



# Newcastle Street Pastors

Autumn 2023



It has been a while since our last newsletter. Our in-take of five street pastors are nearing the end of their training. Our 34 trained street pastors are highly motivated and professional in their approach to caring, listening and helping on the streets. We are out from 10:30 p.m. until 04:00 a.m. on Friday & Saturday nights patrolling the streets of Newcastle.

## The changing season

As street pastors we notice the shifts in the weather and days at this time of year. Arriving at 10:00 pm & finishing at 4 am for a patrol, we experienced near daylight. Now the patrol starts in the dark and finishes in the dark. The chill in the air means we need to wear our winter coats. During the summer we have been wearing polo shirts while out on patrol. We are well equipped but have a thought for the homeless who often sleep in tents in parks around Newcastle. The partygoers wear what they have been wearing throughout the summer! That is why we carry foil blankets to wrap around the young person who needs our help after too much drink. They are quite often amazed that they begin to warm up. The safe haven van run by the Police is always an attractive place to take someone who is slowly coming around from being drunk. It is warm and safe; we can work with the police to find out where they live or which hotel they are staying at.



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## Prayer is important.

An essential part of the street pastor patrol is prayer. There are prayers at the start of the evening and at the end. Members of churches also pray for the evening ahead. We have seen God at work in our city centre many times. One example: It was a quiet night when the patrol headed over to Times Square. While chatting with people outside one of the clubs, a member of the public told the team there was a young man who had become ill. The patrol at once approached the young man, who was very drunk or may have taken something as well. After chatting with him and giving him a little water, they managed to walk him to the Safe Haven. This took us 50 minutes to do this, during this time the young man began to become chattier, he said he had no money, but his mum would pick him up. We called his mum, and he was collected after 30mins.

### A street pastor is...

- a Christian and is part of a local church.
- concerned for society and their local community.
- willing to engage with people, whatever their perspective on life and wherever they hang out.
- Happy to work in a team and in collaboration with other agencies and projects, both statutory and voluntary.

“Street Pastors is about Christians rolling up their sleeves and getting involved in practically responding to the problems of crime and safety. They are like beacons on our streets, and I want to see them shining brightly in every constituency.”

**David Burrowes, Patron of Ascension Trust**

Your prayers and financial support mean so much to us; thank you. Paul S Waugh

Would you like more information on street pastors give us a call on 07840 827614.

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