



## Market Harborough Street Pastors

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012

From 7.00 pm

at

The Old Grammar School,  
Market Harborough

### AGENDA

Tea and coffee will be available  
prior to the start of the meeting at 7.30 pm

Welcome	Philip Jones
Opening Prayer	Peter Arnold
1. Apologies	
2. Minutes of last AGM	
3. Administrator's Report	Angela Zemlak
4. Treasurer's Report	Andrea Kenney
5. Prayer Support Leader's Report	Peter Arnold
6. Chair's Report	Philip Jones
7. Election of members of the Management Board	
8. Presentations	
Closing Prayer	Rev. James Shakespeare

## **Market Harborough Street Pastors Administrator's Report for 2011**

The last calendar year, 2011, has seen quite a few changes, one being my appointment as Street Pastor Administrator in August 2011. I am very grateful for the support of James Shakespeare who was Administrator before me and to the Board for their support and encouragement.

The following is a brief summary of the events of 2011:

### **Training**

We continued the comprehensive training programme that all Street Pastors must undertake. This consists of sixteen modules. The modules completed in the last calendar year are the five mandatory courses for our new volunteers before they are allowed to go on Patrol:

- Roles and Responsibilities parts 1&2
- Sharing the Good News
- Understanding of Police Authority
- Listening Skills

While the following training was offered to all Street Pastors:

- Mentoring skills
- Alcohol awareness
- Suicide awareness
- Mental health
- Youth Culture
- Probation
- Counselling
- Seniors' training
- Refresher training
- Sexual health

I am very grateful to all our partner agencies who have given up their time to provide us with this training. By the end of 2011 we had twenty-three Street Pastors who had completed the core training and were patrolling on average once a month.

### **Patrols**

- We went out on 50 of the 52 weeks that in 2011. We missed two weeks in August but we only had seventeen trained Street Pastors at that time. The Street Pastors gave a total of 1,116 ½ volunteer hours to the community during 2011. From the beginning of May we started going out on the first Saturday of the month and other weekends we stayed with Fridays. Saturday nights are nearly always busier than Friday nights and this proved a good move.
- We have had 1360 contacts with people during our Patrols with around 600 conversations about who we are and what we do, about life in general and some in greater depth. Offering our business card enables those that want to, the ability to talk to someone again.
- We have built up a good relationship with the many young people who use the town centre and the parks. They have been very pleased to see us and enjoy chatting with us and having one of our lollies. We occasionally get feedback about the effect these conversations have had on those we meet but not always and that is not as important as the talking and listening that takes place.
- Personally, my saddest evening on Patrol was Friday 23 December when we met a number of teenagers who had left school in the Summer and were still without work. I have said a lot of prayers for these young men since, some of whom knew what they wanted to do but could not get the work and some who had no idea what they wanted to do.
- We also provide practical assistance to those in need. This can be giving water to those impaired by alcohol or drugs, helping people get into a taxi, providing flip-flops to ladies who

would otherwise struggle to get home safely in high heels, providing basic first aid, and calling for professional help for more serious cases.

- In 2011 we removed 326 potential weapons (bottles and glasses) off the streets. We reported to the Council broken glass that we couldn't remove ourselves as well as park and street lighting that was not working. There were 115 people involved in incidents of anti-social behaviour which included us trying to calm aggressive people and helping those who were alcohol or drug impaired.

### **Prayer Pastors**

We have a team of ten Prayer Support people who have given at least 300 volunteer hours to our work in 2011. They are a vital part of the team supporting the Street Pastors with prayer and looking after the Street Pastors by making tea / coffee at the start of the evening and during the mid-evening break.

