



2021-22

# Preston & South Ribble (North) Street Pastors

## *Caring, Listening & Helping*

### Our Annual Report!

#### *The numbers...*

1435 Conversations on the streets  
 929 Hot drinks and snacks given out  
 720 Volunteer hours  
 463 Glass bottles disposed of  
 124 Items of warm clothing given  
 114 Pairs of flip flops  
 68 Patrols  
 63 Signposting/contact info provided  
 36 Volunteers (plus 6 in training)  
 16 bottles of water  
 10 Foil blankets  
 3 First aid

“ Seeing first hand the good work that is done was enlightening and I have nothing but admiration for all of the Street Pastors who dedicate their time to this. Those of us who have friends and family in the city can rest a little easier knowing that these good and selfless people are around to help out those who find themselves in need at night in the city centre. ”

**Deputy Mayor , Cllr Neil Darby  
December 2021**

Met a guy called J sat at the bus stop outside Tesco's. He told us he had been homeless but now had sorted his life out and had a flat. Said he was grateful for all the time he had been on the street and we had been there for him.

Met J outside Tesco. She says she has been homeless for a week and was just getting to know the ropes. We gave her a signpost leaflet to help her find the food outlets and the Foxton Centre. She gladly had a hot chocolate and some mars bars.

'S' was being harassed by some boys and this was troubling her. So we walked along with her back to her home.

Met N on the corner. She was from Manchester and just got out of prison. She had a sad story to tell and looked very vulnerable. She was staying at her friends house tonight. She had become separated from her friend, we tried to get in touch but no answer. Gave her info re Foxton /Base 18, a panic alarm, drink and choc bars. Prayed. We hung around until she walked out of sight.

“ The Street Pastors are an unequivocal good thing for the City. ”

**Sergeant Richard Horton December 2021**

Gave a pair of flip flops to a lady who was walking barefoot along Lancaster Rd with her friend. They worked for the NHS and said that they had had too much to drink and should know better! There were a lot of broken glass bottles around.

#### *Presentations and meetings...*

St Wilfreds School Blackburn  
 Kings Church Penwortham  
 Preston Central Methodist Church  
 Carey Baptist  
 New Longton CofE  
 Whalley Day  
 Town Centre Drop in for enquirers  
 CPA Carol Service  
 PubWatch meetings  
 Preston Community Network  
 P&CC Launch  
 Preston Citizens UK  
 St Ambrose Mothers Union  
 OnStreet meeting with the Police  
 Lancashire Users Forum  
 Homeless Forum  
 Preston Council—  
 Crime and Disorder Committee  
 Penwortham Girls High School  
 FFMC Celebration Service!

At the train station we met K who seemed to be being harassed by J. K was trying to get home to Leyland but her phone was dead and she had no money and although she had a ticket for the last bus she had missed it.

As she seemed exceptionally vulnerable we helped her get home by paying for a single train ticket to Leyland and ensuring she got on the right train. As she was not used to trains we asked the guard to make sure she got off at Leyland.

W told us how he had been homeless in Preston and had appreciated all the help he had received from Street Pastors – he now has a place to live and his life is much better.

“ They do awesome work, and we're all very grateful. ”

**Preston City Centre BID**

L stopped us and thanked us for helping her 3 years ago – she said she'll never forget how kind we were.

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Signposting  
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