



Newcastle Street Pastors 2008-2023 15 years

Winter 2023 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Street Pastors and our special guests



Our Patron Lord John Shipley



Street Pastors founder Rev Les Isaac

15 years old

2023 marks fifteen years of Street Pastors serving the people of Newcastle. Current and past Street Pastors enjoyed a service of celebration on 21st September at Newcastle Cathedral. We were joined by several VIPs and heard a message from HRH the Duke of Edinburgh celebrating this achievement (see pictures).

Way back in December 2008, a group of trained volunteers ventured out onto the streets of Newcastle for the first time, not knowing what they would be faced with. Now in 2023, street pastors are very much part of the night-time economy. Street Pastors have made a significant contribution to the safety of the night-time economy. A contribution that Northumbria Police have recognised.

The stats

Since 2008 Street Pastors have

- cared for **5,704** vulnerable people,
- handed out **6,642** pairs of flip flops for foot safety and avoiding hospital,
- given out **12,926** bottles of water for rehydration
- and **6,687** foil blankets for warmth,
- administered First Aid to **671** people,
- binned **45,667** broken bottles and glass.

Figures up to November 2023

Thanks we have received

“I would just like to say thank you for staying with my daughter last night and keeping her safe until her brother arrived appreciate you giving her your time.”

“Just wanted to ask you to pass on my thanks to the team. My Son had his drink spiked a couple of weeks ago and quickly realised something was wrong. Found your team and they stayed with him until my Husband picked him up. He cannot remember their names but wanted you to know how much we appreciated it xx”



Patrol with our guests from Northern Ireland & Japan



Taking Care



Always needed: torch and phone charger

“Thank you all so much for keeping my son safe after his first night in the town and overindulging and helping him at West Jesmond metro station. We eventually found his glasses after a rummage through the bushes. Thank you so much again.”

Support we receive

Street Pastors would like to thank the following organisations for their support:

- Genting Casino,
- The Gate,
- Leonardo Hotel,
- Maldron Hotel,
- Motel One.

Street Pastors would also like to sincerely thank the following, whom we have worked alongside over the last year:

- Northumbria Police,
- FSNE medical,
- the Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner,
- Street Marshalls,
- Taxi marshals

What we do

We patrol the city centre on Friday and Saturday nights from 10:30 p.m. until 4 a.m. During the patrols, Street Pastors respond to the needs of members of the public. We care for

- those who are incapacitated through alcohol, drugs, or both
- people separated from friends
- those who are sleeping rough, cold, hungry, and thirsty
- those without suitable footwear
- those who need directions to their hotels.

The team carries flip-flops, bottles of water, confectionery, space blankets, and small items of warm clothing. First Aid is administered if needed or advice is given to seek the correct help. e.g., A ‘Safe Haven Van’ is available on Friday and Saturday evenings, run by Northumbria Police. It offers a warm safe environment to recover in. F.S.N.E. Medical provide a Medical Unit situated next to the Safe Haven.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

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

Paul S Waugh Coordinator

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