### **Why I do this job**

Before I applied for this job I went out as an Observer. The team helped a young man who was obviously distressed. Somehow he had arrived in Harborough from Huntingdon via a night out in Leicester and a visit to Leicester Royal Infirmary for a cut on his wrist. He hadn't waited the 5 hours needed to be seen after triage and left the LRI untreated! It was May but getting quite chilly (I did not have the lovely Street Pastor jacket so I remember the cold!). The cut was bleeding quite badly, so two members of the team called for the paramedic, stayed with him and his friend and just talked calmly and quietly. I was on the other side of the road with the rest of the team but I could see him visibly relax in the knowledge that someone was looking after him. The paramedic arrived and dealt with the cut and we waited until his friends arrived from Huntingdon to take him home. This one incident took between 20 minutes and half an hour.

This was the main and really the only incident that night but that is when I knew why we were there. Not just for the big incidents or the life changing experiences although they are important but because that young man needed our help.

### **Looking forward in 2012**

- From the beginning of 2012 we started going out on alternate Friday and Saturday nights.
- We now have our own webpage promoting our work in Market Harborough [www.marketharborough.streetpastors.org.uk](http://www.marketharborough.streetpastors.org.uk).
- In February, we distributed our first Newsletter and are hoping to publish one every 6 months. This has already produced positive feedback with one lady asking to be on the mailing list and offering to contribute financially to the work we do.
- We have registered as a charity with HMRC and now have collecting boxes in 10 locations around Harborough.
- I have been working closely with the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire SP Collaborative Groups which has been a source of great support and inspiration. We have also arranged joint training sessions.
- I have attended several meetings regarding events due to take place in the Harborough area with Harborough District Council, police and other voluntary agencies.
- I am looking forward to attending the National Management and Co-ordinators Conference in Taunton at the end of June.
- We have two fund raising Coffee mornings, one at the home of Liz Howe on Saturday 26 May 2012 and one at the Harborough Theatre on Saturday 7 July 2012.
- We have planned a 24 hour prayer event from 7.00 pm on Friday 22 June 2012.

**Market Harborough Street Pastors  
Income and Expenditure for 2011  
And Balance Sheet**

**Income and Expenditure  
1st January 2011 to 31st December 2011**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Regular Income	£94.00	Salary	£3840.00
Single Donations	£2863.82	Ascension Trust	£673.60
Training Fees	<u>£1350.00</u>	Other	<u>£524.03</u>
Total	<u><u>£4307.82</u></u>	Total	<u><u>£5037.63</u></u>

**Balance Sheet  
As at 31 December 2011**

Bank 31 Dec 2010	£3598.15	Expenditure	£5037.63
Income	<u>£4307.82</u>	Bank 31 Dec 2011	<u>£2868.34</u>
	<u><u>£7905.97</u></u>		<u><u>£7905.97</u></u>

## **Market Harbourough Street Pastors Chair's Report for 2011**

This is my third report to our AGM and as in previous reports my first wish is to thank all of you for your efforts and dedication to the task we have set ourselves which is to be manifest examples of the love of Jesus on the streets of Market Harbourough and to be part of the nationwide initiative which is Street Pastors. Angela has given a overview of the activities we have been involved in and we have come a long way since we commissioned in 2009. We have gained and lost members and refined and expanded the scope of activities. I hope you will agree that we have achieved much. To use jargon which feels uncomfortable in this context "Brand Recognition" is high both nationally and locally.

Your Management Board met 4 times during the year and I met with the Administrator on an approximately monthly basis. A number of management and operational issues were discussed and resolved which have been brought into effect. We now have an appointed Chaplain in James and both a newsletter and website which afford valuable ways of keeping in touch with each other. I would like to express my thanks to them for their continued hard work on behalf of us all.

We have been blest with support from individuals who have signed up to regular giving, with considerable support from the local churches and from the Bowdens Trust which is part way through its planned giving to the Initiative.

As important as the patrols is the prayer support and I thank Peter for co-ordinating this and for the volunteers who turn out to give welcome spiritual and practical refreshment every week.

For the future I look to consolidation in our numbers; maintained and, where appropriate, extended patrols; a steady and sufficient income stream and a continued sense of community and achievement in the work we do for God in Market Harbourough.