

Haringey Street Pastors

Registered Charity No. 1186484

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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2023

(01-01-2023 31-12-2023)

Presented to the Annual General Meeting on 11/04/2024

BACKGROUND

Haringey Street Pastors started its activities in the London Borough of Haringey in September 2006. Haringey Street Pastors became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 20 November 2019. It is a small Initiative having 8 active members in 2 Teams. All its Street Pastors are members of a local Church of various Christian denominations

ACTIVITIES

At the beginning of 2023, Covid restrictions had been lifted and we started our outings mid January 2023. Patrols continued mostly uninterrupted during the year until mid December 2023.

In line with the aims of our umbrella organisation Ascension Trust we provide a Caring, Listening and Helping influence on the night-time economy in the Borough of Haringey.

We focus our patrols on the areas where anti-social behaviour has been a problem in the past and mostly still is.

PATROLS

Before each patrol we gather together outside Westbury Avenue Baptist Church, Wood Green to socialise and pray before we set off. Moreover, two retired Haringey Street Pastors commit to pray for each patrol. Before we set off, we get in touch by email with the Metropolitan Police for Haringey and Enfield, informing them where and when we will be going and asking for a CAD number.

We walk in those areas where people are gathering in the late hours of the day and early morning.

As is common policy with Street Pastors we clear the streets of potential lethal weapons like glass bottles, of which we collected over the reporting year almost 800. Most bottles are usually collected in the West Green Road area; sometimes over 100 during one patrol!

During the reporting year we had 24 patrols, involving a combined total of 95 Street Pastors and amounting to over 280 hours of volunteering

We engage with people in conversation as it is quite common for us to be asked what is the meaning of the highly visible markings on our uniforms. We frequently meet and greet Security Guards at pubs and night-clubs. We try to provide a reassuring ear, encourage safe behaviour and ultimately to remind them of a loving God who delights to hear us call on Him.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In 2023 we had 2 Management Committee meetings in person and have been in regular contact by email,

TRUSTEES

The Trustees during the reporting period were:

Nicholas Peter Durden (chair),
Cherry Elizabeth Pedler (treasurer),
Gerrit Jan Ormel (secretary),
Chinedu Onyemaechi Eneli,
Hyacinth Carmeta Turner.

Chairman's Report

During this reporting year, Haringey Street Pastors managed to realise 24 patrols, each with an adequate number of participating Street Pastors. There have to be at least 3 Street Pastors present for a patrol to go out. Interactions between members of the public and Haringey Street Pastors have, as always, been excellent and our presence on the streets of the Borough is clearly appreciated.

During the year contacts with the Metropolitan Police Force have been maintained to obtain a CAD number before setting off.

A major and ongoing challenge Haringey Street Pastors faces is the recruiting of new candidates to reinforce its numbers, which is in particular relevant as some of our most active Street Pastors are over 70 years of age. Also, of its 10 members, only 8 can be considered as 'active' in the sense that they come out on patrol regularly.

As a matter of fact, the recruitment of candidates had become more urgent as sadly one of our most faithful members passed away in April.

The absence of a (part-time) coordinator puts an extra burden on the shoulders of the Trustees' secretary, functioning as a substitute.

The rather steep increase in the contribution from Street Pastor Initiatives to Ascension Trust, which came into effect in 2021, continues to constitute a heavy burden on our limited financial resources and puts our long-term viability in doubt. It certainly necessitates to increase its fund-raising efforts. It's therefore unfortunate that most of the Borough local Churches aren't particularly forthcoming in supporting us financially.



Nicholas Durden, Chair

HARINGEY STREET PASTORS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 010123 - 311223

CURRENT ASSETS as at 311223: £3,748.33 Bank Balance
 £18.73 Petty Cash
 TOTAL: **£3,767.06**

CURRENT ASSETS as at 311222: £4,675.92 Bank Balance
 £20.23 Petty Cash
 TOTAL: **£4,696.15**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 010123 - 311223

INCOME: £158.41 Donations
 TOTAL: **£158.41**

EXPENDITURE: £1.50 Postage
 £800.00 Licence Fees: (Ascension Trust: 2023)
 £145.00 DBS Fees
 £141.00 Training
 TOTAL: **£1,087.50**

Excess of Expenditure over Income for Period: **£929.09**

£4675.92 bank balance as at 311222 plus petty cash balance: £20.23 = £4696.15

£3748.33 bank balance as at 311223 plus petty cash balance: £18.73 = £3767.06

These accounts were presented at Haringey Street Pastors' Management Committee Meeting on 11th April, 2024 and agreed as being a correct record of accounts for the period.

Signed:



Cherry Pedler, Treasurer, 110424