

OKEHAMPTON STREET PASTORS

England & Wales - Charity number 1181119

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-12-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION ARE FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF OKEHAMPTON 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 BY(II) 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: We seek to listen, help and care for people on Saturday nights between 10.00pm and 3.00am in Okehampton. Our volunteers provide assistance where required and help diffuse tensions and anti-social behaviour. All volunteers are DBS checked and go through a comprehensive training programme. We are the Church working alongside the Council and Police in the night time economy.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£779	£1,463	-	-
2024-12-31	£752	£1,559	-	-
2023-12-31	£671	£2,190	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,016	£1,115	-	-
2021-12-31	£132	£1,183	-	-
2020-12-31	£569	£688	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Laura Caroline Bird	Chair	2024-06-12
Amanda Jones		2025-07-17
JULIE YELLAND		2016-07-27
Rev David Spence		2023-06-14

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Annual Report – 01 Jan 2025 to 31 Dec 2025

Prepared by Julie Yelland

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Charity No: 1181119

Principal Address: 21 Brandize Park, Okehampton, Devon EX20 1EQ

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Ms Amanda Jones	17 th July 2025	

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The objectives of Okehampton Street Pastors are for public benefit, in the geographic area of Okehampton, Devon, England and beyond as the Board of 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 Licence Agreement as executed with Ascension Trust in Okehampton as the Board of Trustees may from time to time think fit particularly, but not exclusively, by means of caring, listening and helping people on the streets and at various locations.
- (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.

This is being achieved by

- (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, avoiding anti-social behaviour, relieving sickness and preserving health and by
- (ii) enlightening others about Christianity through raising awareness and understanding of ecclesiastical relevance to community and public life, mobilising 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.

The service offered is available to all regardless of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion. The work is developed with regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the Board of Trustees ensure that all work undertaken is in line with the Organisation's charitable objectives and aims.

Both the initial donation and additional amounts donated since have been under terms which allow the Board of Trustees to either retain the amounts as capital or to spend them. The governing document gives the Board of Trustees the power to apply the funds in such a manner as they think fit for the benefit of their charitable objective or purpose.

Governance and Management

The Governing Document provides for a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 Members on the Trustee Board. Where there is a requirement for new Members, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining Members having due regard to ensuring those with the appropriate level of expertise and knowledge are recruited.

Members of the organisation must subscribe to the mission, goals and values of the Street Pastor Movement, remain active and be willing to participate in and contribute to the work and furtherance of the local Street Pastor initiative.

Being a professing Christian committed to a local Church is a requirement for being a Street Pastor (as permitted under Schedule 9, Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010). Eligibility for Membership is subject to the paragraph above and to a two thirds Christian majority being represented as Members.

The Members are unpaid and details of Member expenses and any related party transactions during the financial year are £0 (2024: £0)

During the financial year, two of our founding Trustees came to the end of their respective terms of office. The Trustees are very grateful for the contributions and commitment of both outgoing Trustees during their time with the Organisation.

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The Chairman is responsible for the induction of any new Members and will make available to each new Member, on or before their first appointment:

- (a) A copy of the current version of the Constitution; and
- (b) A copy of the organisation's latest Annual Report and statement of accounts; and
- (c) A copy of the current version of the Ascension Trust Licence Agreement.

Public Benefit

Okehampton Street Pastors acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or "aims" that are for the public benefit. Details of how the organisation has achieved this are provided in this Annual Report. The Board of Trustees confirm that it has complied with their duty as defined by Section 4 (1) of the Charities Act 2011 and have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers and duties.

Risk Assessment

Okehampton Street Pastors is aware that the activities undertaken are subject to significant risks and therefore review these risks on an on-going basis to ensure adequate systems and procedures are in place. If key objectives are to be achieved, the Trustees accept that the management of risk is inevitable. The risks that have been identified are:

1. Financial - sufficient funds are available to fulfill the aims of the organization.
2. Operational - risks to volunteers
3. Achievement - ensuring our aims and objectives and expectations of supporters are met.

In reviewing these risks, the Trustees ensure:

1. Close monitoring of cash flow and adherence to agreed budgets
2. Regular monitoring of equipment; patrol route; recruitment together with sourcing and implementing training.
3. Regular assessment to ensure existing and new projects conform to the overall objectives of the charity.

Achievements and performance of Okehampton Street Pastors

The team patrols the town centre on a monthly basis between the hours of 10.00pm and 3.00am on a Saturday night. They continue to build up and strengthen the relationships with the pub door staff, mobile food outlets, police and taxi drivers who recognise the work and value of Okehampton Street Pastors.

The Street Pastors had opportunity to engage positively with people of all ages and, while the team would have liked to provide the service during the afternoon and night time, there just aren't enough volunteers currently. It remains an aspiration and there is the potential to recruit specifically for daytime patrols in the future.

There have been 12 patrols during the year. During that time Okehampton Street Pastors spent 300 hours patrolling the streets with Prayer Pastors providing prayer cover. 73 bottles and broken glass have been collected and safely disposed of; 240 lollies; 2 pairs of flip flops, 3 bottles of water, and 2 foil blankets distributed. First aid has been administered; 2 people were accompanied to a place of safety and a rough sleeper referred to Street Link.

While details of conversations held are confidential, examples of the impact the team have had when on patrol include:

- Had many conversations with people who were very appreciative of the work the Street Pastors do on the streets of Okehampton.

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- Helping and caring for someone involved in a motor cycle accident, providing re-assurance and support, together with speaking to the police and CCTV operators
- Responding to someone who had locked themselves out of their flat and lost their keys. The fire brigade were called and, as the individual expressed suicidal ideation, a safeguarding alert was raised with Mental Health Services
- Providing care to a woman who was in a heightened state of agitation. The team listened to her until she calmed down and then, at her partner's request, were able to walk with them to ensure she got home safely.
- Observing a young woman who was very loud and agitated and didn't want any engagement. The team called for prayer back up which resulted in the individual calming down and returning to her friends.
- Many members of the public approached the team over the course of the year to ask questions about faith and share their thoughts and views.

The local police, paramedics and taxi drivers have specifically commented on the peace and calmness that exist on the streets of Okehampton when the Street Pastors are out on patrol. The police have reported that calls to places that are known to attract anti-social behaviour have reduced. This continues to be notable due to the fact that the teams do not deploy every week. The team have had many positive conversations with door staff and members of the public and continue to be warmly welcomed by all.

Okehampton Street Pastors has a representative who sits on West Devon Matters, which is organised by the South Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership. It meets every 10 weeks and is made up of the Sector Inspector and Neighbourhood Team Leader from the Police and is attended by County, Borough and Parish Councillors.

During the year, Okehampton Street Pastors have directly helped, cared for and listened to 336 people and have had a positive impact by their presence. Okehampton Street Pastors did not come across any anti-social incidents during their patrols this year.

Presentations have been made to 3 different organisations highlighting the work of Okehampton Street Pastors. Of the 78 people who attended, all expressed considerable interest in gaining an understanding of how the night time economy works and the value that Street Pastors bring in terms of helping; caring and listening to people in a non-judgemental manner.

Street Pastors are required to undertake Refresher training every 3 years in the Roles and Responsibilities. Two people's training fell due in 2025 and one of those was able to attend. It is to be noted that sourcing this training is getting harder due to existing commitments of the team. When a course becomes available, there is often very little notice which makes it difficult for people to attend. Several of the volunteers took the opportunity to refresh their learning in Drug & Alcohol Awareness; Working with the Police; Listening Skills; Youth Culture; Safeguarding (adults) and Prayer. One Prayer Pastor retired and 3 potential recruits came out as observers throughout the year.

