SCOUSS Trustees Annual Report 2019-2020

Introduction: In March 2020, we were, like everyone in UK and beyond hit by the Covid-19 pandemic and this reshaped our work as a street pastor initiative. We thank God for the strength and grace we received and for the opportunities to share God's love in different ways during the pandemic. Our goal remains the same – to listen, help and care for anyone and everyone we come in contact with.

Patrols: Before the pandemic, until March 2	2020 we continued our street pastor patrols, and rail patrols
In March, we had to cancel all patrols and n	net on Zoom to discuss how we could continue to help our
community. During lockdown.	have participated in "telephone
patrols". Over 100 people were contacted by	by telephone by our team, sometimes just one call,
sometimes regular calls, and some resulted	in doorstep visits to provide reassurance and practical
help during lockdown.	our two new recruits were able to help with this.
We also have 4 rail pastors	and 3 Response Pastors
but no patrols have tak	ken place since March due to the lockdown, due to travel
restrictions.	
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Street Pastors:

- 1. During this year, our team of 8 has been committed and have given much time and energy. At present we have 1 SP in training from Salvation Army, 5 from the Clearing, 1 from BCNC, 2 from Trinity Church, and 1 from St Margaret's Touch. (includes our new recruits). However, a number of street pastors have stepped down from activities, so our greatest need for the coming year is to recruit more street pastors.
- 2. A number of friends have continued to pray for us.

Churches:

 We appreciate the support and help of the local churches, although this year it has been difficult to maintain good links with the churches. BCNC will be hosting the Commissioning of our new Street Pastors,

Training: have finished their basic training, and a number of our street pastors completed online training recently. This was particularly helpful as we look at how to patrol in a post-lockdown context.

Looking ahead: We look ahead to 2021 with hope and excitement. The new year will bring new challenges and who knows what lies ahead. The Trustees and the Management have decided that it would be best for us to form a Fife-wide Initiative with Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy. This would enable us to be more effective and to be able to work together more with the other teams. It would also reduce our financial commitment to Ascension Trust. As we are a small team, this will make a big difference to our financial viability. We hope that this will go ahead quite soon, possibly by the end of January 2021. We will continue to provide help and support for the local community by providing food and basic supplies, helping with benefits, helping those who are homeless, providing activity packs and toys for

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children, providing regular telephone befriending service and doorstep visits when necessary. All of our activities are Covid-19 safe and we adhere to the national guidelines on Covid restrictions.

Trustees:



(Chair)
(not available to sign the report due to family bereavement)

(Safeguarding Officer)
(not available to sign the report due to moving away and stepping down as trustee)

Please note that we are now in process of amalgamating with Dunfermline Street Pastor Initiative to form a Fife Street Pastor Initiative so all trustees have now stepped down and two trustees will become trustees of the Fife Street Pastor Initiative.

10th March 2021.

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