

Shetland Street Pastors [SCIO]

Scotland · Charity number SC053471

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2024-06-27
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	82 St Olaf Street Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0ES
Website	https://scotland.ascensiontrust.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion', 'the advancement of health', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Shetland Street Pastors trains, equips and coordinates teams of volunteers from local churches. These Street Pastors care about the safety and wellbeing of the residents of, and visitors to, Shetland - specifically in relation to the nighttime economy. They are there to be a caring, listening and helpful presence in our streets and in communities across the islands. They do this through regular patrols in and around Lerwick Town Centre on Saturday nights between 10pm and 4am, as well as patrols at one-off events around Shetland when possible. During patrols, Street Pastors are there to chat with the people who are out in the patrol area, as well as providing support and signposting to those needing help.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: (a) To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Licence Agreement executed with Ascension Trust (Scotland) and the Core Values and Mission Statement appearing in the Schedule hereto in Shetland and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit, particularly but not exclusively by means of caring, listening to and helping people on the streets and at various venues day and night. (b) To advance health, including the prevention and relief of sickness and human suffering, through the provision of goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in Shetland and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit, particularly but not exclusively by means of caring, listening to and helping people, including those suffering from amongst other reasons excessive alcohol or substance use or misuse, on the streets and at various venues, day and night. (c) To relieve those in need by reason of age,

ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by the provision of goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in Shetland and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit, particularly but not exclusively by means of caring, listening to and helping people on the streets and at various venues day and night.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Shetland Islands
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£535	£0	-	0

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Accounts



SHETLAND STREET PASTORS

ANNUAL REPORT

2024 - 2025

“CARING, LISTENING, HELPING”

HOW DID WE START?

In 2022, The Salvation Army and Shetland Church of Scotland were approached by the local chief inspector for Police Scotland in Shetland and asked to look into starting Street Pastors. Over the summer that year, there had been a number of incidents in Lerwick on weekend evenings, and the issue of antisocial behaviour had become a significant concern for the council and community.

The Chief Inspector had seen the positive impact of Street Pastors in his previous posting and felt strongly that the initiative would have a similarly positive impact here. The hope was that Street Pastors would be part of a broad response, building positive relationships with those in and around the town centre at night to ensure that it was a safe and enjoyable place to visit and live.

A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES WAS FORMED TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF STREET PASTORS IN SHETLAND. WE SPOKE WITH A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE LAUNCH OF STREET PASTORS HERE. THESE INCLUDED:

- Shetland Islands Council
 - Social Work
 - Youth Services
 - Councilors
- NHS
- OPEN Youth Project
- Licensed premises
- Recovery Hub
- Women's Aid

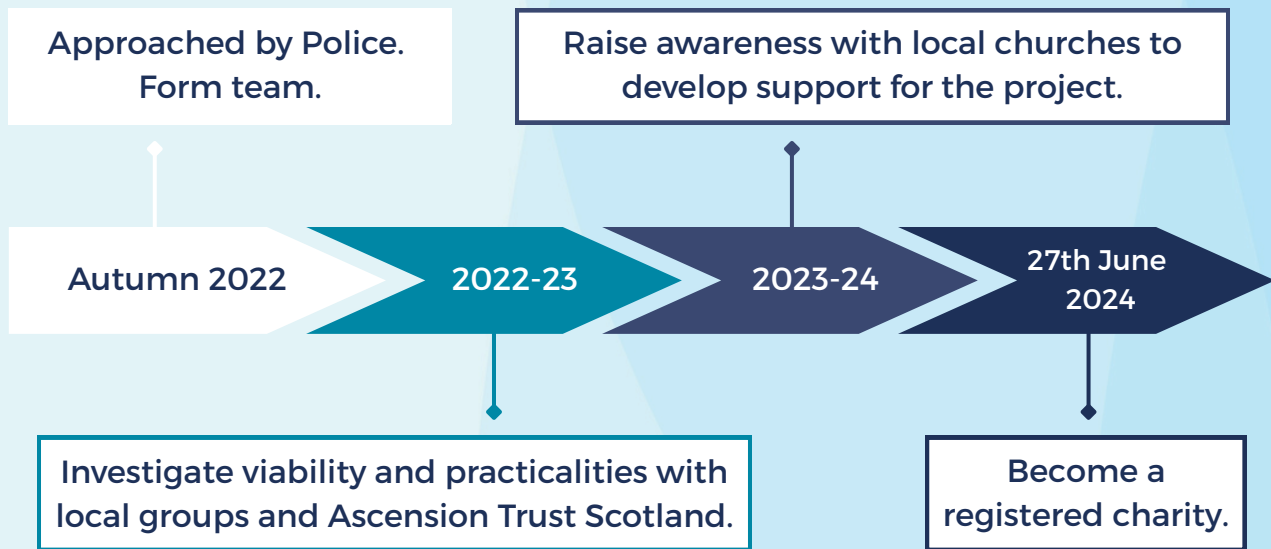
The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