A Commissioning Service was held in February 2025 which coincided with the 8th anniversary of the set-up of Okehampton Street Pastors. 1 Street Pastor and 2 Prayer Pastors were formally welcomed to the team and there was strong support from representatives of many of the churches both within the town and the wider area together with the Mayor of Okehampton and the Deputy Mayor of West Devon Borough Council.

Under the terms of our Licence Agreement Ascension Trust provide the licence, basic insurance, legal advice and a website. This is funded by the local Street Pastor initiative paying a quarterly fee of either £200 or 15% of income, whichever is higher, to Ascension Trust and this was allowed for in our budget.

OSP has its own website: <http://streetpastors.org/locations/okehampton/>

The service that Okehampton Street Pastors provides is available to all who wish to avail themselves of it. Policies include a Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy; General Data Protection Policy; Equality Policy, Health & Safety Policy and a Financial Policy together with a Standard Operating Procedure for working with the Police. All

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policies, together with the Risk Assessment, are reviewed regularly by the Board of Trustees and copies are available on request.

Contributions made by volunteers – The Organisation is very grateful to all its volunteers who provide their time and expertise. Without them, the initiative would not exist. As of 31st December 2025, there are 5 Street Pastors made up of 3 male and 2 female members. They are ably supported by 4 Prayer Pastors made up of 2 male and 2 female members.

Benefit in kind – We are very grateful to Fairplace Church who generously provide storage facilities and a Prayer Base and to Inspiration Church who have offered us the use their building.

Financial review, investment policy and reserves

Okehampton Street Pastors has no permanent endowment, fixed assets or staffing costs. The net incoming resources for the period 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2025, after grants and operational expenses of £1,463 (2024: £1,559) was -£683 (2024: -£807). A draft Budget is presented to Trustees in November for approval and a Fundraising Strategy considered. There are collection tins in the pubs and fund-raising events are held throughout the year together with grant applications submitted. Where invited, Trustees deliver talks to churches and community groups which may result in a donation for the initiative. Principal sources of funding in 2025 were donations from the general public, fundraising activities and one unrestricted grant which was fully expended during 2025.

Reserves - The Trustees have set a Reserves Policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level which ensures the Organisation's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for three months. The Reserves are maintained in a readily realisable form. The calculation of the required level of Reserves forms an integral part of the organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle. Okehampton Street Pastors has General Reserves which it has drawn down to meet unrestricted expenditure and Trustees have exercised extreme prudence in its spending during the financial year. Management accounts are prepared and presented at each Trustee Meeting.

The Policy takes into account:

- a. Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different from that budgeted
- b. Planned activity level
- c. Organisational commitments

Restricted Funding – The charity holds no restricted funds at this time, with all historical funds having been fully expended during 2025.

Future plans

Okehampton Street Pastors will continue to fundraise to ensure sustainability of the work; recruit and train volunteers together with raising the profile of the work of Street Pastors.

Annual Report approved by the Board of Trustees at the AGM and signed on its behalf by:

Julie Yelland

Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

Date: 11th June 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31st December 2025

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	TOTAL	2024
	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS				
General Donations	£579			£184
Restricted Funding		£200		£568
Total Receipts	579	200	779	
EXPENDITURE				
Refreshments	0	28		£0
Patrol Materials	0	0		£20
Training/DBS Checks/Uniforms	172	110		£415
Licence & Registration Fees	800	0		£950
Insurance	93	0		£121
Post/Stationery/Printing	59	0		£54
Publicity	0	0		
Room Hire/Gifts	0	200		
Sundry Expenses	0	0		
Equipment	0	0		
Total Expenditure	1,124	339	1,463	
Net incoming (outgoing) Resources			-683	
Opening Balance - 1st Jan 25			4,855	
Balance c/f at 31st Dec 2025			4,172	

Balance Sheet as at 31st Dec 2025

	£
Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank made up of:	
Unrestricted Funds	4,172
Restricted Funds	0
	4,172
Liabilities:	
Amount falling due within one year	0
	4,172
Amount falling due after one year	0
Net current assets	4,172

Accounts approved by the Board of Trustees at the AGM and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs Barbara Lynne Fortnam	27 th July 2016	
Mrs Laura Caroline Bird	12 th June 2024	Secretary
Mr Timothy Hooper	27 th July 2016	
Mr Barry Stuart Tarr	17 th June 2021 – resigned 12 th June 2024	
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During the financial year, Mr Tarr tendered his resignation at the AGM as he is moving away. Mrs Bailey, one of the founding Trustees, came to the end of her term of office, however, indicated she would be willing to continue to volunteer as the Co-ordinator. The Trustees are very grateful for the contributions and commitment of both

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Achievements and performance of Okehampton Street Pastors

The decision was taken at the beginning of the year to amalgamate the teams into one, patrolling the town centre on a monthly basis between the hours of 10.00pm and 3.00am on a Saturday night. They continue to build up and strengthen the relationships with the pub door staff, mobile food outlets, police and taxi drivers who recognise the work and value of Okehampton Street Pastors.

The Street Pastors had opportunity to engage positively with people of all ages and, while the team would have liked to provide the service during the afternoon and night time, there just aren't enough volunteers currently. It remains an aspiration and there is the potential to recruit specifically for daytime patrols in the future.

There have been 12 patrols during the year. During that time Okehampton Street Pastors spent 315 hours patrolling the streets with Prayer Pastors providing prayer cover. 36 bottles and broken glass have been collected and safely disposed of; 148 lollies; 20 pairs of flip flops, 16 bottles of water, 2 lightweight waterproof ponchos and 1 space blanket distributed. First aid has been administered; 3 people were accompanied to a place of safety and a rough sleeper referred to Street Link.

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While details of conversations held are confidential, examples of the impact the team have had when on patrol include:

- Had many conversations with people who were very appreciative of the work the Street Pastors do on the streets of Okehampton.
- Helping and caring for a gentleman who had just fallen. He accepted help to sit up and allowed us to administer first aid to a graze on his elbow. He was able to stand with help, and was accompanied home with a member of the Team providing an arm for support.
- Provided a listening ear to a man who had just suffered a close bereavement and said that he was suffering from Mental Health problems.
- Providing care to a woman who had lost someone close to her and was in a vulnerable condition and very distressed. The team were able to walk with her to ensure she got home safely.
- Witnessing a scuffle which was threatening to escalate to a full on fight involving many people. The Street Pastors called in prayer support and the situation diffused and calmed down very quickly.
- Provided care to a man who had fallen and cut his head while waiting for the emergency services that had been called by others.
- Being invited to intervene in an altercation between a couple by a member of the public. The Prayer Pastors were alerted and the situation calmed down with people dispersing.

The local police, paramedics and taxi drivers have specifically commented on the peace and calmness that exist on the streets of Okehampton when the Street Pastors are out on patrol. The police have reported that calls to places that are known to attract anti-social behaviour have reduced. This continues to be notable due to the fact that the teams do not deploy every week. The team have had many positive conversations with door staff and members of the public and continue to be warmly welcomed by all.

Okehampton Street Pastors has a representative who sits on West Devon Matters, which is organised by the South Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership. It meets every 10 weeks and is made up of the Sector Inspector and Neighbourhood Team Leader from the Police and is attended by County, Borough and Parish Councillors.

During the year, Okehampton Street Pastors have directly helped, cared for and listened to 368 people and have had a positive impact by their presence at 5 anti-social incidents.

Presentations have been made to 3 different organisations highlighting the work of Okehampton Street Pastors. Of the 112 people who attended, all expressed considerable interest in gaining an understanding of how the night time economy works and the value that Street Pastors bring in terms of helping; caring and listening to people in a non-judgemental manner.

