

# WREXHAM STREET PASTORS 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



This annual report covers the period from January 2020 until December 2020. Each year we, as Wrexham Street Pastors, expect to continue where we left off from the previous year doing what we have done since the inception of this charity. However 2020 was an exceptional year in more ways than one. Who would have predicted at the start of the year that on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 a complete lockdown would be announced by the Prime Minister? Who would have imagined that a global pandemic would affect our lives in many, many ways where changes and adjustments became the order of the day? 2020 was such a year and we continue to experience the affects thereof.

Life for Wrexham Street Pastors did not continue as normal. All patrols were cancelled in accordance with the guidelines and regulations that came into force. Only a few patrols were undertaken when the restrictions were lifted which enabled us to once again fulfil the service for which we were established - albeit under very different circumstances.

On behalf of the Wrexham Board of Trustees and the Management Support Group we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every Wrexham Street and School Pastor volunteer for the tremendous continued commitment and support this dedicated team of 31 people has provided. We also want to express our sincere appreciation for the Prayer Partners who continually intercede in prayer for the Street Pastors and other Street Pastor initiatives. A number of Street Pastors faced some difficult challenging health choices during the year which led to them either retiring as Street Pastors or curtailing their involvement until it was safe to continue. A number of the team went above and beyond their call as volunteers to ensure that we were able to continue serving the community, not only as Street Pastors, but also doing other support work through their local churches. The Wrexham Street Pastor volunteers are drawn from at least 12 different churches and 2 Christian organisations.

As the Wrexham Street Pastor Coordinator, I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to all the Wrexham Street Pastors, School Pastors and Prayer Partners as well as everyone else who is involved supporting Wrexham Street Pastors. This includes our valued Partners namely Ascension Trust, the Council, the Police, together with other organisations within the night time economy as well as those who have provided funding to support the Wrexham Street Pastors.

#### Street Patrols January 2020 until March 2020.

Regular Street Pastor patrols continued on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays as well as every Saturday of each month until the lockdown was announced in March whereupon street patrols were curtailed. Patrols commenced again in August 2020 but were soon stopped when the second lockdown was announced by the Welsh Government. The information that is recorded monthly from the patrols that took place continued to confirm the positive role that Wrexham Street Pastors fulfils within the night time economy. During January, February and March a total of 15 patrols took place. During this period a total of 250 volunteer hours were recorded. During these patrols 194 bottles & 228 cans were removed from the streets. 2 space blankets were given out and 65 pairs of flip flops were donated to grateful members of the public. During these patrols a total of 356 meaningful interactions or positive encounters with members of the public took place. All of these interactions and actions contributed towards helping make Wrexham a safer and more peaceful place as well as providing the added benefit of making a positive difference in many people's lives. Wrexham Street Pastors have also positively interacted through the Night Safe Coordination meetings with the other agencies who participate in making the Wrexham night time economy safer. Limited interaction continued during the year via Zoom after the lockdown commenced. The Welfare Centre at Hafan-Y-Dref was used by both the Street Pastors and Spark Medical volunteers. Wrexham Street Pastors have passed on 12 referrals during patrols to Spark Medical at the centre.

School Pastors weekly ministry during term times continued at Rhosnesni High School until the lockdown was announced. Sadly this service to the school did not commence again during 2020 because of the restrictions that were being adhered to.

#### Feeding the sheltered community

Following the announcement of the lockdown in March 2020 all roofless and vulnerable persons were removed from the streets in Wrexham and placed in sheltered accommodation across the Wrexham borough as well as in Chester.

In late April 2020 the Wrexham Council appealed to the Wrexham Street Pastors to please assist with the distribution of meals and food parcels to these sheltered people. Wrexham Street Pastors in conjunction with the Council, AVOW (coordinators) and the Salvation Army (meal preparation) delivered approximately 50 to 65 meals and/or food parcels daily between Monday and Friday from the beginning of May until the end of December 2020. This was to various location in and around Wrexham as well as to one location in Chester. This service continued into 2021. A number of Wrexham Street Pastors took on the delivery responsibilities throughout the year.

Weekly Wrexham Street Pastor updates were sent to all the Trustees, Management Support Group Members, Street Pastors, Prayer Partners and School Pastors. Regular Trustee and Management Support Group meetings were held throughout the year via Zoom to assess what was happening and to look at how else we could support the Wrexham Community. Many of the volunteers in the Wrexham Street Pastor initiative also served the Wrexham community through other channels during this year under review. Wrexham Street Pastors received a certificate of commendation for service to the

community as a token of appreciation for the driver support that was provided.

As the Coordinator I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the support, commitment and encouragement that was expressed during the year. We also sadly say goodbye to those who have chosen to retire and we wish them everything of the best in the years ahead. Thank you once again, one and all, for your continued support and encouragement which is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Many blessings.

#### **Laurie Searle**

Coordinator – Wrexham Street & School Pastors

February 2021

Charity Number: 1162341



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

**31 DECEMBER 2020** 

Charity number 1162341

## **FINANSURE LIMITED**

2 Sheppard Street, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5FF

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Charity number** 

1162341

Organisation

Wrexham Street Pastors is a Charitable Incorporated

Organisation (CIO) first registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015.

Registered address

7 Heol Penally Wrexham **LL12 8JT** 

**Trustees** 

Arthur J Ellinson Gareth W Jones Brynmor L Williams Rodney I March

**Accountants** 

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Totals 2020 £	Totals 2019 £
RECEIPTS		
Donations received	3,569	3,737
Grants received	1,900	2,700
Gift Aid reclaimed	366	433
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,835	6,870
PAYMENTS		
Events	_	525
Licence fees	995	1,299
Operating costs	760	1,510
CCPAS exps	141	.,0,0
Administrative services	1,899	3,824
Office expenses	10	55
Insurance	106	106
Training costs	-	338
Uniform costs	-	242
Travel expenses	28	196
Accountancy	50	50
TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,989	8,145
NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	1,846	(1,275)
Cash funds brought forward	9,932	11,207
Cash funds carried forward	11,778	9,932

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

#### **31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
CASH FUNDS	44.620	0.702
Lloyds TSB current account Cash in hand	11,628 150	9,782 150
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	11,778	9,932
NET ASSETS	11,778	9,932
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We have prepared these financial statements in accordance with records and explanations given to us and verify the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2020.

Finansure Ltd	24th September 2021
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These financial statements were approved by the trustees on \_and are signed on their behalf by: