



Cheltenham Street Pastors

The Church in action on the streets

Spring 2011



1,000 Pairs of Flip Flops - Free

Cheltenham Street Pastors gave out over 1,000 pairs of flip flops last year! They were generally given to girls walking home in bare feet after a night out in the town. The teams, working in the town centre on Friday and Saturday nights, also gave out over 800 bottles of water and over 100 space blankets. Overall they helped almost 2,500 people and collected up over 2,000 discarded bottles and glasses which otherwise might have caused injury or been used as weapons.

Extra Race Week Patrol

Cheltenham Street Pastors provided an extra patrol on the Thursday of race week to help with the large numbers of people in the town centre that evening and the team were kept busy supplying water and flip flops when needed. The Police said that the team did a great job that night and attracted some very favourable comments.

On the Streets

"We were approached by a lady who asked us to pray for her. She said she was homeless, had recently stopped taking drugs and now drank (but in moderation). She held our hands and then she prayed." (January)

"A girl ran up and asked if we were Christians. She said her friend had just told her he had cancer and asked us to pray for him. We offered to pray with her then and there, which we did and she was grateful and seemed comforted." (February)

"We gave out many flip flops to grateful girls and were approached by many people during the evening who 'knew someone' who had been helped by a Street Pastor and to thank us for what we did." (February)

"We saw a man who was sat down with his head between his knees. He didn't respond to us and was very cold. He had cuts on his arms and head and was in a bad way so we called an ambulance. They came quickly and got him on his feet. We left the paramedic and Police to sort him out after establishing there wasn't anything else we could do." (March)

Who are Street Pastors?

What do they do?

Cheltenham Street Pastors are offering the opportunity to find out at first hand about their work on the streets of Cheltenham. If you are over 18 and attend a local church you can join a Street Pastor team for an hour or more one Friday or Saturday night as an observer. For more information see contact details below.

More Street Pastors Needed

50 more Street Pastors are needed to fulfill the vision of providing a second team on Saturday nights as well as a team one weeknight and for other special events during the year. You must be over 18, attend a local church and will receive full training and a uniform. Contact details are given below.

Thank You

One evening in March a Street Pastors team came across a couple in the town centre who were both deaf. The lady seemed rather drunk and barely able to walk so they helped carry her to her nearby flat. Next day her boyfriend sent an email explaining that she is autistic and thanked the team for their support and for seeing her safely home.