

## Newcastle Street Pastors 15 years and counting

Spring 2024







Street Pastors Newcastle continued to grow in strength in prayer and numbers last year. I am so proud of our 36 volunteers who are out Friday and Saturday nights 10 pm till 4 am once a month, some twice a month. When you look at the figures below, the amount of work the teams get through in a year is amazing. Many times we have assisted the Police and Door Staff or have found vulnerable people in many places throughout the city.

We do our very best to be where we are needed. Radios help the Police CCTV camera team to handle requests for Police & Street Pastors from Door staff and others.

Our work in the City Centre for 2023

- cared for 389 vulnerable people,
- handed out 471 pairs of flip flops for foot safety and to prevent trips to hospital,
- given out 751 bottles of water for rehydration
- and 521 foil blankets for warmth,
- administered First Aid to 29 people,
- binned 3813 broken bottles and glass.

## What do 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, Mars Bars, space blankets & small items of warm clothing.

If you would like more information on street pastors give us a call on 07840 827614. Email: newcastle@streetpastors.org.uk



Listening



Caring



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.

## Thanks we have received

"Hiya! On Saturday at 3am I was involved in a hitand-run accident at central station. I just wanted to give a message and tell you all how truly thankful I am for how amazing and kind you all were for helping me through such a scary time! Everyone was incredibly kind to not only myself but my Friends, boyfriend and my parents when they came to the accident. They were loving, caring and kind and showed so much compassion towards every person there. Their kindness was truly appreciated. They helped me stay calm, kept me awake and talking. Thanks to them this incident is being taken extremely seriously. Just to let them know I am okay, just bad bruising and a small amount of concussion. Thank you so much once again and you all do such an amazing job!"

"Thank you for helping my Adult son (he has Autism) on Saturday night after attending a Tayler Swift pub event. The Street Pastor was so kind to help my son call a taxi at 2 am and gave him a bottle of water. Kind regards"

Street Pastors Newcastle rely on donations to provide this vital service to the people of the night-time economy.

If you would like to donate to Street Pastors Newcastle as a one-off donation or a regular donation,

Click on the link below

## **To Give to Street Pastors Newcastle**

£10 would provide 10 foil safety blankets.
£20 provides 8 pairs of Flip Flops, preventing injury from broken glass.
£25 fills the team bag for a patrol. (foil blankets, water, flip flops, first aid).

Your prayers and financial support mean so much to us;

A big thank you, Paul S Waugh Coordinator

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