

Charity number: 1200501

READING STREET PASTORS

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

For the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

For the Period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Charity Number: 1200501

License Number: 010301CC

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TRUSTEES REPORT

For the Period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report and accounts for the period ended 31 December 2024. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Charities SORP (FRS102).

Objectives

The objects of the Reading Street Pastors Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) are for the public benefit in the geographic area of Reading and beyond, as follows:

1. To advance the Christian Faith, in accordance with the Ascension Trust Street Pastor Licence Agreement 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, 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 the 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.
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.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. Examples of this public benefit can be found in the other parts of this Report.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Activities

During the period to December 2024 Reading Street Pastors have continued their core work of caring, listening and providing help for the people we meet in the nighttime economy. We have provided practical support to improve the safety, health and condition of the people we meet by providing items such as water, flip-flops, space blankets & lolly pops. We also help people who may need support due to intoxication etc. helping them safely get back home, or to friends. The work of the charity includes the First Stop volunteers

who provide a safe space and facilitate the work of an NHS paramedic team for anyone who needs medical support during the hours of our weekend nighttime patrols. During 2024 there were 112 Street Pastor nighttime Patrols with 270 daytime patrols.

Reading Safe Space is the base for Reading Street Pastors, including the work of the First Stop volunteers, during 2024 180 people were taken to the First Stop based at Reading Safe Space. Out of this number of people seen, only a small percentage had to be taken to A & E. It is also used from time to time by the Reading Borough Council (RBC) 'Business Improvement District' (BID) team, and other organisations. Reading Street Pastors continue to work closely with Thames Valley Police, South Central Ambulance Service, RBC, and the BID to help provide support and help where needed.

Key activities included:

- Patrolling Reading Town Centre and the Oxford Road area every Friday and Saturday night between 10 pm and 3 am
- Patrolling Reading Town Centre Monday - Friday between 10.00am and 2pm.
- Supporting the Windsor Street Angels at Royal Ascot.
- Patrolling at Henley Royal Regatta, Reading University Ball, Freshers Week and other significant dates such as A level result night Halloween and New Year's Eve.
- At the Reading Festival, we patrolled the site in the afternoon and evenings during the festival weekend. We also ran two cafes/safe spaces 24/7 for the duration of the festival, with extra volunteers.
- Rail Pastors visit stations in the area at least once a week, looking out for anyone in need of support.
- Street Pastors visit Reading College weekly & engage with the students and Street Pastors support other areas outside of the town centre.

In December 2024 there were 83 Reading Street & Prayer Pastors and 12 First Stop volunteers.

Financial Review

Income during the period was £78,863k, there was no restricted income. Expenditure was £89,318. This resulted in an overall deficit of £10,455 for the period. Of this deficit, £1,932k relates to the General Fund and £8,523 to the Restricted Fund. Total Fund balances at the end of the year are £103,189.

The principal sources of funding are donations from individuals and churches, revenue from the work at the Reading Festival, and various other grants received during the period.

Expenditure is targeted at achieving the key objectives of Reading Street Pastors, with supporting overheads kept to a reasonable minimum.

At each Trustees meeting, the Treasurer presents the financial results of the charity for the relevant period.

There are no significant items of expenditure planned for the future other than the ongoing operating costs of the charity.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Reading Street Pastors is exposed to risks associated with finance, safeguarding, legislative compliance, buildings and infrastructure. Each area has been reviewed by the Trustees during the year and plans put in place to manage the risks.

- The annual budget for the 2024 year was approved by the Trustees on 6th February 2024. Performance against budget is reviewed at each meeting of the Trustees, and between meetings by the Treasurer.
- Reading Street Pastors has a Safeguarding Policy, and the Trustees appoint a Safeguarding Officer, who acts as the focal point for concerns. All key staff and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults are recruited using Safer Recruitment principles and are checked with the Disclosure Barring Service.
- Our building is insured and maintained regularly to ensure that it is safe and fit for purpose.
- Volunteers are carefully selected, and training is provided for these volunteers, and they are supported and accountable to team leaders.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to keep 3 months of reserves in the Unrestricted Funds to cover the costs of running the charity. In the opinion of the Trustees, the charity has adequate cover for the Reserves Policy and enables these accounts to be prepared on a going-concern basis.

Structure, Governance and Management

Reading Street Pastors is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation using the "Foundation" model dated 1st June 2023 under the Ascension Trust license number 010301CC. The governance of Reading Street Pastors is conducted by the Trustees and is supported by an employed full-time coordinator, part-time administrator and volunteer treasurer.

There were no Trustee resignations or appointments during the year.

In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, the current Trustees had regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Name: David Elliott



Date

13/08/2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

To the Trustees of Reading Street Pastors

I report to the charity Trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the period ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act: or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Michael Homer AFA MIPA

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Dated: 19/08/2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023 Total £
Income from:					
Donations and Grants	3a	58,366	-	58,366	112,542
Charitable Activities	3b	17,691	-	17,691	23,936
Investment Income	3c	2,806	-	2,806	313
Other Income	3d	-	-	-	74,697
Total Income		78,863	0	78,863	211,488
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	4	80,795	8,523	89,318	97,844
Total Expenditure		80,795	8,523	89,318	97,844
Net Income / (Expenditure) before transfers		(1,932)	(8,523)	(10,455)	113,644
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		(1,932)	(8,523)	(10,455)	113,644
Total Funds brought forward at 31 Dec 2023		69,524	44,120	113,644	
Total Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2024		67,592	35,597	103,189	

