

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1179124

Basingstoke Street Pastors

Annual Report for 2023

Peter Hay: Chair

Trustees' Annual Report for the Period

From: 1st January to 31st December 2023

Section A: Reference and administration details

Charity Name: Basingstoke Street Pastors

Other names charity is known by: BSP

Registered Charity Number: 1179124

Charity's principal address: Hillcot
Hazeley Bottom
Hartley Wintney
Hampshire
RG27 8LU

Names of the Trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of Person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Peter Hay	Chairman		
Paul Gibbons	Treasurer		
Malcolm Murray	Trustee		
Jonathan Pain	Trustee		
Paul Gross	Trustee		
Pauline North	Trustee	12/09/2023 -	

There are no custodians or other trustees other than as declared above.

Names and addresses of advisors:

Barclays Bank 20-05-00

Section B: Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of Governing Document	Constitution
How the Charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO Foundation) registered July 10 th 2018
Trustee selection methods	Trustee selection per criteria in written constitution. Appointed/elected by resolution at General Meetings, ratified at subsequent AGM.

Additional governance issues

Basingstoke Street Pastors comprise a separately registered but licenced local initiative of the Ascension Trust (themselves a registered charity, No 1127204) and who set out high-level policies and guidance and provide advice and support of a general nature.

The Charity's management structure comprises a Management Group, with a team of Trustees supported by advisors (appointed to that role by the Trustees) who may themselves be serving street pastors and bring their operational street experiences into play to inform and advise the Trustees as required or necessary. Management structure and processes/policies are established via a suite of operational documentation, approved by the Trustees, which is reviewed regularly and updated as required. These local documents, together with the constitution, Licence agreement, local GDPR arrangements and other associated documents form the basis of Trustee orientation and training.

Financial risks are identified during each General Meeting, with mitigation measures discussed and put in place accordingly. Operational and night time risks pertinent to all street pastors are identified with the Advisors who form part of the Management Group, as well as various agencies (Police, CCTV operators, venue staff) via radio or directly and BSP team leaders identify appropriate actions to mitigate the risks associated with being part of the night-time economy. A risk register has been implemented and is updated and maintained.

Section C: Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The aim of Basingstoke Street Pastors is to contribute to the night-time economy by providing a service of practical care, listening and helping on the streets of Basingstoke during Friday and Saturday nights, by deploying teams of volunteer Street Pastors drawn from local churches.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken due regard of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

A summary of previous Street Pastor interventions and assistance to members of the public out and about in Basingstoke during the team hours is prepared for each general meeting and the outcomes discussed.

In achieving our aims week by week, BSP continues to care for, listen to and help anyone, of any faith or none, and irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, sex, pregnancy and maternity, and sexual orientation who has need on the Streets of Basingstoke. Our reputation continues to be very positive and, in particular, the Police continue to inform us that they are extremely grateful for our contribution to the night-time economy as they struggle with the impact of spending cuts and staff shortages.

The interventions and help can be summarised as follows:

1. Calming aggressive situations;
2. Supporting vulnerable people in a variety of circumstances;
3. Attending to minor injuries (First Aid Training is given) or, if needed, arranging for ambulance attendance);
4. Organising transport (taxis usually but, occasionally, in private cars) particularly for those deemed especially vulnerable;
5. Provision of practical advice and support where requested, and referral to relevant professional bodies; and
6. Enabling an appropriate response to the many varied situations that occur during the patrol hours on the streets of Basingstoke. For example, enabling the police to deal with the matters they need to, whilst still providing care and support to people as they enjoy their evenings out and find their way home.

Additionally, practical assistance is given to those in need of water, protective footwear (flip-flops in lieu of heels or bare feet) and foil blankets to those who become cold.

Additional information: Funds, investments and contributions by volunteers

All funds except petty cash are held with the nominated bank.

Volunteers and those assisted on the street may make donations, but this is not required. BSP make no general grants as part of their operation.

Section D: Achievements and performance during the period being reported

2023 has seen an increase back to eight teams, meaning that we are now able to serve the Night-Time Economy (NTE) every Friday and Saturday evening again (85 evening patrols, up from 70 in 2022). Most of the other statistics below have remained consistent. The following information represents a summary of the impact these patrols have had over the 12-month period.