Street Pastors are required to undertake Refresher training every 3 years in the Roles and Responsibilities. Two people's training fell due in 2024 and this was carried out. Several of the volunteers took the opportunity to refresh their learning in Drug & Alcohol Awareness; Good News and Youth Culture and attended the training delivered by Exeter Street Pastors. There was one new Street Pastor recruited to the team in 2024 who went through the Core and Mental Health & Diversity training offered in Exeter.

Under the terms of our Licence Agreement Ascension Trust provide the licence, basic insurance, legal advice and a website. This is funded by the local Street Pastor initiative paying a quarterly fee of either £200 or 15% of income, whichever is higher, to Ascension Trust and this was allowed for in our budget.

OSP has its own website: <http://streetpastors.org/locations/okehampton/>

The service that Okehampton Street Pastors provides is available to all who wish to avail themselves of it. Policies include a Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy; General Data Protection Policy; Equality Policy, Health & Safety Policy and a Financial Policy together with a Standard Operating Procedure for working with the Police. All policies, together with the Risk Assessment, are reviewed regularly by the Board of Trustees and copies are available on request.

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Contributions made by volunteers – The Organisation is very grateful to all its volunteers who provide their time and expertise. Without them, the initiative would not exist. As of 31st December 2024, there are 5 Street Pastors made up of 3 male and 2 female members. They are ably supported by 4 Prayer Pastors made up of 2 male and 2 female members. During the course of the year, one of our Street Pastors changed roles and joined the Prayer Pastor team.

Benefit in kind – Storage facilities and a Prayer Base are very kindly provided free of charge by Fairplace Church.

Financial review, investment policy and reserves

Okehampton Street Pastors has no permanent endowment, fixed assets or staffing costs. The net incoming resources for the period 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2024, after grants and operational expenses of £1,559 (2023: £2,190) was -£807 (2023: -£1,519). A draft Budget is presented to Trustees in November for approval and a Fundraising Strategy considered. There are collection tins in the pubs and fund-raising events are held throughout the year. Where invited, Trustees deliver talks to churches and community groups which may result in a donation for the initiative. Principal sources of funding in 2024 were donations from the general public, fundraising activities and 2 grants which were restricted in their purpose.

Reserves - The Trustees have set a Reserves Policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level which ensures the Organisation's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for three months. The Reserves are maintained in a readily realisable form. The calculation of the required level of Reserves forms an integral part of the organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle. Okehampton Street Pastors has General Reserves which it has drawn down to meet unrestricted expenditure and Trustees have exercised extreme prudence in its spending during the financial year. Management accounts are prepared and presented at each Trustee Meeting.

The Policy takes into account:

- a. Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different from that budgeted
- b. Planned activity level
- c. Organisational commitments

Restricted Funding - A grant was received from Devon County Councillor Samuel's Locality Budget in the sum of £300. The purpose of the grant was to enable DBS checks to be carried out; ID cards obtained; Street Materials purchased and essential training costs met. The grant period covers 1 April 2024 to 31st March 2025 and all but £20.88 were expended as of 31st December 2024. A grant was received from West Devon Borough Councillor George Dexter's Locality Budget in the sum of £268. The purpose of this grant was to cover the costs of the annual insurance and subscription to a qualified Safeguarding body. The grant was fully expended during the financial year. The charity holds a Restricted Reserve of £300 from non-time limited grants given in previous financial years.

Future plans

Okehampton Street Pastors will continue to fundraise to ensure sustainability of the work; recruit and train volunteers together with raising the profile of the work of Street Pastors.

Annual Report approved by the Board of Trustees at the AGM and signed on its behalf by:

Julie Yelland

Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

Date: 12th June 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31st December 2024

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	TOTAL	
	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS				
General Donations	£184			£401
Restricted Funding		£568		£250
Total Receipts	184	568	752	
EXPENDITURE				
Refreshments				£0
Patrol Materials		20		£253
Training/DBS Checks/Uniforms	55	359		£305
Licence & Registration Fees	803	147		£1,451
Insurance		121		£121
Post/Stationery/Printing	54			£59
Total Expenditure	912	647	1,559	
Net incoming (outgoing) Resources			-807	
Opening Balance - 1st Jan 24			5,662	
Balance c/f at 31st Dec 2024			4,855	

Balance Sheet as at 31st Dec 2024

	£
Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank made up of:	
Unrestricted Funds	4,534
Restricted Funds	321
	4,855
Liabilities:	
Amount falling due within one year	0
	4,855
Amount falling due after one year	0
Net current assets	4,855

Accounts approved by the Board of Trustees at the AGM and signed on its behalf by:

Julie Yelland
Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

David Spence
Rev David Spence (Treasurer)

Date: 12th June 2025

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OKEHAMPTON STREET PASTORS

Annual Report – 01 Jan 2023 to 31 Dec 2023

Prepared by Julie Yelland

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Organisation Name: Okehampton Street Pastors

Charity No: 1181119

Principal Address: 21 Brandize Park, Okehampton, Devon EX20 1EQ

Financial Year: 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Trustees:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Appointment</i>	<i>Office</i>
Mrs Julie Yelland	27 th July 2016	Chairman
Mrs Juliana Elizabeth Bailey	27 th July 2016	
Mrs Barbara Lynne Fortnam	27 th July 2016	Treasurer until 13 th Sep 2023
Mrs Laura Caroline Bird	27 th July 2016 – resigned 14 th June 2023	
Mr Timothy Hooper	27 th July 2016	
Mr Barry Stuart Tarr	17 th June 2021	
Rev David Spence	14 th June 2023	Treasurer from 13 th Sep 2023

The organisation is controlled by a Board of Trustees who are appointed by a Resolution raised and approved by a majority of the existing Trustees.

Professional Advisers:

Bankers: NatWest Bank, Bedford Square, Tavistock, Devon PL19 0AQ

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023

The Board of Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out above.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014.

History, Objectives and Activities of Okehampton Street Pastors

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As a Local Initiative of the Global Street Pastor Movement, our mission is to engage, train and mobilise Christian volunteers from different churches, to be relevant in public life as salt and light addressing issues of vulnerability and social exclusion through the principle of caring, listening and helping people. We work in partnership with the police, local authorities and other voluntary organisations to achieve our goals and attain greater social cohesion in our community in line with our objectives.

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The objectives of Okehampton Street Pastors are for public benefit, in the geographic area of Okehampton, Devon, England and beyond as the Board of 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 Licence Agreement as executed with Ascension Trust in Okehampton as the Board of Trustees may from time to time think fit particularly, but not exclusively, by means of caring, listening and helping people on the streets and at various locations.
- (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.

This is being achieved by

- (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, avoiding anti-social behaviour, relieving sickness and preserving health and by
- (ii) enlightening others about Christianity through raising awareness and understanding of ecclesiastical relevance to community and public life, mobilising 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.

The service offered is available to all regardless of race, gender, disability or religion. The work is developed with regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the Board of Trustees ensure that all work undertaken is in line with the Organisation's charitable objectives and aims.

Both the initial donation and additional amounts donated since have been under terms which allow the Board of Trustees to either retain the amounts as capital or to spend them. The governing document gives the Board of Trustees the power to apply the funds in such a manner as they think fit for the benefit of their charitable objective or purpose.

Governance and Management

The Governing Document provides for a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 Members on the Trustee Board. Where there is a requirement for new Members, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining Members having due regard to ensuring those with the appropriate level of expertise and knowledge are recruited.

Members of the organisation must subscribe to the mission, goals and values of the Street Pastor Movement, remain active and be willing to participate in and contribute to the work and furtherance of the local Street Pastor initiative.

