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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 041984

Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

for

Aberdeen Street Pastors

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Aberdeen Street Pastors

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The company's objectives are that people in Aberdeen and elsewhere experience the love of Jesus Christ and ultimately get to know Him, the living Son of God, as their Saviour. As our volunteers meet them, we aim to leave people in a safer place and physically, emotionally or spiritually stronger depending on their needs. We work for the relief of poverty in its many forms and the promotion, protection and preservation of the good health and welfare of persons in Aberdeen and elsewhere, for the public benefit.

Significant activities

In its 18th year of service to the community, Aberdeen Street Pastors (ASP) continued to offer God's love and followed the ethos of "listening, caring and helping" in Aberdeen city centre. This remains the core concern of the charity.

ASP's main area of activity continued to be its street work. We maintained high rates of accessibility in and around the city centre (Friday and Saturday nights, 10pm - 4am) as well as in the harbour area (Thursday evenings, 7-10pm). For the majority of these operations, our "Safe Space" vehicle was deployed. The vehicle continued to provide a regular landmark, known by our service users, which they could visit for some support, refuge or respite.

Our second activity was the continuation of our School Pastor scheme. Our team of volunteers partnered with St. Machar Academy and one of its feeder schools, Riverbank Primary, to deliver a series of lunchtime activities and playground support; plus one-to-one pupil support and a well-being programme, "Flourish", to pupils that are referred to us by teachers. "Flourish" was also run in Woodside Primary for one term, at their request.

The work of ASP cannot be achieved in isolation and in 2025 excellent relationships continued with Aberdeen City Council, Police Scotland's Aberdeen Division, the NHS and SFRS, the city's business community (through Aberdeen Inspired) and the city and shire churches. We could not operate, and would not want to, without their fantastic support.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

From team logs recorded during shifts, in 2025 (c.f. 2024), ASP volunteers were out in the Aberdeen WNTE on 142 occasions (141), gave c 4,000 volunteer-hours (3,700) to the community, assisted 218 (256) vulnerable people (mainly women) and 131 (141) homeless people, intervened in and defused 23 (19) assaults, were involved in 110 (75) First Aid cases, and handed out 1,322 (835) pairs of flip-flops.

A key enabler to our activities on the streets has been our "Safe Space" vehicle from which the volunteers were able to offer:
o Safety and respite for the vulnerable and isolated
o Hot drinks to the chilled
o First aid for cuts and bruises to the injured
o Flip flops for sore feet and
o Some extra clothing and blankets to the homeless etc.

In 2023, the decision was taken to replace our second ever vehicle, a 7.5 tonne diesel truck, with a large electric van. This decision was based on compliance with Aberdeen's Low Emission Zone, projected lower maintenance costs and the need to increase our pool of drivers. We were fortunate to attract significant help with funding for the new vehicle and a van was purchased in January 2024 and customised over the next few months before becoming operational in the early autumn. As hoped, our pool of drivers expanded by about 30% within a few months due to the new van's ease of use. ASP deployed its "Safe Space" vehicle(s)139 times (115. To date, ASP has had over 14,100 (12,500) visitors to "Safe Space".

A continued focus for ASP in 2025 was the recruitment of new volunteers. The pandemic lockdowns of 2020/21 resulted in a net loss of volunteers - some stopping for personal health reasons, others through a change in their circumstances or priorities. In 2023 we balanced new recruits against those stepping down but in 2024 we achieved a net increase which we maintained in 2025.

The Thursday Evening Initiative (TEI) was integrated into ASP in 2020. Although relatively new to ASP, its work has been ongoing for 13 years as of Sep 2025. Many of the women met in the harbour area are working in the sex industry; driven into this trade through issues such as the cost of living increase, abusive partners, lack of jobs, stress, drug/alcohol issues etc. The TEI team sign-post them to various relevant support agencies when they can.

The need for the TEI work has not changed. This is ongoing work in difficult circumstances. It is not glamorous or exciting but the volunteers do feel it is important work, bringing a little dignity and help to folk who operate in a dangerous and chaotic environment.

The School Pastor work was, again, very successful in 2025. School Pastors have been serving at St Machar Academy since 2012. A lunch club is available on a Wednesday in the school Hub where games and snacks are provided. 15-20 young people come each week to this safe place to socialise and chat.

