

GLOUCESTER STREET PASTORS

England & Wales - Charity number 1175271

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2017-10-20

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION ARE FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF GLOUCESTER 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 BYII) 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.

Activities: To advance the Christian faith in the City of Gloucester by the provision of pastoral care services to help people on the streets and other public places, giving guidance support and signposting which assist to assist in preserving public order, avoiding anti-social behaviour, relieving sickness, preserving health and generally improving the environment.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£6,518	£6,551	-	-
2023-12-31	£3,983	£5,260	-	-
2022-12-31	£3,823	£4,435	-	-
2021-12-31	£3,949	£4,886	-	-
2020-12-31	£3,354	£4,505	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Robert David Kingston	Chair	2017-10-02
ALASTAIR MACNAUGHTON SAMMON		2017-10-02
Aaron Lincoln		2024-02-24
Clare Victoria Cato		2021-11-08
James Matthew addis		2024-06-14
MICHAEL TOOKEY		2017-10-02
Phillip Jolley		2025-01-06
Tina Perry		2025-10-13

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GSP Chairman's report to 2025 AGM

Welcome to GSP 2025 AGM. A particular welcome to those for whom it is their first AGM.

Paul writes that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men. Street Pastors are an example of this. We patrol in the crime hotspots of the city, without stab vests, batons or pepper spray. Yet we make a difference. I am reminded that we follow Jesus who demonstrated meeting people wherever they were.

Thanks to all of you for your dedication and commitment. It is now almost a truism that every year is a year of change.

In the year to 31 December 2024, we undertook 59 patrols – a significant increase on 2023 reflecting the increase in new recruits in 2023. We were also successful in fundraising as the Accounts show. Another change in Change in 2024 was the start of the Street Angels working alongside us on Saturday nights. Thanks to all of you for your dedication and commitment.

It is now almost a truism that every year is a year of change. There continue to be changes and challenges in 2025. At present we have lost the Street Medics, and it is possible Gloucester may have lost the Trilogy nightclub, just as we expect an increase in student numbers in the city.

We succeed in fundraising last year by using several funders who gave us one off grants, and who are unlikely to fund us this year. Thus 2025 will also present challenges in raising the funds that we need to operate. We have started well with an increase in funding from the OPCC but there is much work to do.

I will finish with a few words on our 15th Anniversary celebration earlier this year. It was a privilege and encouragement to hear the stories of the encounters that we have had recently which have changed peoples lives, as well as the everyday stories of caring listening and helping those in the night-time economy.

Once again, thanks to all who serve street pastors in whatever capacity - you are all amazing, and it heartens me to see you encouraging each other and solving our rota problems on WhatsApp. Even more so I am heartened by knowing that we all serve a God who does not change, operates in a much longer timeframe than we do, and who is not surprised by what is happening even if we are.

Thank you

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Welcome to GSP 2024 AGM. A particular welcome to those for whom it is their first AGM.

Street Pastors is all about people. We work to help people we meet on patrols; we work alongside people in the night time economy; we patrol with colleagues and your management team work to run the organisation with the vital help of our administrator. We have those who support us in prayer and financially.

This fits in well with the example and teachings of Jesus who by the teaching and example of his life, and the sacrifice of his death, showed his concern for the people of the world. He came to give us life and life to the full. And I believe that as we follow his example we are blessed as we work together as we work to bless others.

That remains true even if some of them are not fully conscious of the matter. I hope you will indeed be blessed as you play your part in Gloucester Street Pastors, whatever your role.

Figures

In the year to 31 March 2024 we helped over 500 people, gave out over 250 bottles of water, collected, or swept up over 1500 bottles. We gave out 36 foil blankets all increases on 2022.

Change

2023 was a year of change, much of it positive. When applying for grants back in early 2022, I acknowledged that one of our biggest challenges was volunteers. We made modest progress in 2022, but the biggest change in 2023 was our recruitment which has enabled us to go back to patrolling every Saturday night, and even trialling patrols on other nights such as Fridays, Bank holiday Sundays, and Wednesday student nights.

This has brought challenges in gearing up or recruitment and training operations, and has increased our expenditure, causing more work in looking for grants and other financial support. Hard work for some but a wonderful problem to have.

People

As I said Street Pastors is about people so many thanks are due as we note several changes.

Thanks to our enthusiastic group of new recruits, and to those who helped recruit and train them.

Moving to trustees, Gareth Heward is stepping down as he retires from being Major in charge of Gloucester Salvation Army. Thank you for many years of support from you and your team at the Salvation Army team including providing our operations base.