Being a professing Christian committed to a local Church is a requirement for being a Street Pastor (as permitted under Schedule 9, Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010). Eligibility for Membership is subject to the paragraph above and to a two thirds Christian majority being represented as Members.

The Members are unpaid and details of Member expenses and any related party transactions during the financial year are £0 (2023: £0)

During the financial year, Mrs Bird tendered her resignation at the AGM for personal reasons, however, very kindly offered to carry out the role of Secretary to the Organisation. Trustees welcomed Rev David Spence from St Peter's Church, North Tawton as a new Trustee. Mrs Fortnam indicated that she wished to step down as Treasurer and Rev Spence agreed to take the role on, together with becoming the Prayer Co-ordinator.

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The Chairman is responsible for the induction of any new Members and will make available to each new Member, on or before their first appointment:

- (a) A copy of the current version of the Constitution; and
- (b) A copy of the organisation's latest Annual Report and statement of accounts; and
- (c) A copy of the current version of the Ascension Trust Licence Agreement.

Public Benefit

Okehampton Street Pastors acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or "aims" that are for the public benefit. Details of how the organisation has achieved this are provided in this Annual Report. The Board of Trustees confirm that it has complied with their duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers and duties.

Risk Assessment

Okehampton Street Pastors is aware that the activities undertaken are subject to significant risks and therefore review these risks on an on-going basis to ensure adequate systems and procedures are in place. If key objectives are to be achieved, the Trustees accept that the management of risk is inevitable. The risks that have been identified are:

1. Financial - sufficient funds are available to fulfill the aims of the organization.
2. Operational - risks to volunteers
3. Achievement - ensuring our aims and objectives and expectations of supporters are met.

In reviewing these risks, the Trustees ensure:

1. Close monitoring of cash flow and adherence to agreed budgets
2. Regular monitoring of equipment; patrol route; recruitment together with sourcing and implementing training.
3. Regular assessment to ensure existing and new projects conform to the overall objectives of the charity.

Achievements and performance of Okehampton Street Pastors

The decision was taken at the beginning of the year to amalgamate the teams into one, patrolling the town centre on a monthly basis between the hours of 10.00pm and 3.00am on a Saturday night. They continue to build up and strengthen the relationships with the pub door staff, mobile food outlets, police and taxi drivers who recognise the work and value of Okehampton Street Pastors.

The Street Pastors had opportunity to engage positively with people of all ages and, while the team would have liked to provide the service during the afternoon and night time, there just aren't enough volunteers currently. It remains an aspiration and there is the potential to recruit specifically for daytime patrols in the future.

There have been 12 patrols during the year. During that time Okehampton Street Pastors spent 313 hours patrolling the streets with Prayer Pastors providing prayer cover. 50 bottles and broken glass have been collected and safely disposed of; 303 lollies; 10 pairs of flip flops, 9 bottles of water and 4 space blankets distributed, and a homeless person referred to Street Link. 2 people were accompanied to a place of safety.

While details of conversations held are confidential, examples of the impact the team have had when on patrol include:

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- An individual becoming very agitated outside one of the pubs. Prayer Pastors started to pray and the person immediately calmed down.
- Listened to a couple of young women, one of whom was pregnant, who were begging. It transpired they were in temporary emergency accommodation and they wanted to talk. The team gave them a foil blanket each and listened to them. While they were clearly vulnerable, they were known to the authorities and getting support.
- Somebody fell through a shop window and, while he wasn't seriously injured, there were shards of glass hanging down that would have done a lot of damage. The team moved him out of the way just in time and stayed and provided re-assurance and support until the emergency services arrived. The Street Pastors swept up and disposed of the glass to avoid any further accidents.
- A group of 3 men pushing and fighting. Prayer Pastors started to pray and one of the men walked away. This served to diffuse the situation and things settled down very quickly.
- Helped a member of the public who couldn't stand due to the alcohol and drugs he had consumed. A family member was called and the team remained with him until his lift arrived to pick him up and take him home.
- Re-uniting a lost mobile phone & driving licence with its owner.
- Spent some time with a man who had bedded down in doorway. He said he was homeless and, with his consent, made a referral to both the Police and Street Link.
- Had many conversations with people who were very appreciative of the work the Street Pastors do on the streets of Okehampton.

The local police, paramedics and taxi drivers have specifically commented on the peace and calmness that exist on the streets of Okehampton when the Street Pastors are out on patrol. The police have reported that calls to places that are known to attract anti-social behaviour have reduced. This continues to be notable due to the fact that the teams do not deploy every week. The team have had many positive conversations with door staff and members of the public and continue to be warmly welcomed by all.

A Trustee has been appointed to sit on West Devon Matters, which is organised by the South Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership. It meets every 10 weeks and is made up of the Sector Inspector and Neighbourhood Team Leader from the Police and is attended by County, Borough and Parish Councillors.

During the year, Okehampton Street Pastors have directly helped, cared for and listened to 329 people and have had a positive impact by their presence at 4 anti-social incidents.

An "Away Day" was held in September to which all Trustees, Street and Prayer Pastors were invited. The purpose was to spend some time together in a restful, relaxing environment having food, fun and fellowship. The opportunity was taken to explore what the initiative does well and what could be done better. It was very well supported with lots of enthusiastic and positive contributions which Trustees will use to inform their strategic decisions going forward.

Members of the Trustee Board have spoken at 3 different events to 129 people highlighting the work of Okehampton Street Pastors. Those who attended expressed considerable interest in gaining an understanding of how the night time economy works and the value that Street Pastors bring in terms of helping; caring and listening to people in a non-judgemental manner. A Certificate of Recognition was awarded to Okehampton Street Pastors for "their dedicated and inspirational support of the community" by Okehampton Rotary Club which was very much appreciated.

All Street Pastors underwent Refresher Training during the year in "Safeguarding".

Under the terms of our Licence Agreement Ascension Trust provide the licence, basic insurance, legal advice and a website. This is funded by the local Street Pastor initiative paying a quarterly fee to Ascension Trust and this was allowed for in our budget.

OSP has its own website: <http://streetpastors.org/locations/okehampton/>

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The service that Okehampton Street Pastors provides is available to all who wish to avail themselves of it. There are many policies including a Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy; General Data Protection Policy; Equality Policy, Health & Safety Policy and a Financial Policy together with a Standard Operating Procedure for working with the Police. All policies are reviewed annually and copies are available on request.

Contributions made by volunteers – The Organisation is very grateful to all its volunteers who provide their time and expertise. Without them, the initiative would not exist. As of 31st December 2023, there are 5 Street Pastors made up of 3 male and 2 female members. They are ably supported by 4 Prayer Pastors made up of 1 male and 3 female members. During the course of the year, we bid farewell to one of our Street Pastors who retired.

Benefit in kind – Storage facilities and a Prayer Base are very kindly provided free of charge by Fairplace Church.

Financial review, investment policy and reserves

Okehampton Street Pastors has no permanent endowment or fixed assets. The net incoming resources for the period 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2023, after grants and operational expenses of £2,190 (2022: £1,115) was -£1,519 (2022: -£99). A draft Budget is presented to Trustees in November for approval and a Fundraising Strategy considered. There are collection tins in the pubs and fund-raising events are held throughout the year. Where invited, Trustees deliver talks to churches and community groups which may result in a donation for the initiative. Principal sources of funding in 2023 - Donations from the general public, fundraising activities and a grant that was part restricted and part for general use.