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Balance Sheet

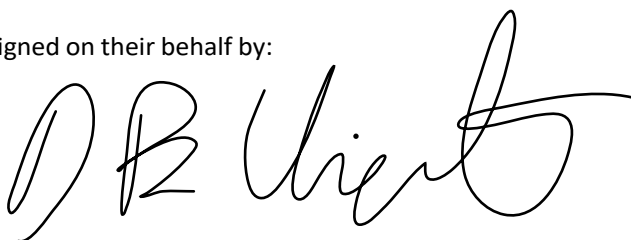
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	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Non-Current Assets:			
Other Assets	8	8,700	8,700
Current Assets:			
Cash at bank and in hand		103,385	106,816
Debtors and Prepayments	9	1,775	8,502
Total Current Assets		<u>105,160</u>	<u>115,318</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(10,671)	(10,374)
Net Current Assets		<u>94,489</u>	<u>104,944</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>103,189</u>	<u>113,644</u>
Income Funds			
General Fund		67,592	69,524
Restricted Funds	11	35,597	44,120
Total Funds		<u>103,189</u>	<u>113,644</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Approved by the Trustees on the: 5th August 2025

Signed on their behalf by:



The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

1. General information

Reading Street Pastors is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Charity number: 1200501).

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102) issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view.

Reading Street Pastors meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about Reading Street Pastor's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income is recorded on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when it becomes probable the charity will receive the income, the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount of income due to be received can be measured reliably.

Investment income is accounted for when due.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. They include irrecoverable VAT. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Liability and Provisions

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to discharge them.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short and medium-term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

Pensions

The charity offers a defined contribution pension to all eligible staff and, at the Trustees' discretion, to other paid staff. At the year-end there were no contributions outstanding.

Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for a particular purpose. The cost of raising and administering such funds is charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Cash Flow

Under section 7 of FRS102 in relation to the Cash Flow statement, the exemption has been claimed on the basis that Reading Street Pastors is a small charity.

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3. Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£	Funds
				£
a) Voluntary Income				
Donations	30,570	-	30,570	20,127
Grants	27,796	-	27,796	92,414
	<u>58,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,366</u>	<u>112,542</u>
b) Charitable Activities				
Reading Festival	17,621	-	17,621	23,936
Room Rental	70	-	70	-
	<u>17,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,691</u>	<u>23,936</u>
c) Investment Income				
Bank Interest	<u>2,806</u>	<u></u>	<u>2,806</u>	<u>313</u>
d) Other Income				
Transform Reading	-	-	-	74,697
	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Total Income	<u>78,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,863</u>	<u>211,488</u>

Reading Street Pastors had previously been operating under the Transform Reading charitable trust. Other Income in 2023 represents the transfer of its assets from Transform Reading to the newly created Reading Street Pastors charitable entity.

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4. Expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
Direct Costs	£	£	£	Funds
				£
Commissioning Meeting	589	-	589	1,424
Festival Expenses	8,258	-	8,258	14,202
General Expenses	3,681	-	3,681	3,496
Total Direct Costs	12,527		12,527	19,122
Support Costs				
Ascension Trust License	5,767	-	5,767	4,014
Background Checks	130	-	130	752
Bank Fees	677	-	677	235
Governance Costs	624	-	624	600
Insurance	198	-	198	487
Printing & Stationary	0	-	0	11
Professional Fees	653	-	653	652
Safe Space	13,227	8,523	21,750	24,058
Software	1,085	-	1,085	715
Staff	38,124	-	38,124	39,984
Storage Rental	4,752	-	4,752	4,003
Telephone & Internet	297	-	297	463
Training	1,339	-	1,339	1,680
Travel	96	-	96	101
Uniforms	1,298	-	1,298	967
Total Support Costs	68,268	8,523	76,791	78,722
Total Charitable Activities	80,795	8,523	89,318	97,844

5. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's annual accounts	624	600

6. Staff Costs and Emoluments

The Charity employed two members of staff during the year (2023: two). The costs were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross Salaries & Expenses	36,976	38,907
Employers NIC	Nil	Nil
Employers Pension Contributions	1,148	1,077
	<u>38,124</u>	<u>39,984</u>

There are no employees with emoluments over £60,000

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023: Nil)

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8. Non-Current assets	2024	2023
	£	£

Security Deposit	8,700	8,700
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9. Debtors and Prepayments	2024	2023
	£	£

Debtors	-	1,542
Prepaid Rent	1,775	6,960
	<u>1,775</u>	<u>8,502</u>

10. Creditors and Accruals: amounts due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£

Creditors	2,548	9,653
Accruals	8,123	722
	<u>10,671</u>	<u>10,375</u>

11. Restricted Funds	Balance at 31-Dec-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 31-Dec-24 £
Reading Safe Space	44,120		8,523		35,597
	<u>44,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,523</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,597</u>

Restricted Funds are held for the following purposes:

A Safer Streets Grant Fund was received in 2023 to create a safe hub in the Town Centre. These funds are restricted to use for the 1st year of refurbishment costs and payments under the lease of The Church House, Chain Street Reading. Minimum Lease payments are disclosed in Note 13.

12. Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:	funds	funds	Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Non-Current Assets	8,700	-	8,700	8,700
Current Assets	69,563	35,597	105,160	115,318
Current Liabilities	(10,671)	-	(10,671)	(10,374)
	<u>67,592</u>	<u>35,597</u>	<u>103,189</u>	<u>113,644</u>

13. Financial Commitments

At 31 December 2024 the charity had total outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Within One year	£8,700
Between 2 and 5 years	£24,360
Over 5 years	Nil
Total future minimum lease payments	£33,060