

2021

Street Pastors Newcastle



Thank you

"Just want to say a huge thank you for helping my friend out tonight. She was a little worse for wear after one or two drinks too many I'm not religious at all but I really do appreciate the work you do for our society,... brilliant work you do! Thanks again for helping my friend out."



Street Pastors return to the streets of Newcastle

Since 12th April 2021 Street Pastors have been on the streets every Saturday night. With the easing of Covid restrictions, restaurant's & pubs were able to open up for the first time since October 2020, with outside seating only. We were asked by Northumbria Police if we would like to start patrols again. Our answer was YES.



July 2021 saw the removal of almost all restrictions in England. Thousands of people returned, enjoying meals, drinks and music. The city's' night economy is once again booming back to 2019 levels. Theatres, cinemas, casinos, restaurants, pubs & night clubs are once again seeing numbers increasing every week. Our work load has risen significantly, with the need to help people who become vulnerable through drink or drugs. They quite often become separated from their friends or become disorientated in a strange city.

For example one weekend in September, we helped eight vulnerable people. We helped the police with a unconscious young person while the ambulance was called; we organised a guy to be picked up by his wife at 1am; we helped a family, who were not drunk, find their parked car; we assisted the police with a young person who had mental health issues and would only accept help from females; as well as giving out 14 pairs of flip flops and as many bottles of water. It was a long shift for the team from 10:30pm until 4:30am.

“Protecting the Vulnerable Award” from Northumbria Police

In July 2021, we were honoured & excited to receive the *Protecting the Vulnerable Award* at the first Northumbria Police *Citizens in Policing awards*. It is a huge thank you from Northumbria Police to our volunteers who give their time and energy to serving the people of Newcastle's night time economy - caring, listening and helping. Working alongside door staff, medical staff & Northumbria Police ensuring all who are out enjoying themselves are looked after if they become vulnerable. The past year has been a huge challenge for so many of us. The work of Street Pastors continues only restricted by the lockdowns.



Street Pastors' Prayer

Living God, we praise you for the vision that gave birth to Street Pastors and for every life and every Community that has been touched through this movement of your Spirit.

We thank you for every Street Pastor and we pray for them as they share Your love with others:
We ask for Your protection and encouragement Your wisdom and courage And an ever deepening faith in and love for You.

We pray for those they meet week by week in the pubs and clubs in the late night cafes, on the streets and at the bus stops. May those who are lonely be warmed by Your presence; those who are bruised and hurting find healing in Your love; those that are ashamed and without hope be set free by Your forgiveness and grace.

Lord Jesus Christ You came to seek and to save the lost. Thank you for the privilege of being your hands and feet, your eyes and your heart where we live.

Give us eyes that see as you see, hearts that love as you love, and words that bring life and peace.

And in it all, Lord God, give us thankfulness, generosity and joy in serving you, whom to serve is perfect freedom and whom to know is Life eternal.

God of Grace, to You be honour, praise and glory, from everlasting to everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN!**

Would you join us?

Would like you to join our volunteers as they patrol the streets of Newcastle City Centre on a Friday and Saturday nights from 10:30pm – 4am, helping those who find themselves vulnerable or marginalised?

There is full training program of 25 hours for our new volunteers provided by the Samaritans, Northumbria Police, PROPS, Hope for Justice as well as in house training.

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