School Pastors are also present in Riverbank Primary school and the team spend time interacting with the children in the playground before going to support them in class or in 1-1 sessions.

Some of the School Pastor team have been trained in and run well-being courses called "Flourish" for girls, and "Rooted" for boys. Courses have been run in Riverbank, Woodside and Seaton Primary schools as well as the academy.

The national Response Pastor teams have now been disbanded and Aberdeen is no longer needing to support this with its volunteers. Should a local emergency arise, experienced volunteers will be contacted to support the City's emergency services as required.

Aberdeen is amongst a small number of Scottish cities with Purple Flag status; the first city in Scotland to be awarded it and, with 12 consecutive years, the longest continuous holder of the award in Scotland. This accreditation (similar to the Blue Flag award for beaches) is awarded to city centres that meet or surpass standards of excellence in managing the evening and night-time economy. (Areas with a Purple Flag are recognised for providing a diverse and vibrant mix of dining, entertainment and culture while promoting the safety and well-being of visitors and local residents).

ASP is recognised for the active role it continues to play in making Aberdeen a safer place to enjoy and, as a charity, hopes to support the City and its partners again in 2026.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The accounts show income for the year of £91,186 (2024 - £97,958) and expenditure of £98,652 (2024 - £77,796) giving a net loss for the year of £7,466 (2024 - surplus of £20,162). The reserves of the Charity at 31 December 2025 were £132,759 (2024 - £140,225) and the net current assets of the charity at 31 December 2025 were £56,709 (2024 - £36,525). As at 31 December 2025, the charity has tangible assets of £76.050 (2024 - £103,700).

Reserves policy

The Directors aim to hold unrestricted free reserves at a level which equates to at least three months of the resources expended. Current free reserves equate to just under six months of resources expended in the past year. As in the previous decade, it is the intention of the trustees to accumulate reserves annually to enable the eventual purchase of the next replacement "Safe Space" vehicle.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Aberdeen Street Pastors is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 15th December 2010 and registered as a charity on 20th December 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Appointment and removal is in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
The Directors meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity and to ensure the relevant financial and legal requirements of the Company are met.
The directors are all familiar with the work of the Charity and provide expertise from their various professional fields.

Organisational structure

Aberdeen Street Pastors is an initiative set up and licenced by Ascension Trust Scotland which is responsible for all Street Pastor initiatives established in Scotland.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
SC390373 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number
041984

Registered office
Credo Centre
14-20 John Street
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Trustees
Ms E C Forbes Director without portfolio (resigned 9.9.25)
A C Rowett Operations director
S D Heller Charity worker
P M Turner Chairman

Independent Examiner
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



P M Turner - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Aberdeen Street Pastors

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Aberdeen Street Pastors ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ruth Howie

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22 July 2026

Aberdeen Street Pastors

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.25 Total funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	52,619	8,252	60,871	61,306
Charitable activities					
Christian outreach		29,750	-	29,750	35,400
Investment income	3	565	-	565	608
Other income		-	-	-	644
Total		82,934	8,252	91,186	97,958
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Christian outreach		90,400	8,252	98,652	77,796
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(7,466)	-	(7,466)	20,162
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		140,225	-	140,225	120,063
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		132,759	-	132,759	140,225

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.25 Total funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	76,050	-	76,050	103,700
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	2,119	-	2,119	2,517
Cash at bank		59,038	-	59,038	39,474
		61,157	-	61,157	41,991
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,448)	-	(4,448)	(5,466)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		56,709	-	56,709	36,525
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		132,759	-	132,759	140,225
NET ASSETS		132,759	-	132,759	140,225
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				132,759	140,225
TOTAL FUNDS				132,759	140,225

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2025

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 July 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



P M Turner - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Donations and legacies	56,627	55,820
Gift aid	1,789	2,921
Training fees	2,455	2,565
	60,871	61,306

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	565	606
Other interest received	-	2
	565	608

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	27,650	6,949

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' expenses

During the year expenses incurred in the course of acting for the Charity were reimbursed to trustee A Rowett totalling £320 (2024 - £400). These related to travel costs.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.12.25	31.12.24
Office manager	1	1
Co-ordinator - School Pastor project	1	1
	2	2

