

## **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

Gloucester Street Pastors (Registered Charity No 1175271)  
Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2022</b>			<b>Payments</b>	
Receipt type		£		Payment type		£
2	Grant from Sylvanus Lysons	600.00		10	Salary of administrator	2691.12
2.1	Grant from PCC	2,175.00		11	Use of premises	0.00
3	Regular donations	545.00		12	Admin costs	14.00
4	Miscellaneous donations	175.00		13	Radio rental	436.80
5	HMRC receipts	0.00		14	Mobile phones	10.00
6	Donations from churches and voluntary groups	260.00		15	Uniforms	0.00
7	Grant from Gloucester Police	0.00		16	Training	287.43
8	Contributions from Street Pastors	0.00		17	Acension Trust 15% fee	800.00
9	Investment interest	68.03		18	Insurance	105.60
				19	Supplies	89.64
				20	Publicity banners	0.00
				21	SP Conference	0.00
				22	AGM Costs	0.00
	Excess payments over receipts	611.56				
	<b>4,434.59</b>					<b>4,434.59</b>
	<b>Statement of Funds and Assets</b> for year ended 31 December 2022				<b>Creditors</b> £200.00 owed to The Ascension Trust for the licence fee for quarter 1 Oct - 31 Dec 2022	
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
*	Balance at 1 January 2022	8,585.14				
	Less excess payments for 2022	611.56				
		<b>7,973.58</b>			Ron Keasley Treasurer Gloucester Street Pastors 08 January 2022	
	<b>Assets</b>					
	Bank current account	973.58				
	COIF Charities fund	7,000.00				
		<b>7,973.58</b>				
Notes						
*	Balance at 1 January 2022 made up of					
	Balance b/f @ bank	1,585.14				
	CCLA deposit account	7,000.00				
	Balance at 1 January 2022	8,585.14				