



Harrow Street Pastors – News 2016.

Isaiah 58:10. "... if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness,"

We have now been operating for four years, and it has been a real privilege to work as part of a team of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers from all wings of the Christian Church. Without the many significant contributions from over 50 individuals from 24 churches we would not be able to perform this service of simply 'listening, caring and helping' on the streets of Harrow and being the church on the streets.

Statistics for 2015:

- 77 Street Pastor patrols.
- 1806 volunteer hours out on patrol.
- 1002 volunteer hours of prayer support.
- 198 people helped on the streets.
- 4299 bottles/glasses/cans picked up.
- 101 lots of broken glass swept up.
- 5 pairs of flip-flops given out.
- 21 anti-social incidents attended.
- 49 referrals made for people to be signposted to other organisations (e.g. homeless/drug support/hospital etc.).

The words of encouragement below are some of the comments and quotes that we have received via email and text during 2015:

"I just wanted to say thank you for all Street Pastors are doing, you really are an amazing bunch! You have been so consistent and passionate about the people that you see, including those who are homeless, it has made a significant difference in Harrow." Julian, FirmFoundation.

"As I sit correcting undergraduate essays, I came across these words penned by a student, concerning war refugees – "I think there is no man who can handle seeing his son or his mom or any part of his family, sleeping in the street." Surely, our Father in heaven, even less so, being of so much greater tenderness, care and loyalty! We believe in the love God has for us. May He use us to bring many more sons home to His heart, amen. Love and blessings," Funke (Prayer Pastor)

"Again thank you for all your help and assistance it really is appreciated." Mark, Community Protection Officer, Harrow Council

"you all are continuing to do an amazing job to His glory!" Pastor Rick

*"Hy my friend.I was homeles.No I have very nice flat,on housing benefit and claim benefit.I go slowly ap,looken for job,save monay.I prayu to you and thank you very much ,your halp."*V

"I had the pleasure of meeting 'A' yesterday, the man who needed surgery but was sleeping in a car park last October. His situation then was dire but he has now had all his surgery and is in a flat. He hopes to start looking for work next week and he is so grateful to all who have helped him over these last months. I did not recognise him when we were introduced as he now looks fit and healthy and it was a delight to see him in such good spirits as well". Monica (Street Pastor).

"I continue to be delighted at how God uses you all in these difficult and often tragic situations. Love and prayers," Rev Joan

"I had a very strong sense of the Kingdom of God working through his Church and I pray today that you all will be encouraged by what God is doing through us to bless our nations, to strengthen our communities and to see our communities transformed. May our Lord Jesus, today, continue to strengthen us and the work of our hands as we serve Him in our local communities, cities and nations. In His Service," Les Isaac OBE, CEO of Ascension Trust.

"I am writing to thank you all for your support during my journey as a street pastor in Harrow. Thank you very much for accepting me into the team. A special thanks to the prayer pastors for upholding the team and me. I can't imagine a patrol without your support. I am glad to have been a part of an enthusiastic team. I have learnt a lot from everyone I have patrolled with. I will always cherish each and every experience. Harrow is a wonderful and interesting place to patrol. Harrow Street Pastors - May the Lord bless your efforts. Keep Rocking as always. Much love," Anita (Street Pastor – moved to Redbridge)

"Really appreciate these updates. In our prayers. God bless." Pastor Winston

We also value our connections and relationship with the wider community, in particular the members of PubWatch, Harrow Business Against Crime, The Met Police, Harrow Council's housing team and community protection team.

So as we move in to 2016 we are seeking to continue our Friday and Saturday night patrols, and to slowly build up our team of Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors. If you're interested in knowing more or getting involved please see <http://harrow.streetpastors.org.uk> or contact Quinton.

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