Aaron Lincoln has joined the trustees, and is one of our ambassadors, speaking to Churches about Street Pastors. Clare Cato has taken over from me as coordinator at a busy time with training and recruitment. We value her abilities and her energy. After nine years Alastair Sammon has stepped down as Chair of trustees. I have taken on that role. Thus, you are hearing a lot of my voice at this AGM.

My apologies if I have overlooked any other personnel changes. Finally, thanks to all for whom their role has not changed. You are all equally valuable as you contribute in different ways.

Finally, thanks to our Lord who has guided us and kept us safe as we seek to keep others safe in one of the County's crime hotspots.

R.D.Kingston

26/05/2024

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GSP Chairman's report 2023

Overview of the year

2022 was a year of sudden return to very normal life on streets as the restrictions of the Covid epidemic were lifted. Street Pastors returned to a regular pattern of three patrols a month through the year. As before, the atmosphere on the streets has mostly, but not always, been light and pleasant.

We have trialled split shifts to accommodate those of us who are becoming older or not so strong, and could not manage full shifts. I think this has been successful. Advantages have included retention of senior members, easier shifts for those with health problems and major Sunday responsibilities, possibly more interesting times for second-shifters. Disadvantages have been the need for more frequent shifts for those who do shifts, and headaches for Sue as she makes up the rotas.

The tendency to less incidents requiring complicated or prolonged intervention by us has continued. Nightsafe officers and Street medics increasingly pick up more of the incidents of aggression, and of severe drunkenness which used to come to us. Quieter nights for us, and good to see the service that we pioneered is picked up by others.

Personnel

Three patrols a month have been possible. Numbers of SPs have been good. Aaron is a very experienced and welcome addition to the ranks. There have been a few recruits also who will be ready to go out on patrol this year 2023.

Figures

We helped 382 people, gave out 194 bottle of water, collected or swept up 1060 bottles. We provided help to a lot of vulnerable people and were there to calm quite a few aggressive situations. 25 Street Pastor cards were given out – I suspect that Diana is the star as far as that is concerned. Skills are not equally distributed amongst us, and I suspect that Aaron collected more bottles in his first year than I did in my many years.

Thanks

Firstly, my thanks to you all. It has been a privilege and joy to be chair for eight years.

Thanks to

Robert – our busy and effective coordinator

Sue – our quiet, careful, excellent administrator

Ron – who has kept the finances on an even keel

Sylvanus Lysons Charity and the PCC who provided most of our income

Brunswick Church and the Salvation Army for providing homes for us on Saturday evenings.

Our Heavenly Father who called us to do the work, and has watched over us and kept us safe.

Alastair Sammon

June 2023

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GSP Annual report for 2021

2021 has been a year of slowly emerging. No patrols in the first part of the year as Covid ruled our lives, but a steady return to a normal pattern of work in the second half of the year as the immunisation campaign made life safer for us all and the threat of major illness became less. Covid is still very much present in Gloucester.

Nightlife in the streets of Gloucester has returned pretty much to normal now, noisy, boisterous, usually happy, sometimes worrying and sad. And there has been work for us to do.

We have continued to pick up bottles and broken glass, give out flipflops, chocolate biscuits, water and smiles, and to look out for and help those who find themselves in situations that they cannot cope with. There are still casual conversations that offer opportunities to share our faith, or to pray for those who need it and/or request it.

There has been a gradual change in the pattern of care for those out clubbing. When GSP started there was little except policing directed at control of criminal, antisocial and aggressive behaviour. We have been part of a movement towards recognising the needs of young people for sympathetic care. This more pastoral approach has been pioneered by GSP, but is also increasingly a feature of current policing, and supplemented by Street Medics and City Marshalls/Night Safe Officers. Our role is still very much valued but has changed, and in some ways reduced. We are still the most appropriate people to help in many situations. As an organisation we will spend some time in the next few months assessing how we should respond to the new circumstances.

Some stats:

People helped	150
Flipflops given out	71
Bottles collected	593

GSPs who have retired during 2021: Sue Yates, Jan Spencer, Max Rakeseta, Karen Williams. Great thanks to each of them for serving with us.

New GSPs in 2021: Bruce Clifford, Stacey Ainsley, Carrie Thompson. It is wonderful to have them with us.

We do need more Street Pastors to allow us to staff our patrols comfortably.

We continue to be well supported by funds from the Police and Crime Commissioner, The Sylvanus Lysons Charity, and some generous churches and individuals. We are deeply grateful for that.

We are also very grateful for the work of Robert, our coordinator, Sue our administrator, and to The Brunswick Baptist Church who have kindly hosted us over the last year.

