



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 Period start date

To 31st December 2023 Period end date

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Charity registration number: 1183119

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		and local government working together for the benefit of the community. Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To provide 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 and avoiding anti-social behaviour. We are an ecumenical group of volunteers who wish to be out in the community, caring, listening and helping people.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have the relevant documents issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

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We continue to raise our concern to the police about the boy racers who drive through the village at dangerous speeds.

		The potential for a serious accident when so many people stand in the road is obvious. The pavements are narrow in places and some pubs have little outside space for smokers who congregate outside and invariably end up in the road. We are still concerned about the traffic congestion which occurs when taxis park on double yellow lines then do 3 point turns in the road just as buses, cars and people attempt to get past. Street Pastors patrol in a set uniform distinguished by the street pastor logo. This sometimes elicits questions from the public about our Christian faith. When asked to, we share our faith in Jesus and his love for everyone. We provide pastoral care as the “Church in action” in public places. We support the spiritual, social, emotional, physical and mental well-being of all individuals who need care – this is of public benefit.
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	As we noted last year (2022) the village is far quieter than it used to be. In the immediate aftermath of COVID we witnessed a lot of anti-social behaviour but throughout 2023 there have been fewer challenging incidents. However, we believe in maintaining our presence in the village of Uppermill as “the church out on the street” caring for the Community. The frequency of our patrols is under review.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Balance at 1st January 2023 - £4, 172.41 Income - £758.00 Expenditure - £0 Balance at 31st December 2023 – £4,930.41 Our bank account with Santander was frozen at the start of the year for reasons we could not understand. Therefore, we were unable to pay our contribution to the Ascension Trust and so did not incur any expenses. Subsequently, our account was released and early in 2024 we were able to catch up with all unpaid bills.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We are a small charity with an account which does not accrue interest.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our income comes from personal donations and one local church, Saint Thomas' Delph, Saddleworth. Occasionally individual Street Pastors give talks to local groups and the initiative may receive donations as a result.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Ascension Trust, registered charity no. 1127204 Company ltd by guarantee no: 06751712
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Eligibility for trusteeship (a) Every charity trustee must be a natural person. (b) To be eligible as a charity trustee the natural person must subscribe to the mission, goals and values of the Street Pastor Movement remaining active and willing to participate in and contribute to the work and furtherance of the local Street Pastor initiative. (c) No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO: • If he or she is under the age of 18 years; - or • If he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause 15(1)(f). (d) No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any reappointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee. Appointment of charity trustees (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the members. (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees and members must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Saddleworth Street Pastors
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1183119
Charity's principal address	35, Saint Anne's Crescent, Grasscroft, Oldham OL4 4JH

Names of the charity 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)
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
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Additional information (optional)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Rev Audrey Lees	
Full name(s)	Reverend Audrey Lees	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	16 th June 2024	



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