

Bexley Street Pastors

Charity Registration No: 1186106

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Charity Information

Trustees

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board of Trustees of Bexley Street Pastors are pleased to present its report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Bexley Street Pastor's principal activities are as follows:

- The provision of public pastoral care services to help people on the streets and other public places, giving guidance and support which assists in preserving public order, avoid anti-social behaviour, relieve sickness and preserve health
- Raising awareness and understanding of ecclesiastical relevance to community and public life, mobilizing the church to unity of worship and advance the Christian Faith by carrying out the mission and outreach work of the gospel for the benefit of the public.
- Develop the skills and capacity of socially disadvantaged groups in our community to help meet their needs and participate more fully in society
- Work together with police and local government for the benefit of the community

THE OPERATION

Bexley Street Pastors is a Registered Charity made up of volunteers including Street Pastors, School Pastors and Prayer Pastors. There were 22 street pastors, 3 school pastors and 15 prayer pastors in the financial year 2023. Street Pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who care about their community. They patrol in teams of men and women, usually from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on a Friday and Saturday night.

School Pastors are also trained volunteers from local churches who are involved with local secondary schools and patrol during the school day usually between the hours of 12noon and 5pm.

Prayer Pastors support both patrols with prayer.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees recognise their responsibility to identify, control and manage the risks associated with Bexley Street Pastors. We have a number of policies in place to cover the main areas of operation including Health and Safety, Data Protection, Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities. These are reviewed regularly and updated in the light of changes in legislation. As a small charity under the umbrella of Ascension Trust we also benefit from the model policies they provide.

Most risks are encountered whilst on patrol. Volunteers involved with street and school patrols have undertaken a full training course, issued with a full set of policies and are initially under the supervision of an experienced senior. Regular refresher training is provided. Providing volunteers follow all codes of conduct, their training, and put into place/practice the stated control measures, the risk of injury or harm is low. Coordinators supervise all operational matters, receive reports and raise any concerns with the Trustees.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial transactions are fully detailed below. There are no assets, property or equipment owned by Bexley Street Pastors.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2023 £	2022 £
Income		
Donations	1,897.87	1,743.61
Grant Funding	3,300.00	3,800.00
Interest from Savings Account	53.78	2.84
	5,251.65	5,546.45
Expenditure		
Ascension Trust Licence Fee	1,209.75	1,185.00
Thirty-One Eight Annual fee	0.00	280.25
Coordinator's expense	360.00	360.00
Voluntary workers' enhanced checks	175.25	12.25
Events	33.00	0.00
Flip flops	0.00	156.00
Gifts	0.00	132.00
Mobile Phone	194.02	72.00
Printing & Stationary, ID cards	61.34	26.00
Refreshments	156.33	108.23
Repairs & maintenance	0.00	36.09
Training & Seminars	30.00	467.84
Transport	0.00	22.25
Uniforms	132.10	623.25
Insurance	105.60	31.69
Cupboard purchased	95.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	99.50	36.42
	2,651.89	3,549.27
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	2,599.76	1,997.18

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2023 £	2022 £
Bank & Cash		
Opening Balance	6,693.39	4,524.41
Current year cash receipt less payment	3,037.71	2,168.98
Closing Balance	9,731.10	6,693.39
Debtors	0.00	28.20
Creditors	(609.75)	(200.00)
Assets less Liabilities	9,121.35	6,521.59
Revenue Reserves		
Opening	6,521.59	4,524.41
Current year surplus/(deficit)	2,599.76	1,997.18
Closing Revenue Reserves	9,121.35	6,521.59

