing Bank Balance 1 st January, 2022	£7,842	
Total income	£641	
Total expenditure		<u>£2,486</u>
Closing Bank Balance 31 st December 2022	£5,997	