



**Trustees' Annual Report
Leiston Town Pastors, 2024-2025**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation No 1188933

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Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the CIO are:

- To advance the faith in Leiston, Suffolk and surrounding districts and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees of the Charity may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.
- To promote safety and the prevention of crime for the benefit of the public by such means as the Trustees may consider appropriate, including but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing by providing services for mediation and conciliation between persons involved in disputes or interpersonal conflicts which may lead to acts of nuisance, vandalism, racial abuse or breach of the peace in Leiston and surrounding districts and in such other parts of the UK or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods and services of any kind including counselling and support in Leiston and surrounding districts and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time think fit.

Main Activities

The main activities of Leiston Town Pastors for the benefit of the general public and local businesses are:

- Patrolling the streets of Leiston in the night time economy on Friday nights in pairs of Town Pastors, in contact with and supported by two people in our Base in the United Church and a rota of people praying at home during patrols;
- Providing a listening ear and practical help where needed, such as ensuring vulnerable people get home safely, supplying water and refreshments, removing dangerous or harmful substances from the streets and attempting to diffuse aggressive situations before they escalate;
- Building good rapport and supporting the owners and workers in local businesses such as public houses, restaurants and takeaway establishments;
- Rarely, but when necessary, summoning assistance from the emergency services.

Personnel

The Leiston Town Pastors Co-ordinator, Margaret Graver, leads a team of 23 volunteers from local churches and reports to a Board of Trustees, currently comprising five members as follows:

Julia Catterwell

Carol Cotton (Chair)

Adrian Neville (Treasurer)

Paul Norrington (Vice Chair)

Terence Smith

Leiston Town Pastors is part of a wider organisation of Town Pastor Groups in Suffolk and Norfolk, overseen by Town Pastors Central who operate from Ipswich.

AGM/Annual Service of Thanksgiving

The Annual General Meeting of Leiston Town Pastors was held on Sunday 12 October 2025 followed by refreshments and a service of thanksgiving to celebrate the ministry and recognise the selfless contribution of the volunteers to the work and services of the charity.

Achievements of the Charity

The town of Leiston is becoming busier with the influx of Sizewell C power station workers using the night time economy. There have been one or two instances of anti-social behaviour during Town Pastor patrols and this is likely to increase when further construction work is underway, though we can only speculate on the full impact in the future. Music evenings in The White Horse on Friday nights continue Skate Park has become more popular with the youth.

We are assured by the local constabulary, in particular the relatively newly appointed Community Police Officer , that patrols continue to have a positive impact on the levels of anti-social behaviour in the town and reduce the number of occasions when emergency services might otherwise have been called upon to deal with non-urgent situations. Local people and those from surrounding towns and villages who use our night time economy continue to be supportive of our ministry on the whole, as do the local police on patrol around Leiston. Our main focus has been on ensuring people under the influence of alcohol or drugs are able to get home, the safety of vulnerable lone women, diffusing difficult situations before they escalate and removing dangerous items from the street.

Training

Town Pastors undergo extensive training and during the period of this report training updates have taken place in areas such as safeguarding and first aid.

DBS checks have also been carried out and updated as necessary.

Accounts/Fundraising

Support from The Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner and Clinical Commissioning Groups continues and additional grant funding is likely to be sought via the Sizewell C Community Fund in the future. A generous donation was also received from a local church.

The annual accounts of Leiston Town Pastors for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 are available separately.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Carol Cotton, Chair of Trustees

Adrian Neville, Trustee & Treasurer

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LEISTON TOWN PASTORS

Summary Receipts and Payments account

1st April, 2024 - 31st March 2025

| RECEIPTS | | PAYMENTS | |
|--|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| | Total | | Total |
| Dunwich PCC | £ 470.00 | Travelling | £ - |
| Church Donations | | Staff payments | £ 5,820.00 |
| Company Donations | | Uniforms | £ 171.36 |
| NHS Suffolk CCG | £6,000.00 | Office | £ 109.70 |
| Bank interest | £ 7.49 | Training | £ 844.80 |
| PCC | £ 3,500.00 | Base Costs | £ 679.99 |
| | | Insurance | £ 357.60 |
| | | Refreshments | £ 368.90 |
| | | Radio/Telephone | £ 75.00 |
| | | TP Kit/Equipment | £ 143.73 |
| | | Miscellaneous | £ 63.00 |
| | | Publicity/Printing | £ 226.60 |
| | | TP Central | £ 330.00 |
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| Sub total | £ 9,977.49 | Sub total | £ 9,190.68 |
| balances brought forward | | | |
| Current Account 23/24 | £8,003.97 | | |
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| Total | £ 17,981.46 | | |
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| balance as of 31/03/2025 | £8,790.78 | | |
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| Prepared by Adrian Neville (Treasurer/Trustee) | | | |
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