Reserves - The Trustees have set a Reserves Policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level which ensures the Organisation's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for three months. The Reserves are maintained in a readily realisable form. The calculation of the required level of Reserves forms an integral part of the organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle. Okehampton Street Pastors has General Reserves which it has drawn down to meet unrestricted expenditure and Trustees have exercised extreme prudence in its spending during the financial year. Management accounts are prepared and presented at each Trustee Meeting

The Policy takes into account:

- a. Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different from that budgeted
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Restricted Funding - A grant was received via Okehampton Rotary Club in the sum of £300. £250 of this was restricted for the replacement of the ear pieces in the radios and was fully expended during the financial year. The balance of £50 is available to be used at the charity's discretion. The charity holds a Restricted Reserve of £404 from non-time limited grants given in previous financial years which is restricted to meeting the costs of patrols including street materials.

Future plans

Okehampton Street Pastors will continue to fundraise to ensure sustainability of the work; recruit and train volunteers together with raising the profile of the work of Street Pastors.

Annual Report approved by the Board of Trustees at the AGM and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

Date: 12th June 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31st December 2023

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	TOTAL	
	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS				2022
General Donations	£422			
Restricted Funding		£250		
Total Receipts	422	250	671	£1,016
EXPENDITURE				
Refreshments				
Patrol Materials		253		£48
Training/DBS Checks/Uniforms	305			£344
Licence & Registration Fees	1,451			£576
Insurance	121			£121
Post/Stationery/Printing	59			£25
Publicity				
Room Hire/Gifts				
Sundry Expenses				
Equipment				
Total Expenditure	1,937	253	2,190	
Net incoming (outgoing) Resources			-1,519	
Opening Balance - 1st Jan 23			7,181	
Balance c/f at 31st Dec 2023			5,662	

Balance Sheet as at 31st Dec 2023

	£
Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank made up of:	
Unrestricted Funds	5,258
Restricted Funds	404
	5,662
Liabilities:	
Amount falling due within one year	0
	5,662
Amount falling due after one year	0
	5,662
Net current assets	5,662

Accounts approved by the Board of Trustees at the AGM and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

Rev David Spence (Treasurer)

Date: 12th June 2024

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Annual Report – 01 Jan 2022 to 31 Dec 2022

Prepared by Julie Yelland

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Annual Report - 2022

<u>Organisation Name:</u>	Okehampton Street Pastors
<u>Charity No:</u>	1181119
<u>Principal Address:</u>	21 Brandize Park, Okehampton, Devon EX20 1EQ
<u>Financial Year:</u>	1 st January 2022 to 31 st December 2022

Trustees:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Appointment</i>	<i>Office</i>
Mrs Julie Yelland	27 th July 2016	Chairman
Mrs Juliana Elizabeth Bailey	27 th July 2016	Secretary
Mrs Barbara Lynne Fortnam	27 th July 2016	Treasurer
Mrs Laura Caroline Bird	27 th July 2016	
Mr Timothy Hooper	27 th July 2016	
Mr Barry Stuart Tarr	17 th June 2021	

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31st December 2022

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Risk Assessment

Okehampton Street Pastors is aware that the activities undertaken are subject to significant risks and therefore review these risks on an on-going basis to ensure adequate systems and procedures are in place. If key objectives are to be achieved, the Trustees accept that the management of risk is inevitable. The risks that have been identified are:

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In reviewing these risks, the Trustees ensure:

1. Close monitoring of cash flow and adherence to agreed budgets
2. Regular monitoring of equipment; patrol route; reviewing and implementing training.
3. Regular assessment to ensure existing and new projects conform to the overall objectives of the charity.

Achievements and performance of Okehampton Street Pastors

The volunteers worked over two mixed gender teams and patrolled the town centre twice a month between the hours of 10.00pm and 3.00am on a Saturday night. They continued to build up and strengthen the relationships with the pub door staff, mobile food outlets and taxi drivers who recognise the work and value of Okehampton Street Pastors.

The Street Pastors had opportunity to engage positively with people of all ages and, while the team would have liked to provide the service during the afternoon and night time, there just aren't enough volunteers currently. It remains an aspiration and there is the potential to recruit specifically for daytime patrols in the future.

There have been 21 patrols during the year. During that time Okehampton Street Pastors spent 513 hours patrolling the streets with Prayer Pastors providing prayer cover. 141 bottles and broken glass have been collected and safely disposed of; 452 lollies; 30 pairs of flip flops, 17 bottles of water and 3 space blankets distributed, First Aid applied to 5 people and the emergency services called twice. 3 people were accompanied to a place of safety.

While details of conversations held are confidential, examples of the impact the team have had when on patrol include:

- A woman sat on the ground with some passers by supporting her. She was unable to give her name or say who she was with. The Prayer Pastors prayed and, within a few minutes, the woman's husband arrived and took her home.
- Assisted the Police and shared information regarding a missing person with door staff.

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- Provided first aid and called an ambulance for a man who was unconscious and whose breathing was impaired. He was found lying between two vehicles on a very cold night so could easily have been missed and not found until the morning. He may not have survived the night.
- Responded to a call for help when a young girl was attacked with a glass bottle. Stayed with her and provided re-assurance until the police and paramedics arrived.
- An observer came out with the team one night and made the following comment on social media: *"Many thanks to Okehampton's Street Pastors for allowing me to observe, closely, their community patrol last night. As a highly organised voluntary team they walk stealthily into the wee hours of the night giving reassurance to anyone in need of care. They quietly clear dangerous glass and bottles from the streets, whilst quelling rowdy groups with sweet lollypops and a smile. Ladies with wobbly or lost heels are offered safer walking flip flops, and those the worst for wear given a plastic bottle of water to cleanse their palate. Without prejudice, barter or command they passively assist in reducing stress on late night alcohol fuelled streets. They're a Christian group that pray for all involved before the night ahead, however do not promote their faith during their patrol. For me, as Parent to a late Teen, I feel reassured that there are around 270 of these teams in England, let alone globally. Thank you Street Pastors!"*
- Provided a listening ear and first aid to someone who had recently been bereaved.
- Supported a man who became very agitated when he couldn't get a taxi immediately. The team sent in a prayer request and one arrived within a couple of minutes. The man was very pleased.

The local police and the taxi drivers have specifically commented on the peace and calmness that exist on the streets of Okehampton when the Street Pastors are out on patrol. The police have reported that calls to places that are known to attract anti-social behaviour have reduced. This continues to be notable due to the fact that the teams do not deploy every week. The team have had many positive conversations with door staff and members of the public and continue to be warmly welcomed by all.

During the year, Okehampton Street Pastors have directly helped, cared for and listened to 704 people and have had a positive impact by their presence at 6 anti-social incidents.

Members of the Trustee Board have spoken at 9 different events to 318 people highlighting the work of Okehampton Street Pastors. Those who attended expressed considerable interest in gaining an understanding of how the night time economy works and the value that Street Pastors bring in terms of helping; caring and listening to people in a non-judgemental manner.

All Street Pastors underwent Refresher Training during the year in "Safety on the Streets" which is delivered by Ascension Trust.

Under the terms of our Licence Agreement Ascension Trust provide the licence, basic insurance, legal advice and a website. This is funded by the local Street Pastor initiative paying a quarterly fee to Ascension Trust and this was allowed for in our budget.

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The service that Okehampton Street Pastors provides is available to all who wish to avail themselves of it. There is a Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy; a General Data Protection Policy; an Equality Policy, a Health & Safety Policy and a Financial Policy together with a Standard Operating Procedure for working with the Police. All policies are reviewed annually and copies are available on request.

Contributions made by volunteers – The Organisation is very grateful to all its volunteers who provide their time and expertise. As of 31st December 2022, there are 7 Street Pastors made up of 4 male and 3 female members. They are ably supported by 4 Prayer Pastors made up of 1 male and 3 female members.