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The above staff are employed on a part time basis, 16 hours per week.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	51,306	10,000	61,306
Charitable activities			
Christian outreach	35,400	-	35,400
Investment income	608	-	608
Other income	644	-	644
Total	87,958	10,000	97,958
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Christian outreach	76,796	1,000	77,796
NET INCOME	11,162	9,000	20,162
Transfers between funds	69,750	(69,750)	-
Net movement in funds	80,912	(60,750)	20,162
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	59,313	60,750	120,063
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	140,225	-	140,225

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025	110,620	4,046	114,666
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2025	6,920	4,046	10,966
Charge for year	27,650	-	27,650
At 31 December 2025	34,570	4,046	38,616
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2025	76,050	-	76,050
At 31 December 2024	103,700	-	103,700

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9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Other debtors	428	423
Tax	511	731
Prepayments and accrued income	1,180	1,363
	2,119	2,517

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Accrued expenses	4,448	5,466

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.25	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	140,225	(7,466)	132,759
TOTAL FUNDS	140,225	(7,466)	132,759

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,934	(90,400)	(7,466)
Restricted funds			
School Pastor fund	2,067	(2,067)	-
Fund for special events	385	(385)	-
Thursday night initiative	4,750	(4,750)	-
Training and equipment	1,050	(1,050)	-
	8,252	(8,252)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	91,186	(98,652)	(7,466)

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	59,313	11,162	69,750	140,225
Restricted funds				
Vehicle fund	59,750	10,000	(69,750)	-
School Pastor fund	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	60,750	9,000	(69,750)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	120,063	20,162	-	140,225

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	87,958	(76,796)	11,162
Restricted funds			
Vehicle fund	10,000	-	10,000
School Pastor fund	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
	10,000	(1,000)	9,000
TOTAL FUNDS	97,958	(77,796)	20,162

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	59,313	3,696	69,750	132,759
Restricted funds				
Vehicle fund	59,750	10,000	(69,750)	-
School Pastor fund	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	60,750	9,000	(69,750)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	120,063	12,696	-	132,759

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	170,892	(167,196)	3,696
Restricted funds			
Vehicle fund	10,000	-	10,000
School Pastor fund	2,067	(3,067)	(1,000)
Fund for special events	385	(385)	-
Thursday night initiative	4,750	(4,750)	-
Training and equipment	1,050	(1,050)	-
	18,252	(9,252)	9,000
TOTAL FUNDS	189,144	(176,448)	12,696

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2025.

13. PURPOSE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

School Pastor fund - this fund is solely for a School Pastor initiative which is carried out in St Machar Academy and Riverbank Primary School in Aberdeen using trained life coaches, a website and a part time co-ordinator. The scheme may possibly be introduced to other schools where life coaching by independent adults is seen as beneficial, depending on adequate funding and the availability of qualified volunteers.

Thursday night initiative fund - this fund is solely for income received specifically for use in the Thursday night work of the charity - further details in the Trustees Report.

Vehicle fund - this fund is solely for the purchase and running costs of a Safe Space vehicle.

Training and equipment fund - this fund is solely for amounts received specifically for the purchase of equipment or for the funding of training.

Fund for special events - this fund relates to monies received in relation to organising and running specific events.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and legacies	56,627	55,820
Gift aid	1,789	2,921
Training fees	2,455	2,565
	60,871	61,306
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	565	606
Other interest received	-	2
	565	608
Charitable activities		
Grants	29,750	35,400
Other income		
Event income	-	554
Other income	-	90
	-	644
Total incoming resources	91,186	97,958
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	26,064	22,374
Staff expenses	468	536
Office running costs	7,808	7,572
Training costs and uniforms	2,430	7,716
Events	1,184	1,710
Licence fee - Ascension Trust	13,167	12,329
Provisions	13,917	13,096
School Pastor expenses	2,376	1,000
Vehicle running costs	2,418	3,284
Depreciation of motor vehicles	27,650	6,920
Depreciation of computer equipment	-	29
	97,482	76,566
Support costs		

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	870	930
Independent examination	300	300
	1,170	1,230
Total resources expended	98,652	77,796
Net (expenditure)/income	(7,466)	20,162