

Company Registration No. NI653100 (Northern Ireland)



COLERAINE STREET PASTORS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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COLERAINE STREET PASTORS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Alice McAlary Robert Ritchie Ann Vance Cathy Martin Elaine Breakey Stephaine Quigley Chris Crowder Rev A W T Brown Rev D Brown
Charity number	NIC107255
Company number	NI653100
Registered office	14 Carthall Manor COLERAINE Co Londonderry BT51 3GR
Independent examiner	IDS Chartered Accountants LLP 23/25 Queen Street COLERAINE Co Londonderry BT52 1BG
Bankers	Danske Bank Donegall Square West BELFAST BT1 6JS

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's memorandum, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)"

Objectives and activities

Coleraine Street Pastors comprises 41 volunteers from local interdenominational Churches, including Coleraine, Ballymoney, Portstewart and Castlerock. These volunteers are committed to going out at least once a month at various times, usually evening or night, to Listen, Care and Help within the local community. The Charity has a smaller number of Prayer Pastors who support the teams out on the streets by praying from the base or home. Our volunteers are trained in various aspects of our work, from Drugs & Alcohol, First Aid to Suicide Awareness. We work in partnership with NIHE, PSNI and the local PCSP. These agencies have said that our presence on the streets at weekends makes Coleraine, Portrush and Portstewart safer for those out and about at night.

We listen to, talk to and get to know people in our local community to determine their needs and offer support or guidance. This makes the difference to those who are often dealing with mental health problems/emotional distress/suicidal ideation, tackling alcohol/drug addiction, living with debt worries/in poverty/coping with homelessness/domestic abuse, struggling with apathy/social isolation/fear of crime; or young people who have a general lack of ambition, who may be at increased risk of committing crime.

On Friday nights, teams patrol Coleraine town centre, parks, railway station, and retail park, deterring crime and antisocial behaviour and engaging with people. In housing estates, their presence reassures older, lonely, or socially isolated people who may feel vulnerable to antisocial behaviour. They engage with teenagers and explain who Street Pastors are and what they do on the estates. They also visit youth clubs and mental health outreach facilities to encourage people to seek assistance if required.

On Saturday nights, teams of 3-4 volunteers patrol Portrush and Portstewart, focusing on nightlife at pubs and nightclubs. Their aim is to look out for anyone who may be vulnerable to assault, support people of all ages who need help for various reasons, and ensure they get home safely. They remove bottles and potential weapons to discourage violence and vandalism. Volunteers are also a visual presence/mediator, which helps to reduce tension and anti-social behaviour and 'free up' Police officers to deal with more urgent calls from members of the community who need their help. There are other events throughout the year, e.g., Easter Monday, when our presence in 'listening, caring and helping keep people safe' is valued. We are represented on an ongoing basis, where issues such as anti-social behaviour are raised, to be proactive instead of reactive to ensure the safety of all.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Financial review

Over the period 6 April 2023 – 5 April 2024, the charity has helped approximately 1500 people on the streets. Volunteers have lifted and disposed of 478 bottles and glasses to prevent them from being used as lethal weapons or causing injury to people going barefoot. We have attended antisocial incidents and issued 137 street supplies to the public.

We have administered first aid, as required, and assisted 84 people in transport, ensuring they got home safely.

During this period, 22 of our more experienced Street Pastors attended a refresher training session, and we delivered First Aid training. We also gave in-person presentations to community and Church groups to inform and educate them about our work.

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to between 3 and 6 months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Our current balance sheet value is £14,271.00, which is £7,019.00 lower than last year. While our charity's expenses this year are similar to those of the previous year, our income has fallen. This decline is primarily due to the charity receiving a significant one-time donation of £10,000 for the year ending in April 2023.

Our primary funding sources include support from local Churches and cash donations to our charity collection boxes. Moving forward, we plan to increase our funding by identifying more supporting Churches and applying for grants from charitable trusts and foundations.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity has held regular management meetings for the running of the project, and followed the guidelines for street pastors initiatives laid down by Ascension Trust (London), our umbrella body, supplying quarterly reports to our funders.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Alice McAlary

Robert Ritchie

Ann Vance

Cathy Martin

Elaine Breakey

Richard Pollock

(Resigned 26 March 2024)

Stephaine Quigley

Chris Crowder

Rev A W T Brown

Rev D Brown

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Stephaine Quigley
Trustee

5 December 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF COLERAINE STREET PASTORS**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024, which are set out on pages 5-10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention



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Dated: 5 December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
 INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations and grants	2	2,237	14,749
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	3	9,256	8,665
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(7,019)	6,084
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		21,290	15,206
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		14,271	21,290

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

COLERAINE STREET PASTORS

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		14,871		21,890	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(600)</u>		<u>(600)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>14,271</u>		<u>21,290</u>
Net assets			<u>14,271</u>		<u>21,290</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			<u>14,271</u>		<u>21,290</u>
			<u>14,271</u>		<u>21,290</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 5 April 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 5 December 2024

Ann Vance
Trustee



Stephaine Quigley
Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Coleraine Street Pastors is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is 14 Carthall Manor, COLERAINE, Co Londonderry, BT51 3GR.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Gifts and Fundraising	137	13,399
Churches Sign Up	2,100	1,350
	<u>2,237</u>	<u>14,749</u>

3 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Training and national conference	248	236
Catering	-	133
Uniforms	17	304
Licence	613	2,576
Stationery & Postage	343	186
Bank fees	46	34
Equipment	200	-
Sundry		(2)
	<u>1,468</u>	<u>3,467</u>
Share of support costs (see note)	7,188	4,598
Share of governance costs (see note)	600	600
	<u>9,256</u>	<u>8,665</u>

4 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, (2024 no trustees were reimbursed for expenses; 2023; none)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	600	600

7 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	21,290	2,237	(9,256)	14,271
Previous year:	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2023 £
General funds	15,206	14,749	(8,665)	21,290

8 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).