

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

Gloucester Street Pastors (Registered Charity No 1175271)
Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Receipts	2024			Payments	
Receipt type		£		Payment type		£
2	Grant from Sylvanus Lysons	800.00		10	Salary of administrator	3671.35
2.1	Grant from PCC	1,800.00		11	Use of premises	0.00
2.2	Other grants	500.00		12	Admin costs	286.00
2.3	Gloucestershire County Council grant	1,250.00		13	Radio rental	436.80
3	Regular donations	420.00		14	Mobile phones	0.00
4	Miscellaneous donations	90.00		15	Uniforms	94.79
5	HMRC receipts	487.52		16	Training	653.73
6	Donations from churches and voluntary groups	280.00		17	Acension Trust 15% fee	1094.50
7	Grant from Gloucester Police	0.00		18	Insurance	105.60
8	Contributions from Street Pastors	625.00		19	Supplies	209.12
9	Investment interest	265.73		20	Publicity banners	0.00
				21	SP Conference	0.00
				22	AGM Costs	0.00
	Excess payments over receipts	33.64				
		6,551.89				6,551.89
					Creditors	
	Statement of Funds and Assets				£200.00 owed to The Ascension Trust for the licence	
	for year ended 31 December 2024				fee for quarter 1 Oct - 31 Dec 2024	
					£28.49 owed to R Kingston for flyers	
					£14.28 owed to R Kingston for online training	
	Unrestricted Funds					
*	Balance at 1 January 2024	6,696.78				
	Less excess payments for 2024	33.64				
		6,663.14			Ron Keasley	
					Treasurer	
	Assets				Gloucester Street Pastors	
	Bank current account	1,663.14			12 January 2025	
	COIF Charities fund	5,000.00				
		6,663.14				
Notes						
*	Balance at 1 January 2024 made up of					
	Balance b/f @ bank	696.78				
	CCLA deposit account	6,000.00				
	Balance at 1 January 2024	6,696.78				