Consolidated statistics for January 1st – December 31st 2023

Street Pastor Statistics 2023		Totals	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Evening details:	Evenings	85	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	10
	Number of SPs	276	19	19	22	23	24	21	25	22	23	23	24	31
Situations:	Calming aggressive	72	6	8	8	4	4	14	3	4	6	8	2	5
	Support vulnerable	159	9	15	14	6	19	14	12	14	12	14	9	21
Practical help:	Flip-flops	161	3	18	12	8	15	12	15	14	20	18	8	18
	Water/hot drinks	336	21	23	17	33	32	48	25	28	36	30	9	34
	Wetwipes	131	9	8	13	9	6	26	6	7	37	5	3	2
	First aid	32	1	2	6	2	3	6	1	4	3	0	3	1
	Safety blanket	48	6	3	8	7	6	1	1	5	2	1	2	6
	Bottles/Glass	874	42	54	56	60	90	74	95	74	76	75	69	109
	Transport	16	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	1	1	2	1	1

Section E: Financial review

Charity Reserve Policy:

The Charity has a policy of maintaining a reserve that allows for approximately 6 months of operations, and that in turn equates to £2500 under current conditions.

Funds materially in deficit:

None

Further financial review details:

The Charity receives the majority of its funding from grant assistance, most notably during this reporting period from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight who understands the valuable contribution made by BSP in lowering the level and “temperature” of (potential) issues and disputes so that the Police may themselves concentrate on the key or priority issues that arise. Funding is also available from the various churches involved across and around Basingstoke whose members are involved in BSP.

Members of the public occasionally make donations by way of thanks for assistance given to themselves or relatives and these donations are added to the general funds.

Expenditure primarily comprises items of uniform, plus flip-flops, water, foil blankets, etc., plus a Licence Fee to the Ascension Trust, a contribution to the running costs of utilising the United Reformed Church buildings as a focal and meeting point for the Charity to undertake its core role, and the payment of a part-time administrator.

None of the expenditure in the year has resulted in the acquisition of any items considered to have an asset value.


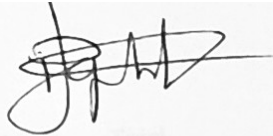
Section F: Other optional information

Basingstoke Street Pastors (The Charity) acknowledge the fact that what has been and is being achieved would not be possible without the dedicated core of volunteers who undergo 40 hours training as part of their induction, and then give up around 7 hours every month to provide support and practical assistance to members of the public.

Section G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Peter Hay	Paul Gibbons
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date:	10 Sept 2024.	10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Examined accounts for the period follow on the next three pages.

Basingstoke Street Pastors
Annual Accounts, Year ended 31st December 2023

Statement of income and expenditure	YTD 2023 £	Full year 2022 £
Income		
Contributions		
Uniforms	-	-
Functions	-	-
Training	-	157.50
Grants	2,500.00	5,000.00
Donations	2,198.05	1,016.64
Interest	-	-
Total Income	4,698.05	6,174.14

Expenditure		
Licence fee	(925.40)	(880.40)
Staff costs	(5,047.26)	(2,482.92)
Uniforms	(76.80)	0.00
Functions	(235.42)	0.00
Provisions	0.00	0.00
Street supplies	(824.96)	(767.25)
Use of premises	(610.00)	0.00
Insurance	(84.00)	(114.00)
Donations	(48.70)	0.00
Misc expenses	(231.42)	(476.24)
Training / conferences	(799.00)	(707.37)
Total expenditure	(8,882.96)	(5,428.18)
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(4,184.91)	745.96

Statement of reserves	Cash £	Current account £	Deposit account £	Total £
Opening balance	0.00	5,325.91	5,909.36	11,235.27
Surplus for the year	0.00	(4,184.91)	56.26	(4,128.65)
Transfer between accounts		0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer between accounts				0.00
Closing balance	-	1,141.00	5,965.62	7,106.62
As per cashbook	-	1,141.00	5,965.62	7,106.62



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

BASINGSTONE STREET PASTORS

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1179124

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below*)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Mark Cogswell

Date:

08/08/24

Name:

MARK COGSWELL HILL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

THERE ARE NO MATTERS OF CONCERN THAT REQUIRE REPORTING