Benefit in kind – Storage facilities and a Prayer Base are very kindly provided free of charge by Fairplace Church.

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Financial review, investment policy and reserves

Okehampton Street Pastors has no permanent endowment or fixed assets. The net incoming resources for the period 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2022, after grants and operational expenses of £1,115 (2021: £1,183) was -£99 (2021: -£1,051). A draft Budget is presented to Trustees in November for approval and a Fundraising Strategy considered. There are collection tins in the pubs and fund-raising events are held throughout the year. Trustees deliver talks to churches and community groups which may result in a donation for the initiative.

Okehampton Street Pastors has general reserves which it has drawn down to meet expenditure not covered by restricted funding and has exercised extreme prudence in its spending during the financial year.

Principal sources of funding in 2022:

1. Donations from the general public, fundraising activities and a grant for general use

Reserves - The Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level which ensures the organisation's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for three months. The reserves are maintained in a readily realisable form. The calculation of the required level of reserves forms an integral part of the organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle.

It takes into account:

- a. Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different from that budgeted
- b. Planned activity level
- c. Organisation's commitments

2. Restricted Funding

A grant was received via the West Devon Borough Council Localities Fund in the sum of £300. This was restricted for recruitment, equipping, training and insuring Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors and was fully expended during the financial year. The charity holds a separate reserve of £412 from a non-time limited grant given in a previous financial year which is restricted to direct patrol costs.

Future plans

Okehampton Street Pastors will continue to fundraise to ensure sustainability of the work; recruit and train volunteers together with raising the profile of the work of Street Pastors.

Annual Report approved by the Board of Trustees at the AGM and signed on its behalf by:

Julie Yelland

Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

Date: 14th June 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31st December 2022

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	TOTAL	2021
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	
General Donations	£716			£132
Restricted Funding		£300		
Total Receipts	716	300	1,016	
EXPENDITURE				
Refreshments		0		
Patrol Materials		48		£97
Training/DBS Checks/Uniforms	166	179		£252
Licence & Registration Fees	576	0		£670
Insurance	0	121		£149
Post/Stationery/Printing	25	0		
Publicity	0	0		
Room Hire/Gifts	0	0		
Sundry Expenses	0	0		£16
Equipment	0	0		
Total Expenditure	767	348	1,115	
Net incoming (outgoing) Resources			-99	
Opening Balance - 1st Jan 22			7,280	
Balance c/f at 31st Dec 2022			7,181	

Balance Sheet as at 31st Dec 2022

	£
Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank made up of:	
Unrestricted Funds	6,768
Restricted Funds	412
	7,181
Liabilities:	
Amount falling due within one year	0
	7,181
Amount falling due after one year	0
Net current assets	7,181

Accounts approved by the Board of Trustees at the AGM and signed on its behalf by:

Julie Yelland
Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

Barbara Fortnam
Mrs Barbara Fortnam (Treasurer)

14th June 2023
Date

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Prepared by Julie Yelland

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Annual Report - 2021

Organisation Name: Okehampton Street Pastors

Charity No: 1181119

Principal Address: 21 Brandize Park, Okehampton, Devon EX20 1EQ

Financial Year: 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

Trustees:

Name	Office
Mrs Julie Yelland	Chairman (appointed 27 July 2016)
Mrs Juliana Elizabeth Bailey	Secretary (appointed 27 July 2016)
Mrs Barbara Lynne Fortnam	Treasurer (appointed 27 July 2016)
Mrs Laura Caroline Bird	(appointed 27 July 2016)
Ms Susan Ann Eckles	(appointed 27 July 2016/Resigned 5 August 2021)
Mr Timothy Hooper	(appointed 27 July 2016)
Mr Barry Stuart Tarr	(appointed 17 th June 2021)

The organisation is controlled by a Board of Trustees who are appointed by a Resolution raised and approved by a majority of the existing Trustees.

Professional Advisers:

Bankers: NatWest Bank, Bedford Square, Tavistock, Devon PL19 0AQ

Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31st December 2021

The Board of Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out above.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014.

History, Objectives and Activities of Okehampton Street Pastors

Okehampton Street Pastors was constituted on 27th July 2016 and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in December 2018. This Annual Report covers the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021. The Street Pastors are licensed by Ascension Trust, a charity registered in England and Wales, No: 1127204 and company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, No. 06751712. Ascension Trust is the registered owner of the Street Pastors Trademark and its trading arm, Ascension Commercial Ltd (ACom) No. 7586400, with the registered address of Alpha House, 158 Garth Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 4TQ. Ascension Trust operates as the umbrella organisation to the Street Pastor Movement.

As a Local Initiative of the Global Street Pastor Movement, our mission is to engage, train and mobilise Christian volunteers from different churches, to be relevant in public life as salt and light addressing issues of vulnerability and social exclusion through the principle of caring, listening and helping people. We work in partnership with the police,

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local authorities and other voluntary organisations to achieve our goals and attain greater social cohesion in our community in line with our objectives.

The objectives of Okehampton Street Pastors are for public benefit, in the geographic area of Okehampton, Devon, England and beyond as the Board of 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 Licence Agreement as executed with Ascension Trust in Okehampton as the Board of Trustees may from time to time think fit particularly, but not exclusively, by means of caring, listening and helping people on the streets and at various locations.
- (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.

This is being achieved by

- (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, avoiding anti-social behaviour, relieving sickness and preserving health and by
- (ii) enlightening others about Christianity through raising awareness and understanding of ecclesiastical relevance to community and public life, mobilising 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.

The service offered is available to all regardless of race, gender, disability or religion. The work is developed with regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the Board of Trustees ensure that all work undertaken is in line with the Organisation's charitable objectives and aims.

Both the initial donation and additional amounts donated since have been under terms which allow the Board of Trustees to either retain the amounts as capital or to spend them. The governing document gives the Board of Trustees the power to apply the funds in such a manner as they think fit for the benefit of their charitable objective or purpose.

Governance and Management

The Governing Document provides for a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 Members on the Trustee Board. Where there is a requirement for new Members, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining Members having due regard to ensuring those with the appropriate skills and knowledge are recruited.

Members of the organisation must subscribe to the mission, goals and values of the Street Pastor Movement, remain active and be willing to participate in and contribute to the work and furtherance of the local Street Pastor initiative.

Being a professing Christian committed to a local Church is a requirement for being a Street Pastor (as permitted under Schedule 9, Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010). Eligibility for Membership is subject to the paragraph above and to a two thirds Christian majority being represented as Members.

The Members are unpaid and details of Member expenses and any related party transactions during the financial year are £0 (2020: £0)

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The Chairman is responsible for the induction of any new Members and will make available to each new Member, on or before their first appointment:

- (a) A copy of the current version of the Constitution; and
- (b) A copy of the organisation's latest Annual Report and statement of accounts; and
- (c) A copy of the current version of the Ascension Trust Licence Agreement.

Public Benefit

Okehampton Street Pastors acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or "aims" that are for the public benefit. Details of how the organisation has achieved this are provided in this Annual Report. The Board of Trustees confirm that it has complied with their duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers and duties.

Risk Assessment

Okehampton Street Pastors is aware that the activities undertaken are subject to significant risks and therefore review these risks on an on-going basis to ensure adequate systems and procedures are in place. If key objectives are to be achieved, the Trustees accept that the management of risk is inevitable. The risks that have been identified are:

1. Financial - sufficient funds are available to fulfill the aims of the organization.
2. Operational - risks to volunteers
3. Achievement - ensuring our aims and objectives and expectations of supporters are met.

