WREXHAM STREET PASTORS
2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

Wrexham Street Pastors continued to fulfil a role within the broader Wrexham community throughout 2025. The focal point of much of the community's attention remained the remarkable progress of Wrexham Football Club within the EFL Championship. The interest generated by the club, together with its continued success, has enhanced Wrexham's profile both locally and internationally. The increased attention and positive momentum surrounding the city have undoubtedly contributed to a growing sense of pride within the local community. May the sun continue to shine brightly over Wrexham in the years ahead.

The significant infrastructural changes within the city centre have now been completed, including the development of the pedestrian boulevard. On celebratory occasions and during community events, this has provided an attractive and welcoming atmosphere within the city centre. The night-time economy, however, has still not fully recovered to the levels experienced before the Covid-19 pandemic. The reasons for this change are varied, but may partly reflect a broader change in how people choose to spend their evenings. Many now appear to prefer staying at home, or going out for a meal before returning home, rather than participating in the traditional practice of moving from pub to pub. A number of established pubs have either changed hands or closed altogether, reflecting this wider change in the night-time economy.

Nevertheless, Saturday evenings in Wrexham remain relatively calm, with limited reports of serious antisocial behaviour. The partnership between North Wales Police, Night Safe door staff, the council's contracted medical team and Wrexham Street Pastors remains strong and effective. Working alongside one another, we have been able to respond swiftly to incidents, offer practical assistance to those in need, and provide a reassuring and visible presence for residents, visitors and those enjoying the city centre.

Trustee Meetings and Social Events

Over the course of the year, two Board of Trustees meetings were held, chaired by Gareth Jones. The Trustees have remained unchanged and continue to play an active role in supporting, guiding and overseeing the Wrexham Street Pastor initiative.

We began the year with a social gathering to thank and encourage both the Street Pastors and Prayer Partners as we entered a new year of service. It was a valuable opportunity to spend time together,

recognise the contribution of our volunteers and look ahead with encouragement and renewed commitment.

In April, we were informed that the cellar where we stored our Street Pastor equipment had been flooded following a burst water pipe. This resulted in approximately £1,000 worth of damage to our supplies. While this was an unexpected setback, we were grateful that the situation could be addressed and that our ability to continue operating was not seriously affected.

The weekly Street Pastor and Prayer Partner updates, together with the regular rota, ensured that our team remained informed, connected and prepared for service. These regular communications have become an important part of maintaining contact with our volunteers and keeping everyone aware of forthcoming patrols, prayer needs and other developments.

On behalf of the Trustees and the Steering Group, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to each and every Wrexham Street Pastor volunteer for the dedication and support you have shown throughout the year. Your willingness to serve – often in challenging conditions and at times when numbers have been limited – is deeply valued.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our Prayer Partners, whose steadfast intercession for the Street Pastors and the wider initiatives we support underpins everything we do. Although our team currently operates with reduced numbers, with 14 active Street Pastors, we have nevertheless been able to maintain patrols on at least every other Saturday evening. This consistent presence is a testament to the commitment of our volunteers, some of whom travel from Denbigh, Mold and Weston Rhyn to serve in Wrexham.

Each Street Pastor is also an active member of their own church community, and together we demonstrate the strength and value of different congregations working side by side to serve and care for the people of Wrexham. It is a practical expression of Christian unity and a reminder that, despite coming from different churches and backgrounds, we can work together with a common purpose.

As the Wrexham Street Pastor Coordinator, I would also like to express my personal appreciation to all our Trustees, Street Pastors, Prayer Partners and everyone else who plays a part in supporting our work. Your dedication, encouragement and partnership make it possible for us to maintain a visible and caring presence in Wrexham city centre on Saturday nights.

We are especially grateful for the support of our valued partners – the Ascension Trust, Wrexham County Borough Council, North Wales Police, organisations within the night-time economy and those who have provided financial support over the years. Each of these partnerships is important to our continued work, ensuring that we have the resources, training and collaborative relationships necessary to serve effectively.

Finally, we would like to express our special appreciation to the first aid team who provide such a sterling service every Saturday night. Your professionalism, dedication and willingness to work alongside us have been a tremendous support. You have truly lightened our load, and we are extremely grateful for all that you do.

Operational Feedback – Wrexham Street Patrols Initiative (January 2025 – December 2025)

During 2025, Wrexham Street Pastors maintained a regular presence in the city centre, despite operating with a smaller team than in previous years. A total of 32 Saturday evening patrols were undertaken, with 14 active Street Pastors contributing to the programme. This represents five fewer patrols than the previous year. Nevertheless, our volunteers continued to give generously of their time, providing approximately 504 volunteer hours throughout the year.

The statistics recorded during our patrols provide a useful indication of the practical contribution made by the Street Pastors. Over the course of the year, our teams removed 430 glass bottles and 547 cans from the streets, helping to reduce potential hazards within the city centre. We also distributed 97 pairs of flip flops to members of the public who found themselves in need of suitable footwear, and provided one space blanket.

Perhaps more significant than the physical items recorded in our statistics are the 400 odd meaningful interactions and positive encounters documented during the year. These encounters take many different forms. Sometimes they involve providing practical assistance; at other times, simply listening to someone who needs to talk can make a significant difference. There are also occasions when our presence alone provides reassurance to someone who may feel vulnerable or uncertain. While such encounters cannot always be measured in numbers, they remain at the heart of what Street Pastors seek to achieve.