Alastair Sammon

Chairman

April 2022

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- A very lean year

Covid-19 has affected our world and our social patterns very deeply, most of all times and places where we meet together in any number and in any closeness, and while meeting in families and in small numbers has sometimes been possible, night club life has suddenly and completely stopped. The circumstances in which Street Pastors in Gloucester have operated and are needed do not currently exist. This has been the case for most of 2020, and all of 2021.

I think that, like the people who go out to the clubs, we too have missed the bustle and noise and exuberance of Saturday nights on the streets.

Our statistics for the year 2020 are a sad indication of a couple of months only of work at the beginning of 2020, and a few early evening patrols in the Autumn.

13 pairs of flipflops

265 bottles picked up or swept up

(Dorothy Dwight could have done that herself over a couple of nights!)

A total of only 14 patrols. Over the months we have in fact scheduled quite a few more than that, which have been cancelled or postponed because of pandemic rules.

But we did help 106 people, supported some vulnerable people, and calmed some aggressive situations.

So the report this year is short.

There are many people to thank because the organisation has continued to run with enthusiasm and efficiency and hopeful looking forward. Thanks to Robert our coordinator, Sue our administrator, Ron our treasurer, Major Gareth and the Salvation Army for being ever ready to host our patrols.

Thanks too to Tom Beattie and to Ade Jones. Both have seen more than a decade of service as GSP's and both continue with other organisations that serve the disadvantaged in Gloucester. They have blessed us, and we wish them God's blessing as they continue His work.

We thank God for three new people coming to join the ranks – Bruce, Karen and Carrie.

We pray for the world which is still in distress, most countries still under some form of lockdown. We pray for our young people whose friendship groups and social life remain very limited.

The Management Committee has met regularly, often with hopes for getting back to work, hopes that have been regularly dashed by the pandemic.

And we look forward in hope rather than certainty that the coming year will see a return to all the good parts of normality on the streets of Gloucester.

Alastair Sammon

Chairman

July 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to Trustees of Gloucester Street Pastors

I report on the accounts of the Gloucester Street Pastors for the year ended 31st December 2020 set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner

Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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

Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act

State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a 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 next statement.

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.
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David A Matthams
Independent Examiner

8th February 2021

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Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Receipts		2020	Payments	
Receipt type		£	Payment type	£
2 Grant from Sylvanus Lysons		125.00 ✓	10 Salary of administrator	3016.26 ✓
2.1 Grant from PCC		1,500.00 ✓	11 Use of premises	0.00 ✓
3 Regular donations		220.00 ✓	12 Admin costs	9.00 ✓
4 Miscellaneous donations		237.50 ✓	13 Radio rental	436.80 ✓
5 Gift Aid & HMRC receipts		93.33 ✓	14 Mobile phones	0.00 ✓
6 Donations from churches and voluntary groups		1,112.50 ✓	15 Uniforms	0.00 ✓
7 Grant from Gloucester Police		0.00 ✓	16 Training	239.62 ✓
8 Contributions from Street Pastors		47.50 ✓	17 Ascension Trust 15% fee	513.30 ✓
9 Investment interest		18.37 ✓	18 Insurance	105.60 ✓
			19 Supplies	184.87 ✓
			20 Publicity banners	0.00 ✓
			21 SP Conference	0.00 ✓
			22 AGM Costs	0.00 ✓
Excess payments over receipts		1,151.25 ✓		
		4,505.45 ✓		4505.45 ✓
Statement of Funds and Assets			Creditors	
for year ended 31 December 2020			£180.75 owed to The Ascension Trust for 15% fee for quarter 1 Oct - 31 Dec 2020	
			£53.60 owed to R Keasley for S Dalton PAYE Oct - Dec 2020	
			£125.00 owed to Gloucester City Mission for buffet	
Unrestricted Funds				
Balance at 1 January 2020		10,672.62 ✓		
Less excess payments for 2020		1,151.25 ✓		
		9,521.37 ✓	Ron Keasley Treasurer Gloucester Street Pastors 18 January 2021	
Assets				
Bank current account		2,521.37 ✓		
COIF Charities fund		7,000.00 ✓		
		9,521.37 ✓		
Notes				
*	Balance at 1 January 2020 made up of			
	Balance b/f @ bank	3,672.62 ✓		
	CCLA deposit account	7,000.00 ✓		
	Balance at 1 January 2020	10,672.62 ✓		

