



Shrewsbury Street Pastors Annual Report 2018/2019

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2019. Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated charity and is governed by its Trust Deed dated 8 August 2011. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 28 October 2011 and activities commenced on 12 November 2011.

The trustees are the group of people charged with the governance of the charity. No

trustee had any financial interest in the charity. The charity is governed and managed by a Management Committee which meets every two months. The method of appointment of trustees is set out in the Trust Deed.

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

1.To advance education in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the Management Committee may consider appropriate in Shrewsbury and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Management Committee 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.

2.To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in Shrewsbury and in such other

parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Management Committee may from time to time think fit.

3.To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the License Agreement executed with Ascension Trust and the Core Values and Mission.

Core Values

Street Pastors embrace Christians from a range of denominations with a passion for Jesus and for the betterment of the community, who adhere to the following five core values:

- 1.The sacredness and sanctity of human life
- 2.Respect for the community
- 3.Honesty and integrity
- 4.Personal responsibility
- 5.The promotion of the growth and development of the individual to their fullest potential.

We have a suite of offices in what was the old reference library in the centre of Shrewsbury



HQ Volunteers

We now have a group of volunteers who regularly come into our offices to provide support for the workings of the charity. These volunteers are supported by the Director of Operations.

Our fund-raising activities are organised by our Friends of Shrewsbury Street Pastors Group. They arrange events such as concerts, jumble sales and raffles.

Shrewsbury Street Pastors

[Legal and administrative information](#)

31 March 2019

Working name of charity

Shrewsbury Street Pastors

Trustees

Pete Lawton, Chairman

Victoria Keeble,
Secretary

Pauline Jones

Bernard Knopp

Carole Donoghue

Ivan Hacking

Dee Ploszay

Keith Booles – resigned
January 2019

Registered Charity Number:

1144473

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MEWI
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The Royal Bank of
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Mission Statement

Our mission is to train volunteers drawn from Christian churches of different denominations to provide a listening ear and practical help to the socially marginalised and the needy.

We typically patrol the streets of Shrewsbury on Friday and Saturday nights and work in partnership with the police, local councils and a range of voluntary and statutory organisations in order to reach and help all those in need.

The Gospel is the reason for what we do but is not at the forefront of what we say.

We are non-judgmental and will give time and help to anyone and everyone we meet.

Support from local churches

Since its formation, Shrewsbury Street Pastors has been actively supported by the following churches. This vital support is greatly appreciated.

Albert Road, Evangelical Church, Oswestry.
All Saints and St Michael's Church, Castlefields.
Wem Baptist Church.
Apostolic Church, Belle Vue.
St Lawrence's Church, Church Stretton.

Barnabas Community Church, Shrewsbury.
Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock.
Belle Vue Methodist Church.
Bayston Hill Methodist Church
Catholic Cathedral, Shrewsbury.
St Giles & St Eata's Church, Shrewsbury.
Christ Church, Bayston Hill.
Bomere Heath Methodist Church
Church of the Holy Spirit, Harlescott.
Emmanuel Church, Harlescott.
Holy Trinity Church, Belle Vue.
Hope Church, Harlescott.
Gwalia House, Overton.
Riversway Elim Church, Harlescott.
Salvation Army, Shrewsbury.
Shelton and Oxon Christ Church, Bicton.
Shrewsbury Abbey,
St Andrew's Church, Craven Arms.
St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury.
Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock.
St Laurence's Church, Church Stretton.
St Peter's Church, Monkmoor.
St Thomas Church, Hanwood.
St. Winifred's RC Church, Crowmoor.
Trinity Churches, Meole Brace.

United Reformed Church, Shrewsbury.

St Cuthberts Church , Clungunford.



Prayer support

Prayer for the work of the Shrewsbury Street Pastors is vital, as we seek God's strength and motivation for this work, spiritual resources of grace and love, the safety and protection of the Street Pastors, financial provision for the initiative and God's guidance for its development.

Prayer support for Shrewsbury Street Pastors has been expanding. Each Street Pastor volunteer has a Prayer Partner or Buddy, who pray for them regularly, especially when they are on patrol. There are also six regular Prayer Supporters, who meet together with others from time to time or pray with the team before they go out on the streets. The Prayer Pastors are also able to mentor and pray for the team members where there have been difficult or challenging incidents.

Several Churches also offer prayer for Shrewsbury Street Pastors and involve home groups, who offer support and prayers for the Town and all who work in the night time economy in Shrewsbury Town Centre.

The Shrewsbury Street Pastors are volunteers who typically patrol the streets on a Saturday, and some Friday nights 10:30pm – 4am and the work is funded by voluntary contributions. Much of the work involves identifying vulnerable people in the vicinity of the River Severn, in collaboration with door staff at the venues and the local police.

A primary function is the protection of young adults who come from a wide catchment area to socialise in Shrewsbury's town centre. While many of Shrewsbury's venues provide a relatively safe place for people to meet, inevitably some encounter difficulty following a heady cocktail of too much alcohol, recreational drugs, high emotions and relationship problems. Part of the mission is to intervene before people call the emergency services, providing pre-emptive support for people in the town centre.