“We think this is a good idea because we feel it is needed for young people’s safety and security on weekend nights. We believe our community will be safer with the Street Pastors present.”

OPEN Youth Project, Shetland



TIMELINE



CONTEXT



LOCALLY,

our regular weekly patrols will be in Lerwick town centre. However, we have chosen the name “Shetland Street Pastors” as we want to offer support to all communities across Shetland, not just Lerwick.

In Lerwick, there are a number of user groups that use the town centre on a Saturday night, including: shift workers, people on nights out, young adults, young people (under 18s), tourists, taxi and bus drivers, ferry crew, restaurant/bar/take-away staff, emergency services, and residents of the area.

NATIONALLY, WE ARE PART OF A GROWING FAMILY OF STREET PASTOR INITIATIVES WHICH ARE OVERSEEN AND SUPPORTED BY

THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)

Charity number SC041912

GOVERNANCE & FINANCES

Shetland Street Pastors is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), governed by a constitution.

OUR TRUSTEES

Ms Ellen Griffiths Weir	Chair
Mrs Beverley Womersley	Secretary
Mr Colin Black	Treasurer, until September 2024
Mr Lee Williamson	until September 2024
Rev Michelle McAdoo	until September 2024
Mr Martin Tregonning	Treasurer, appointed October 2024

We are indebted to Colin, Lee and Michelle (who stepped down in September 2024 for a variety of personal reasons) for being such an essential part of getting the charity started. After their departure, we were delighted to welcome Martin as our treasurer and are grateful for the experience he brings to this role. Recruitment of additional trustees is ongoing.

OUR FUNDS

Income for 2024-25 (£)

Donations - 500

Donations in Kind - 35

Total - 535

Expenses for 2024-25 (£)

None

Funds at 30th June 2025 (£) - 500



THIS YEAR, WE HAVE...

- > VISITED **9** SHETLAND CHURCHES TO CONNECT WITH POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS
- > RUN **2** INFORMATION EVENTS TO SHARE MORE DETAILS WITH POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS
- > SAFELY RECRUITED **6** NEW TRAINEES AND **2** EXPERIENCED STREET PASTORS
- > APPLIED FOR A GRANT AND RECEIVED DONATIONS TO BEGIN TO FUND OUR START-UP COSTS
- > REGULARLY ATTENDED THE MEETINGS OF SHETLAND ISLAND COUNCIL'S *PROTECTION IN THE COMMUNITY* COMMITTEE TO ENSURE OUR SERVICES AND WORK ARE WELL-INTEGRATED INTO THE LOCAL CONTEXT



“It was really good to hear about this work and [we] really hope it can move forward and gain lots of interest.”

Member of the Protection in the
Community Committee

“I am fully supportive of this from a policing perspective and have been involved with the Street Pastors in Glasgow about 10 years ago, so fully aware of the amazing work that can be achieved.”

Stuart Clemenson, recent Chief Inspector for Shetland

LOOKING AHEAD

OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRAINING OUR NEW RECRUITS AND GETTING READY TO LAUNCH OUR FIRST PATROLS; CARING FOR, LISTENING TO, AND HELPING OUR COMMUNITIES IN LERWICK AND AROUND SHETLAND...

...making Lerwick town centre a **safer** and more **enjoyable** place to socialise for young people and adults, and a more **peaceful** place to live for residents.

...providing **reassurance** to those whose loved ones are using the area, that there will be trained people on hand to **look out for** them and **help** if needed.

...offering **reassurance** and **safety** to participants and organisers of community events away from Lerwick town centre, **across the length and breadth of Shetland**

WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED...



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