

Jesmond Street Pastors
Newcastle upon Tyne

Annual Trustees Report 2025

2025 was the ninth year of operation of Jesmond Street Pastors since its incorporation in August 2016.

Jesmond
Jesmond is an affluent residential suburb and is split into two electoral wards just north of the centre of Newcastle Upon Tyne. The population is about 12,000. The area consists of a mixture of residential homes, in mostly Edwardian and Victorian terraces. There is a large student population mainly accommodated in multiple occupancy houses. There are many cafes and restaurants, boutiques and small supermarkets centring along St Georges Terrace, Acorn Road, and Osborne Road. Jesmond Street Pastors patrol the section of Osborne Road where the nightlife is based around several chic cocktail bars. Our base of operations is Jesmond Methodist Church, located on St Georges Terrace.

Street Pastors
The Street Pastors initiative was pioneered in London in 2003 by Ascension Trust (https://www.ascensiontrust.org.uk/). A street pastor is a trained volunteer who is a Christian and is part of a local church, and who is concerned for society and their local community. They patrol in teams of men and women, often on a Friday and/or Saturday night, to care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets. They are willing to engage with people, whatever their perspective on life and wherever they hang out, working in collaboration with other agencies and projects. See https://www.streetpastors.org/ for more information about Street Pastors.

Each local Street Pastor project is approved and set up by the Ascension Trust, which is the governing body behind Street Pastors, and run by a local coordinator with support from local churches and community groups, in partnership with the police, local council and other statutory agencies.

Currently, over 220 towns and cities around the UK have a Street Pastors team. In addition to Street Pastors, there may be prayer pastors, who support the local team with prayer throughout the patrol period. Each

team will have a management committee, and trustees elected from local churches.

In 2014, some Street Pastors received additional training as Response Pastors, who provide support to those affected by a disaster or crisis in the UK. Response pastors can be called upon any day or night to support and assist where appropriate. A response pastor is a crucial point of contact and an additional support to the established emergency services. See https://www.streetpastors.org/about-us/response-pastors/.

Jesmond Street Pastors Operational Aspects
2025 was another challenging year for the team. Continued sickness within the team meant that the number of patrols was reduced to at most two per month. We completed 18 patrols, spoke to over 1600 people on our patrols, collected some 300 glass bottles from the streets, so continuing to make the streets of Jesmond safer.

The Summer period was quieter as the students were not in residence. In September, when the university terms recommenced, the students did not seem to appear in such numbers as previous years.

Licensing hours have been maintained, and all licensed premises are the same as previous years with one or two new bars opening. Some retail food outlets have changed.

We started the year with eight Street pastors with two being on long term absence.

Our Coordinator keeps in touch with local councillors and the **Keep Jesmond Clean** team, looking at ways to reduce the volumes of glass on the streets and how the street pastors can contribute to public safety on the streets of Jesmond.

Even though we are a very small team in Jesmond, we are well received, and we continue to make a difference by being there to care for the vulnerable.

Management Committee
The Management Committee have not met in 2025, due to the issues of sickness. Where necessary, members have been kept up to date via email.

Their role is to ensure that the project continues to operate smoothly. They have checked that the project conforms to the General Data Protection Regulations. In addition, they monitor income and expenditure and plan ways to raise funds. They also check that the project conforms to Charity Commission regulations and follows Ascension Trust guidelines.

Trustees and Management Committee
There was no change of Trustee during 2025. The list of Trustees is as follows.

Chair and Coordinator: Mr Chris Lincoln, Methodist Church.
Secretary: Mrs Margaret Graham, Jesmond Methodist Church.
Treasurer: Mrs Janet Anderson, Jesmond Methodist Church.
Committee members:
Dr Laura Graham, Methodist Church.
Mrs Jean Degenhardt, Jesmond United Reformed Church.
Mr John Waddell, Church of the Holy Name, Jesmond.
Rev Alison Wilkinson, Jesmond Methodist Church.

We thank our officers and Trustees for their support and prayers during 2025.

It is hoped through time that there will be a representative from all Jesmond Churches on the Management Committee.

Mr Chris Lincoln, as Chair of Trustees, spends much of his time liaising with the police and local councillors as well as speaking to the Churches in Jesmond to encourage more volunteers to come forward as Street Pastors or Prayer Pastors.

Financial Report
Jesmond Street Pastors is a small project and for its finances relies very much on donations from the local churches, the community and the general public.

Expenditure includes essential items such as a mobile phone, first aid material, and insurance for the street pastors. The License fee to Ascension Trust is obligatory.

Our audited accounts are available separately. We are grateful to our Auditor, Mr David Stabler, for his help and advice.

Summary of accounts for 2025:

INCOME		**EXPENDITURE**	
Donation St Georges Parish Church	£500.00	Mobile phone	£234.12
		Access Insurance	£221.52
Other Donation	£50.00		
		Ascension Trust License fee	£800.00
Total Income:	**£550.00**	**Total Expenditure:**	**£1,255.64**

BALANCE SHEET	
Balance at 01/01/2025	£4,577.44
Income	£550.00
Total Income	£5,127.44
Less Expenditure	£1,255.64
Closing Balance at 31/12/2025	**£3,871.80**

In conclusion, we pray that Jesmond Street Pastors will continue to support the night-time economy in Jesmond, and care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets.

Margaret E Graham
Secretary, Jesmond Street Pastors.
August 2026

Jesmond Street Pastors 1st January 2025 - 31st December 2025

INCOME			EXPENDITURE			BALANCE SHEET	
17/11/2025	Clousden W.I.	£50.00	13/01/2025	Ascension Trust License Fee	£200.00	Balance at 01/01/2024	£4,577.44
			22/01/2025	O2	£18.16		
22/12/2025	St Georges Parish Church	£500.00	22/02/2025	O2	£18.16	Income	£550.00
			24/03/2025	O2	£18.16		
			22/04/2025	O2	£19.96	Total	£5,127.44
			22/05/2025	O2	£19.96		
			23/06/2025	O2	£19.96	Less Expenditure	£1,255.64
			21/07/2025	Ascension Trust License Fee	£400.00		
			22/07/2025	O2	£19.96		
			12/08/2025	Access Insurance	£221.52	Closing Balance 31/12/2025	**£3,871.80**
			22/08/2025	O2	£19.96		
			22/09/2025	O2	£19.96		
			22/10/2025	O2	£19.96		
			30/10/2025	Ascension Trust License Fee	£200.00		
			24/11/2025	O2	£19.96		
			22/12/2025	O2	£19.96		
		£550.00			**£1,255.64**		

Examined, compared with records, bank statements and receipts and found correct.

4th June 2026

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