The service is welcomed for being direct and impartial, providing support in a non-judgmental way. Additional services include the referral of individuals with mental health issues to supporting organisations such as The Samaritans, local Neighbourhood Policing team and Mind known locally as "Sanctuary". We monitor twenty rough sleepers, ensuring that The Shrewsbury Ark Day Centre for homeless people is notified when necessary and doing what we can to keep them safe.

External support for the organisation stems mainly from Shrewsbury's local churches across seven different denominations. We have a support vehicle, called the Donkey, which we use as a Safe Place to get vulnerable people off the streets. This is used alongside our walking patrols which consist of 3-6 trained volunteers and is accompanied by a driver and helper. Our training includes First Aid, Radio Training, Drugs and Alcohol, Youth Culture and Mental Health, each provided by professional specialists.

Furthermore, we would like to improve the support vehicle's capabilities, using it for outreach, preventative work, and promotional activities to raise awareness of our charity's objectives.

The work we do

Our teams keep an eye on everyone out at the weekends to ensure they are as safe as possible, keeping those inebriated away from the potential danger of the River Severn. We can provide water for those dehydrated, flip-flops for those who can't walk in their shoes, a space blanket for those who are cold, a sick bag so taxis will take them home, or a phone call to those who are separated from friends or family to reunite them, or lollipops to diffuse aggression.

More challenging are those people who have suicide tendencies, mental health issues, or relationship problems. We are now writing Prevention Plans to support those who the teams meet on a regular basis.

Our teams are trained to listen and be non-judgmental in their approach to everyone, helping with whatever is needed, whether it is a plaster, a tissue or a prayer if requested. We work with any of the homeless people at the weekend when all other support is unavailable. We can offer hot drinks, biscuits, blankets, a Winter Survival kit, which includes socks, a hat, gloves etc. and referral to other professional agencies if required. We carry first aid equipment with us, so we can clean wounds, supply plasters, call an ambulance if necessary or do whatever is required.

This is also known as Church in action on the streets.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
For the year ended 31 March 2019

Reserves policy

The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity should have unrestricted reserves equivalent to approximately three to six months expenditure and the charity intends to build up the free reserves and maintain them at such a level.

Approval

This report was approved by the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf.

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Stephen Jones
Director of Operations

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
SHREWSBURY STREET PASTORS**

for the year ended 31 March 2019

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 set out in this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act,
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met: or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signature

Date

SHREWSBURY STREET PASTORS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds <u>2019</u> £	Unrestricted Funds <u>2018</u> £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts:			
Receipts from donors			
Grants from organisations		8,260	10,000
Contributions for training and uniforms		1,100	
Other donations		19,907	6,321
Gift aid		882	397
		<u>30,149</u>	<u>16,718</u>
Investment income	2	6	6
Employment allowance		1,062	817
Total receipts		<u>31,217</u>	<u>17,541</u>
PAYMENTS			
Charitable activities	3	42,532	18,126
Governance costs	4	1,320	
		<u>43,852</u>	<u>18,126</u>
ASSET AND INVESTMENT PURCHASES			
Fixtures, fittings and equipment			
Total payments		<u>43,852</u>	<u>18,126</u>
CASH FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		21,859	22,444
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH FOR THE YEAR		(12,635)	(585)
CASH FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>9,224</u>	<u>21,859</u>

SHREWSBURY STREET PASTORS
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at 31 March 2019

	Unrestricted Funds <u>2019</u>	Unrestricted Funds <u>2018</u> £
CASH FUNDS		
Bank accounts	9,195	21,783
Cash in hand	29	76
Total cash funds	<u><u>9,224</u></u>	<u><u>21,859</u></u>

**ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN
USE**

	Unrestricted Funds <u>2019</u>	
	Cost £	Current value £
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	<u><u>3,150</u></u>	<u><u>1,024</u></u>
Vehicle	<u><u>8,000</u></u>	<u><u>3,119</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Stephen Jones
Chairman

Date:

SHREWSBURY STREET PASTORS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2019

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Assets retained for the charity's own use are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less any residual value, over their useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% on a reducing balance basis.

Vehicle - 25% on a reducing balance basis.

2. Investment income

	2019	2018
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	6	6

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3. Payments: Charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Street patrols				
Uniform	852		852	
Mileage and travelling claims	390		390	
Training and conferences	885		885	251
Consumables	402		402	583
Telephone and radio expenses	1,197		1,197	424
Ascension Trust licence	720		720	431
Repairs and maintenance		6	6	2
Postage and stationery		106	106	256
Computer consumables		222	222	199
Wages and salaries		22,982	22,982	11,440
Employer's NI		1,851	1,851	817
Payroll costs		180	180	75
Pension contributions		512	512	47
Pension service charges		165	165	75
Vehicle expenses	2,003		2,003	2,652
Premises costs	228		228	243
Insurance	27		27	
Sundries		208	208	31
Fundraising and publicity	1,051		1,051	492
HOST	8,500		8,500	
Soup hub			-	58
Christmas Tree Festival	45		45	50
	16,300	26,232	42,532	18,126

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for the year ended 31 March 2019

4. Payments: Governance costs	2019	2018
	£	£
Accountancy	1,260	594
Bank charges	60	
	<hr/> 1,320 <hr/>	<hr/> 594 <hr/>