



Newcastle StreetPastors

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Welcome to our New Coordinator.



September 2016 saw Paul Waugh take up the role of Coordinator Street Pastors Newcastle. Paul took over from John Vacher, who left in the spring of 2016 and we would like to thank John for his hard work. Paul Waugh has been a Street Pastor since 2012 and is currently a Senior Street Pastor. He served in Kenya with Mission Aviation Fellowship for 9 years and until recently worked for Newcastle Hospitals Trust in the IT department. "I feel

passionate for the Street Pastor movement. Newcastle is an amazing city with many visitors at the weekend for parties and eating out. To reflect God's love and offer pastoral care is a great opportunity".

The Tools of the Trade

The shift begins at our Office in Mosley Street at 22:00. We meet to pray and prepare for the evening ahead. At around 22:30 the team will login through the Radio to the Pub Watch System which has access to CCTV, Door Staff and Police.

A rucksack is carried with five bottles of water, a number of flip flops, foil blankets and a First Aid kit. Mars Bars are carried to assist in sobering people up and also to give to the homeless.

The Senior Street Pastor will lead the team on a route which covers the Centre for Life, The Gate in Newgate street, Haymarket, Grey street, Dean street, Bigg Market and occasionally the Quayside. During the walks we are on the lookout for vulnerable people who may have become separated from their party or had too much to drink. We are also on call from the Pub Watch Radio: Door staff, St Johns Ambulance and Police are able to call us to assist with vulnerable people. We know most of the homeless people in the city centre and usually stop for a chat and to give them water, chocolate bars and maybe a foil blanket. Faith talks come up unexpectedly, sometimes with the homeless and sometimes when people ask why we do this and for free. It's a great opportunity to explain why we believe and that we want to reflect God's love to the people of Newcastle. Hopefully we will get a break at 01:00 for 30 mins and then we are out until 04:00. The St. Johns Ambulance and a Police staffed Safe Haven Van are based in the Bigg Market; this provides a structure in which the visitors to Newcastle Centre City are looked after safely.



Statistics for 2015

We thought you would like to see a few stats for the year 2015 .

- Street Pastor hours on the streets: 2,303
- People we've spoken to: 8,138
- Pairs of flip flops given: 443
- Bottles/Glass removed from street: 2,566
- Safety blankets given: 570
- Bottles of water given: 934
- People we've given first aid to: 10
- Vulnerable people we've helped: 331
- In depth conversations of faith: 164
- Calls from the police/licensed premises responded to: 318

Is God calling you to be a Street Pastor?

Newcastle StreetPastors are recruiting Now (Training Jan/Feb2017)

We are Christians with a concern for our local community. We are from over thirty local churches and we're on the streets of Newcastle City Centre from 10pm-4am every Friday and Saturday night.

Caring — about our community

Listening — to anyone who needs to talk

Helping — practically, emotionally and spiritually

We are there to care, listen and help. Street Pastors come from right across the Christian community and can be anyone who has been committed to a church fellowship for more than one year, with a personal reference from their minister or church leader

If you wish to become a Street Pastor or to have an informal chat, please call Paul Waugh.

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Your prayers and financial support mean so much to us a big thank you.

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