In reviewing these risks, the Trustees ensure:

1. Close monitoring of cash flow and adherence to agreed budgets
2. Regular monitoring of equipment; patrol route; reviewing and implementing training.
3. Regular assessment to ensure existing and new projects conform to the overall objectives of the charity.

Achievements and performance of Okehampton Street Pastors

The ability of Okehampton Street Pastors to deliver a service was significantly curtailed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Decisions of where and when to patrol took into account the national guidelines; level of risk to the volunteers; availability of patrol base and evidence of need. The risk assessment was updated which was circulated to all volunteers.

As the rules relaxed, patrols re-commenced in June 2021 – initially during the later afternoon, and then returning to night time. The volunteers worked over two mixed gender teams and patrolled the town centre twice a month between the hours of 10.00pm and 3.00am on a Saturday night. They continued to build up and strengthen the relationships with the pub door staff, mobile food outlets and taxi drivers who recognise the work and value of Okehampton Street Pastors. We said a sad farewell to two of our volunteers who both left for personal reasons and welcomed a new Street Pastor who transferred in to the team from another area.

During the afternoon patrols, the Street Pastors had opportunity to engage with young people in Simmons Park which was positive. While the team would have liked to have continued to provide the service during the afternoon and night time, there just aren't enough volunteers currently. It remains an aspiration and there is the potential to recruit specifically for daytime patrols in the future.

There have been 15 patrols during the year. During that time Okehampton Street Pastors spent 267 hours patrolling the streets with Prayer Pastors providing prayer cover. 110 bottles and broken glass have been collected and safely

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disposed of; 179 lollies; 10 pairs of flip flops, 21 bottles of water and 1 space blanket distributed and help offered to a rough sleeper who was referred for homelessness support and two people accompanied to a place of safety.

While details of conversations held are confidential, examples of the impact the team have when on patrol include:

- A conversation with someone who appeared to be homeless. The person was referred into Street Link which is an organisation that exists to help end rough sleeping by enabling members of the public to connect people sleeping rough with the local services that can support them.
- Clearing up where people had gone through bags of clothes that had been donated to one of the charity shops and left outside the front door. The team picked up the clothes, re-bagged them and took them around the back of the building to the backdoor.
- Listening to a man who wished to talk about his views on spirituality and the world.
- Looking after a drunk man who had been abandoned by his friends. The team put a space blanket around his shoulders to keep him warm and stayed with him until someone came to pick him up.
- A taxi driver was concerned about the well-being of a woman and asked the team to talk to her. The lady was very distressed and didn't want to engage with the team. The volunteers stepped back and radioed the Prayer Pastors for prayer support. After a few minutes, the woman's husband arrived to take her home.

The local police and the taxi drivers have specifically commented on the peace and calmness that exist on the streets of Okehampton when the Street Pastors are out on patrol. The police have reported that calls to places that are known to attract anti-social behaviour have reduced. This continues to be notable due to the fact that the teams do not deploy every week. The team have had many positive conversations with door staff and members of the public and continue to be warmly welcomed by all.

During the year, Okehampton Street Pastors have directly helped 263 people, have had a positive impact by attending 3 anti-social incidents and been available to help, care for and listen to 530 people.

Members of the Trustee Board have spoken at 2 different events to 40 people highlighting the work of Okehampton Street Pastors. Those who attended expressed considerable interest in gaining an understanding of how the night time economy works and the value that Street Pastors bring in terms of helping; caring and listening to people in a non-judgemental manner.

Under the terms of our Licence Agreement Ascension Trust provide the licence, basic insurance, legal advice and a website. This is funded by the local Street Pastor initiative paying a quarterly fee to Ascension Trust and this was allowed for in our budget.

OSP has its own website: <http://streetpastors.org/locations/okehampton/>

The service that Okehampton Street Pastors provides is available to all who wish to avail themselves of it. There is a Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy; a General Data Protection Policy; an Equality Policy, a Health & Safety Policy and a Financial Policy together with a Standard Operating Procedure for working with the Police. All policies are reviewed annually and copies are available on request.

Contributions made by volunteers – The Organisation is very grateful to all its volunteers who provide their time and expertise. As of 31st December 2021, there are 6 Street Pastors made up of 3 male and 3 female members. They are ably supported by 6 Prayer Pastors made up of 2 male and 4 female members.

Benefit in kind – Storage facilities and a Prayer Base are very kindly provided free of charge by Fairplace Church.

Financial review, investment policy and reserves

Okehampton Street Pastors has no permanent endowment or fixed assets. The net incoming resources for the period 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2021, after grants and operational expenses of £1,183 (2020: £688) was -£1,051 (2020: -£119). Due to the pandemic, it has not been possible to hold fundraising events or receive enough donations to

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cover our operating costs this year. Okehampton Street Pastors has general reserves which it has drawn down to meet expenditure not covered by restricted funding and has exercised extreme prudence in its spending during the financial year.

Principal sources of funding in 2021:

1. Donations for general use

Reserves - The Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level which ensures the organisation's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for three months. The reserves are maintained in a readily realisable form. The calculation of the required level of reserves forms an integral part of the organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle.

It takes into account:

1. Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different from that budgeted
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3. Organisation's commitments

Future plans

Okehampton Street Pastors will continue to fundraise to ensure sustainability of the work; recruit and train volunteers together with raising the profile of the work of Street Pastors.

Annual Report approved by the Board of Trustees at the AGM and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

5th June 2022

Date

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL	2020
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	
General Donations	£132			£319
Restricted Funding			£0	£250
Total Receipts	132	0	132	
EXPENDITURE				
Refreshments		0		£22
Patrol Materials		97		£7
Training/DBS Checks/Uniforms		252		£97
Licence & Registration Fees	670	0		£413
Insurance	149	0		£149
Post/Stationery/Printing	0	0		£0
Publicity	0	0		£0
Room Hire/Gifts	0	0		£0
Sundry Expenses	16	0		£0
Equipment	0	0		£0
Total Expenditure	835	349	1,183	
Net incoming (outgoing) Resources			-1,051	
Balance b/f at 1st Jan 21			8,331	
Balance c/f at 31st Dec 2021			7,280	

Balance Sheet as at 31st Dec 2021

	£
Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank	7,280
Liabilities:	
Amount falling due within one year	7,280
Amount falling due after one year	0
Net current assets	7,280

Accounts approved by the Board of Trustees at the AGM and signed on its behalf by:

Julie Yelland
Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

Barbara Fortnam
Mrs Barbara Fortnam (Treasurer)

15th June 2022
Date

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Annual Report – 01 Jan 2020 to 31 Dec 2020

Prepared by Julie Yelland

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Annual Report - 2020

Organisation Name: Okehampton Street Pastors

Charity No: 1181119

Principal Address: 21 Brandize Park, Okehampton, Devon EX20 1EQ

Financial Year: 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

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The organisation is controlled by a Board of Trustees who are appointed by a Resolution raised and approved by a majority of the existing Trustees.

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The Board of Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out above.

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- (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.

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The service offered is available to all regardless of race, gender, disability or religion. The work is developed with regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the Board of Trustees ensure that all work undertaken is in line with the Organisation's charitable objectives and aims.

Both the initial donation and additional amounts donated since have been under terms which allow the Board of Trustees to either retain the amounts as capital or to spend them. The governing document gives the Board of Trustees the power to apply the funds in such a manner as they think fit for the benefit of their charitable objective or purpose.

Governance and Management

The Governing Document provides for a minimum of 3 Members and a maximum of 9 on the Trustee Board. Where there is a requirement for new Members, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining Members having due regard to ensuring those with the appropriate skills and knowledge are recruited.

