

Trustee - Leamington Spa Street Pastors

...supporting caring on the streets

Might this be you? (or someone you know?)

There are 250 towns in the UK running Street Pastors ('SPs') using a framework set by the Ascension Trust from whom uniform is purchased and who define training and operating guidelines through a Licence Agreement. Our website says what we are about.

The local operation ('LSSP') is a free standing Registered Charity and to date has been supported strongly by the Police and the District Council who continue to provide the bulk of its income requirements. There are currently 18 volunteer SPs from a dozen churches who cover Saturday nights and occasional other nights.

We employ a part-time Coordinator (35 hours/month as needs arise) to be proactive in maintaining and developing the operation and promotion of the service, listening to and giving support to the volunteers and fostering prayer support.

1 or 2 more Trustees are needed. There are currently 5 (max is 9).

The Trustees are legally responsible for the charity and:

- **Meet about every 2 months.**
- **Consider the long-term direction of the service, its effectiveness and how to drive it forward.**
- **Hear the Coordinator's report on the 'health' of the service, progress made and any concerns.**
- **Agree how any concerns amongst or with the volunteers are overcome, take action as thought necessary and address pastoral needs.**
- **Manage any support or employment issues regarding the Coordinator role.**
- **Promote volunteer recruitment amongst all local churches and maintain links with Churches Together in Leamington.**
- **Assess suitability of volunteers' applications and handle them with care.**
- **Approve expenditure and consider adequacy of funding.**
- **Manage aspects of general membership and arrangements for AGMs.**
- **Ensure Charity Commission, PAYE and other requirements are satisfied.**

Trustees are unpaid. He/she is not required to train or act as a SP though they might want to go out very occasionally as an Observer for parts of a night to aid understanding. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are appointed from within the Trustees.

There is a preference to increase our diversity generally and our spread of denominations covered. There is a slight caution about having serving SPs because of the matters and individuals sometimes discussed. (The Coordinator maintains links with SPs and this also happens through the group of Senior SPs who discuss operational issues)

Trustees should have the positive support of their own Church Leader before seeking the role and references would be sought.

For an informal chat or any queries ring 07770 658450

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