



Preston & South Ribble (North) Street Pastors 2022-23

Caring, Listening & Helping

Our Annual Report!

The numbers...

- 1991 Conversations on the streets
- 1167 Hot drinks and snacks given out
- 1039 Volunteer hours
- 471 Glass bottles disposed of
- 134 Items of warm clothing given
- 84 Pairs of flip flops
- 83 Patrols
- 63 Signposting/contact info provided
- 42 bottles of water
- 35 Volunteers (plus 3 in training)
- 17 Foil blankets
- 6 Panic alarms provided
- 5 First aid assistance

“ Last month I went out in Preston city centre with Preston Street Pastors. The Street Pastors do brilliant work helping those who find themselves in need. Great to hear feedback from those who had their lives changed by their help. Thanks for all you do! ”
Mayor, Cllr Neil Darby
January 2023

Met a guy outside the British Heart Foundation shop who said he remembers Street Pastors from when he was homeless 2 years ago and was grateful for our support.

Met young girl at the top of the road to the station taxi rank. Waiting for her parents to pick her up after a visit to Blackpool. Her phone was dead, so we charged it with the booster we had. She was able to contact her parents, who advised they were on the way. We stayed with her to ensure she was safe. Both her parents and her thanked us for the help.

Had a chat with a man who witnessed us treating a chap with a face injury. We explained who Street Pastors are and why we do this work. He was interested in the work we do and applauded us for our concern for others. He explained knowing we are on the streets gave him reassurance and less concern for his two young sons when they go out for nights in Preston. Gave him a SP card.

Spoke at length to a shop assistant—very interested to hear what street pastors do at night and said she felt a lot easier about her daughter coming into Preston on Saturday night knowing street pastors were there.

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

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We walked up to the new UCLan area and met C who was sitting on the benches there. He has a place to stay but does not like it as he feels unsafe and says it's dangerous there. So he spends most of his time outside. We gave him a drink and some chocolate and he told us about how he broke his ankle and that he needs crutches at the moment. He was very grateful to us for taking the time to chat with him and says that Street Pastors save lives.

Came across E on Fishergate, looked drunk and vulnerable, had become separated from her boyfriend and couldn't remember where she was staying – Premier Inn or Holiday Inn. Established it was Premier Inn and we walked her back to her hotel.

“ Having worked alongside Preston Street Pastors throughout the last year I have been consistently impressed and inspired by the commitment of the team to support and protect the public of Preston, particularly the most vulnerable. Paul and his colleagues have been proactive in seeking opportunities to volunteer their time in areas within the City where additional visible guardianship to that provided by statutory services will be most impactful. The team of Street Pastors continue to positively influence individuals and wider communities and in addition to supporting Preston Police and our partner agencies in keeping people safe. ”
Sue Bushell, Chief Inspector,
Preston Police, April 2023

Presentations and meetings...

- Fulwood Free Methodist Church
- LCC Support Meeting
- St Christophers School
- High Sheriff meeting
- Recycling Lives visit
- Blackburn Cathedral
- Preston South Rotary
- Preston Probus Club
- Police and Crime Commissioner
- LCC Wellfest
- Preston Council Racial Diversity

- Inglewhite Church
- World Mental Health Day
- Trinity, Gregson Lane Church
- Foxton Centre
- CPA Carol Service
- PubWatch meetings
- Preston Community Network
- OnStreet meeting with the Police
- Homeless Forum
- Preston Council
- Fulwood Methodist Church
- Amounderness Rotary
- Penwortham Girls High School