Taken together, these activities demonstrate the continuing value of having Street Pastors present within Wrexham's night-time economy. Our aim is not simply to respond to problems but to be available, approachable and willing to help wherever an opportunity arises. Through relatively small acts of kindness and practical assistance, we seek to contribute towards making the city centre a safer, calmer and more welcoming environment for everyone.

Working with Our Night-Time Economy Partners

A key strength of the Street Pastors initiative continues to be the close working relationship we have developed with the various organisations involved in Wrexham's night-time economy. North Wales Police, Night Safe personnel, the Council, the medical team and Street Pastors each have different responsibilities, but share the common objective of helping to create a safe and positive environment in the city centre.

The Welfare Centre at Hafan-Y-Dref has continued to be an important part of this partnership. The centre is staffed on Saturday evenings by the private medical company appointed by Wrexham City County Borough Council and provides valuable professional medical support within the city centre. During 2025, Wrexham Street Pastors responded to seven requests for assistance from the medical team at Hafan-Y-Dref. We are grateful for the professionalism, commitment and care demonstrated by the medical staff throughout the year.

Since the introduction of the dedicated private medical provision, we have continued to see a significant reduction in the number of medically related situations requiring direct intervention from Street Pastors. This has been a positive development, enabling our volunteers to concentrate their attention on the wider pastoral and practical needs encountered during our patrols.

The effectiveness of the Street Pastors initiative is therefore not measured solely by the number of patrols undertaken or the items collected from the streets. It is also reflected in the relationships developed with our partners and, most importantly, in the individual lives touched through hundreds of conversations, acts of kindness and moments of practical support throughout the year.

General Community Support

The contribution of Wrexham Street Pastors and Prayer Partners extends far beyond their involvement with the Street Pastors initiative. Each volunteer has other responsibilities and commitments within their daily lives, both in the Wrexham community and further afield. Yet, despite these demands, they continue to make themselves available to serve others, whether through active involvement on the streets or through faithful prayer and encouragement. This willingness to give of their time, energy and gifts is greatly appreciated.

As we bring this report to a close, we want not only to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed during the year, but also to recognise what your service represents. Through your willingness to serve, you are being His Church in action – demonstrating the love, compassion and practical care of Christ within the community.

Looking ahead, one of the challenges we cannot ignore is the continuing increase in the age profile of our volunteers. While we remain immensely grateful for the experience and commitment of those who have served faithfully over many years, we also recognise the need to recruit a new generation of Street Pastors. We need others to come forward and take up the baton, ensuring that this important ministry can continue to serve Wrexham for many years to come.

As we look towards the future, there is also a significant milestone to celebrate. 2026 will mark the 20th anniversary of Wrexham Street Pastors. This is a remarkable achievement and one of which we can be

justly proud. Wrexham Street Pastors was one of the first Street Pastor initiatives to be established in North Wales, and two decades of service represents a tremendous testimony to the faithfulness and commitment of everyone who has been involved over the years.

As I conclude this report, I am reminded of the encouragement found in Galatians 6:9:

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

These words are a fitting encouragement for everyone involved in Wrexham Street Pastors. There will inevitably be seasons when numbers are low, challenges arise and the results of our efforts are not immediately apparent. Yet we are called to remain faithful, to continue doing good and to trust God with the outcome.

May we therefore enter the coming year with renewed faith, courage and expectation, grateful for all that God has enabled us to accomplish and looking forward to what He may yet do through Wrexham Street Pastors.

Laurie Searle

Coordinator – Wrexham Street & School Pastors

August 2026

Charity Number: 1162341



WREXHAM STREET PASTORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity number 1162341

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WREXHAM STREET PASTORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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WREXHAM STREET PASTORS

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 22nd June 2015.
Registered address	7 Heol Penally Wrexham LL12 8JT
Trustees	Gareth W Jones (Chair) Brynmor L Williams (Secretary) Rodney I March Mary Arton Sandra Owens
Accountants	Finansure Limited 2 Sheppard Street Brymbo Wrexham LL11 5FF

WREXHAM STREET PASTORS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Totals 2025 £	Totals 2024 £
RECEIPTS		
Donations received	**1,929**	1,759
Gift Aid reclaimed	**146**	193
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**2,075**	1,952
PAYMENTS		
Licence fees	**1,019**	780
Operating costs	**288**	288
Training costs	**-**	331
CCPAS exps	**159**	150
Administrative services	**806**	1,271
Event costs	**-**	316
Insurance	**106**	106
Travel expenses	**-**	35
Professional fees	**50**	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**2,428**	3,277
NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	**(353)**	(1,325)
Cash funds brought forward	**14,784**	16,109
Cash funds carried forward	**14,431**	14,784

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
CASH FUNDS		
Lloyds TSB current account	**14,281**	14,634
Cash in hand	**150**	150
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	**14,431**	14,784
LIABILITIES		
Accruals	**1,244**	1,101
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**1,244**	1,101

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 2025.

Finansure Ltd
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Dated: 22nd July 2026

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on …… and are signed on their behalf by:

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Mr G Jones