Cashbook 2020									
Receipts	Income Type	Ascension Trust	Payments	Expenditure type	Ref	Bal at bank			
Bal B/fwd		3672.62							
2.1.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00	14.1.20 Ascension Trust	ID Cards	12 chq 267	9.00 X			
2.1.20 Virgin Money	6	477.50	14.1.20 Ascension Trust 15% of income, Oct - Dec 19	Annual subscription, DBS checks	17 chq 268	94.05 X			
7.1.20 COIF interest	9	3.54	16.1.20 CCPAS		16 DD	60.00			
24.1.20 Sylvanus Lyons charity (12/12)	2	125.00	24.1.20 \$ Dalton sal Jan 2020		10 SO	244.16			
31.1.20 Food from skittles evening	8	47.50	13.2.20 Listening Post	Listening skills training	16 chq 269	122.50 X			
3.1.20 CAF cheque anonymous	4	100.00	14.2.20 Gloucester City Safe	Radio Hire 1 Feb 20 - 30 Apr 20	13 chq 270	109.20 X			
3.2.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00	24.2.20 \$ Dalton		10 SO	244.16			
7.2.20 COIF interest	9	3.48	27.2.20 \$ Dalton	Salary shortfall Apr19-Apr20	10 chq 271	61.56 X			
2.3.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00	24.3.20 \$ Dalton sal Mar 2020		10 SO	244.16			
4.3.20 Donation Newent JRC	6	10.00	17.4.20 Ascension Trust 15% of income, Jan - Mar 20		17 chq 272	186.37 X			
6.3.20 COIF interest	9	3.24	24.4.20 \$ Dalton	Flip flops, Water	10 SO	234.98			
16.3.20 Police & Crime Commissioner 12/16	2.1	375.00	27.4.20 \$ Dalton	Radio Hire 1 May 20 - 30 Jul 20	19 chq 273	184.87 X			
24.3.20 Donation Salvation Army	6	125.00	15.5.20 Gloucester City Safe		13 chq 274	109.20 X			
1.4.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00	26.5.20 \$ Dalton sal May 2020		10 SO	234.98			
6.4.20 COIF interest	9	2.58	24.6.20 \$ Dalton sal Jun 2020		10 SO	234.98			
22.4.20 Virgin Money	4	25.00	24.7.20 \$ Dalton sal Jul 2020		10 SO	234.98			
29.4.20 Virgin Money (Mr A J Burrows)	4	50.00	24.7.20 Ascension Trust 15% of income, Apr - Jun 20		17 chq 276	114.00 X			
1.5.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00	27.7.20 Access Underwriting Ltd	GSP insurance	18 chq 277	105.60 X			
6.5.20 COIF interest	9	1.81	30.7.20 RC Keasley	Payment of \$ Dalton PAYE to HMRC	10 chq 275	52.80 X			
20.5.20 Virgin Money	4	50.00	24.8.20 \$ Dalton sal Aug 2020		10 SO	234.98			
1.6.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00	24.9.20 \$ Dalton sal Sep 2020		10 SO	234.98			
4.6.20 COIF interest	9	1.40	12.10.20 RC Keasley	Payment of \$ Dalton PAYE to HMRC	10 chq 280	54.60 X			
1.7.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00	22.10.20 Ascension Trust 15% of income, Jul - Sep 20		17 chq 279	118.88			
6.7.20 Police & Crime Commissioner 13/16	2.1	375.00	26.10.20 \$ Dalton sal Oct 2020		10 SO	234.98			
6.7.20 COIF interest	9	1.12	4.11.20 Gloucester City Safe	Radio Hire 1 Aug 20 - 30 Oct 20	13 chq 278	109.20 X			
15.7.20 Virgin Money	4	12.50	11.11.20 Gloucester City Safe	Radio Hire 1 Nov 20 - 31 Jan 21	13 chq 281	109.20 X			
1.8.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00	24.11.20 \$ Dalton sal Nov 2020		10 SO	234.98			
6.8.20 COIF interest	9	0.70	10.12.20 \$ Dalton	4 off on line training with AT	16 chq 282	57.12 X			
1.9.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00	24.12.20 \$ Dalton sal Dec 2020		10 SO	234.98			
2.9.20 Police & Crime Commissioner 14/16	2.1	375.00							
4.9.20 COIF interest	9	0.27							
1.10.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00							
6.10.20 COIF interest	9	0.09							
2.11.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00							
5.11.20 COIF interest	9	0.07							
16.11.20 Ainslie gift	3	100.00							
24.11.20 HMRC JRS (Furlough) grant	5	93.33							
1.12.20 Wenham gift	3	10.00							
2.12.20 Donation Mariners Church	6	500.00							
4.12.20 COIF interest	9	0.07							
21.12.20 Police & Crime Commissioner 15/16	2.1	375.00							
Totals									
		7026.82				4505.45 / 2521.37			
Receipts		3354.20							
Payments		4505.45							
Excess receipts over payments		-1151.25							
Cash in bank		2521.37							