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The Chairman is responsible for the induction of any new Members and will make available to each new Member, on or before their first appointment:

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Public Benefit

Okehampton Street Pastors acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or “aims” that are for the public benefit. Details of how the organisation has achieved this are provided in this Annual Report. The Board of Trustees confirm that it has paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the organisation should undertake.

Risk Assessment

Okehampton Street Pastors is aware that the activities undertaken are subject to significant risks and therefore review these risks on an on-going basis to ensure adequate systems and procedures are in place. If key objectives are to be achieved, the Trustees accept that the management of risk is inevitable. The risks that have been identified are:

1. Financial - sufficient funds are available to fulfill the aims of the organization.
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In reviewing these risks, the Trustees ensure:

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Achievements and performance of Okehampton Street Pastors

The ability of Okehampton Street Pastors to deliver a service was significantly curtailed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Decisions of where and when to patrol took into account the national guidelines; level of risk to the volunteers; availability of patrol base and evidence of need. The risk assessment was updated which was circulated to all volunteers. Some volunteers had to step back temporarily due to their personal circumstances.

The first quarter of the year saw business as usual where the teams had plenty of good-natured conversations with both regular and new faces, issued flip flops and picked up broken glass. The volunteers worked over two teams, patrolling the town centre twice a month between the hours of 10.00pm and 3.00am on a Saturday night and continuing to build up and strengthen the relationships with the pub door staff, mobile food outlets and taxi drivers who recognise the work and value of Okehampton Street Pastors.

There were two periods of total lockdown during the financial year when patrols ceased altogether. During the summer and early autumn, when restrictions were eased, patrols were carried out during the day time. They worked in pairs, with Prayer Pastors operating from their homes and teams maintaining contact by mobile phones. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet new people who weren't aware of Okehampton Street Pastors and to be able to tell them about the work.

In October, the team were able to briefly resume night time patrols, albeit finishing much earlier than usual due to the restrictions on pub opening hours. What was very noticeable was that when the pubs closed at 10.00pm, people were reluctant to go home and wanted to hang around in groups. Generally, however, the town was quiet by 10:45pm and the team called it a night.

Throughout the year, one Street Pastor switched role to join the Prayer Pastor team. During 2020 no new volunteers were recruited, however, all potential volunteer Street Pastors undergo a rigorous recruitment process and are only offered a place once they have been through the interview process; on receipt of two references and a satisfactory check through the Disclosure & Barring Service.

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Training undertaken throughout the year:

<i>Module</i>	<i>Number of trainees</i>
Safety on the Streets Refresher Training	5

There have been 17 patrols during the year. During that time Okehampton Street Pastors spent 233 hours patrolling the streets with Prayer Pastors providing prayer cover. 13 bottles and broken glass have been collected and safely disposed of; 25 lollies; 2 pairs of flip flops and 2 space blankets distributed and help offered to a rough sleeper. While details of conversations held are confidential, examples of the impact the team have when on patrol include:

- A conversation with someone who had lost a close family member to suicide. The individual said that he wished an organisation such as Street Pastors had been around to help them.
- A chat with someone who was finding it difficult to interact with his peers and wanted someone to talk to.
- Conversations with people explaining how they were struggling to cope with the restrictions of not being able to see their families.
- Being able to provide a listening ear to someone caring for a terminally ill partner.
- Spending time with someone who was extremely anxious about Covid and who had lost a friend to the disease.
- Talking to someone who was self employed and worried about their financial position as their work had reduced significantly due to Covid.

The local police and the taxi drivers have specifically commented on the peace and calmness that exist on the streets of Okehampton when the Street Pastors are out on patrol. The police have reported that calls to places that are known to attract anti-social behaviour have reduced. This continues to be notable due to the fact that the teams do not deploy every week. The team have had many positive conversations with door staff and members of the public and continue to be warmly welcomed by all.

During the year, Okehampton Street Pastors have directly helped 30 people, have had a positive impact by attending 2 anti-social incidents and been available to help, care for and listen to 213 people.

Members of the Trustee Board have spoken at 2 different events to 73 people highlighting the work of Okehampton Street Pastors. Those who attended expressed considerable interest in gaining an understanding of how the night time economy works and the value that Street Pastors bring in terms of helping; caring and listening to people in a non-judgemental manner.

Under the terms of our Licence Agreement Ascension Trust provide the licence, basic insurance, legal advice and a website. This is funded by the local Street Pastor initiative paying a quarterly fee to Ascension Trust and this was allowed for in our budget.

OSP has its own website: <http://streetpastors.org/locations/okehampton/>

The service that Okehampton Street Pastors provides is available to all who wish to avail themselves of it. There is a Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy; a General Data Protection Policy; an Equality Policy, a Health & Safety Policy and a Financial Policy together with a Standard Operating Procedure for working with the Police. All policies are reviewed annually and copies are available on request.

Contributions made by volunteers – The Organisation is very grateful to all its volunteers who provide their time and expertise. As of 31st December 2020, there are 8 Street Pastors made up of 5 male and 3 female members. They are ably supported by 6 Prayer Pastors made up of 2 male and 4 female members.

Benefit in kind – Storage facilities and a Prayer Base very kindly provided by Fairplace Church and a Training Room very kindly provided by Okehampton Baptist Church.

OKEHAMPTON STREET PASTORS

Financial review, investment policy and reserves

Okehampton Street Pastors has no permanent endowment or fixed assets. The net incoming resources for the period 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2020, after grants and operational expenses of £688 (2019: £816) was -£119 (2019: -£310). Due to the pandemic, it has not been possible to hold fundraising events or receive enough donations to cover our operating costs this year. Okehampton Street Pastors has free reserves which it has drawn down to meet expenditure not covered by a restricted grant and has exercised extreme prudence in its spending during the financial year.

Principal sources of funding in 2020:

1. A restricted grant
2. Donations

Reserves - The Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level which ensures the organisation's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for three months. The reserves are maintained in a readily realisable form. The calculation of the required level of reserves forms an integral part of the organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle.

It takes into account:

1. Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different from that budgeted
2. Planned activity level
3. Organisation's commitments

Future plans

Okehampton Street Pastors will continue to fundraise to ensure sustainability of the work; recruit and train volunteers together with raising the profile of the work of Street Pastors.

Annual Report approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

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Date

OKEHAMPTON STREET PASTORS

Statement of Financial Activity 01 Jan 2020 to 31 Dec 2020

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	TOTAL	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	2019
General Donations	£319			£1,026
Restricted Funding		£250		£100
Total Receipts	319	250	569	
EXPENDITURE				
Refreshments	22			£186
Patrol Materials		7		£21
Training/DBS Checks/Uniforms	97			£150
Licence & Registration Fees	312	101		£158
Insurance	0	149		£93
Post/Stationery/Printing	0	0		£65
Publicity	0	0		£0
Room Hire/Gifts	0	0		£100
Sundry Expenses	0	0		£0
Equipment	0	0		£43
Total Expenditure	431	257	688	
Net incoming (outgoing) Resources			-119	
Opening Balance - 1st Jan 20			8,450	
Balance c/f at 31st Dec 2020			8,331	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

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Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank	8,331
 Liabilities:	
Amount falling due within one year	8,331
Amount falling due after one year	0
Net current assets	8,331

Notes to the Accounts

Details of restricted funding received by Okehampton Street Pastors:

1. Grant of £250 from Devon County Councillor Localities Budget

The purpose of this grant was to go towards the annual Insurance costs not covered by the fee to Ascension Trust and the annual subscription to the Safeguarding body. This grant was fully expended during the financial year.

Accounts approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs Julie Yelland (Chairman)

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Mrs Barbara Fortnam (Treasurer)

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Date