

GSP Chairman's report to 2024 AGM

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

Gloucester Street Pastors (Registered Charity No 1175271)
Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Receipts	2023			Payments	
Receipt type		£		Payment type		£
2	Grant from Sylvanus Lysons	600.00		10	Salary of administrator	3075.68
2.1	Grant from PCC	1,800.00		11	Use of premises	0.00
3	Regular donations	420.00		12	Admin costs	93.50
4	Miscellaneous donations	348.57		13	Radio rental	436.80
5	HMRC receipts	0.00		14	Mobile phones	0.00
6	Donations from churches and voluntary groups	547.63		15	Uniforms	0.00
7	Grant from Gloucester Police	0.00		16	Training	517.13
8	Contributions from Street Pastors	0.00		17	Acension Trust 15% fee	800.00
9	Investment interest	266.66		18	Insurance	105.60
				19	Supplies	230.95
				20	Publicity banners	0.00
				21	SP Conference	0.00
				22	AGM Costs	0.00
	Excess payments over receipts	1,276.80				
	5,259.66					5,259.66
	Statement of Funds and Assets				Creditors	
	for year ended 31 December 2023				£200.00 owed to The Ascension Trust for the licence fee for quarter 1 Oct - 31 Dec 2023	
	Unrestricted Funds					
*	Balance at 1 January 2023	7,973.58				
	Less excess payments for 2023	1,276.80				
		6,696.78			Ron Kasley Treasurer	
					Gloucester Street Pastors	
	Assets				05 January 2023	
	Bank current account	696.78				
	COIF Charities fund	6,000.00				
		6,696.78				
Notes						
* Balance at 1 January 2023 made up of						
Balance b/f @ bank		973.58				
CCLA deposit account		7,000.00				
Balance at 1 January 2023		7,973.58				