



Stratford-upon-Avon Street Pastors

Newsletter

AUTUMN 2022

It's come to that time of year when the Street Pastors get out their warm coats and woolly hats and our Prayer Pastors return home after sending the team out with a blessing to pray over the team. With the Christmas season approaching we're ready for more people needing help as parties and celebrations abound this year after the last couple of years. We will also be keeping an eye on our vulnerable community and doing our best to provide the love and compassion of God to them as the weather gets colder and times harder.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a God enriched Christmas and a blessed 2023.

How we've cared, listened and helped in July to Sept

- 13 patrols and 162 patrol hours
- 1 intervention in an antisocial incident
- 17 vulnerable people helped
- 22 drinks given
- 668 lollipops given
- 76 bottles/glasses safely disposed of
- 10 lots of broken glass swept up
- 102 cans safely disposed of



Some responses we've heard in this quarter:

The amount of engagement you guys get never fails to amaze me - Martin at CCTV

"the work is amazing and incredible"

"we really love what you do"

*"you do a Fantastic job,
and it is great to see you out"*

*"You do a great job you guys but it's the first
time I've seen you for real"*

"Guys, I love Pastors"

"May God Bless you. The work you do is amazing"

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and a sound mind.



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From the Reports:

Here is a flavour of what the Street Pastor team in Stratford-upon-Avon encounter on a patrol.

...we came across a couple of young men, one asked us about Street Pastors and on finding out that we were Christians, asked if we could do a prayer for him: Ian was happy to oblige...

...we met a man who was living on a narrow boat. He asked about Street Pastors...

...came across some gentlemen from Ireland who were in town. They asked us where to go for a late drink. After we had told them, we had a pleasant chat with them – they were impressed with the work of Street Pastors...

...He told us he had been in hospital but was back sofa-surfing. He looked very pale and we got him some hot food and a drink...

...a mother, Joanna*, and her daughter asked us about Street Pastors. Joanna asked about the best Church she could go to as she said she loved Jesus and after some life struggles she had in the past, said the Lord helped her in her worst time and had not forgotten him. She felt that she would not be accepted in churches because of her past life, but we tried to reassure her that this shouldn't happen! We chatted with Joanna and then we went back towards Sheep Street...

...we met a man with his teenaged son, by the taxi rank outside NatWest bank. He was asking about Street Pastors. He had a lot of questions to ask on faith and proceeded to speak about the times we're in today compared to when he was young and the world appeared a better place...

...Whilst there we noticed 3 young men that had been drinking were messing around outside the Prosecco lounge. One came over to ask what Street Pastors were and started to chat and they calmly stopped their wild behaviour...

...then we met a couple in their late 30's, who were quite merry, and the lady had lost her shoes somewhere, so we gave her a pair of flip flops...

...we met a lady on Sheep Street who was from Truro. She was telling us that her mum is a Street Pastor, and she thinks that we are amazing to be able to give up our evening to help other people voluntarily...

***Note:** Names have been changed.

Get Involved

If you enjoy meeting new people, *we do that*, Or helping those who are in need without judgement, *we do that*, Or want to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those you might not normally meet, *we do that*, Or want to be a supporting presence in our town, *we do that*, Or pray for our town, *we do that*. If so then why not add a prayer to your prayer time, ask at your church if anyone is involved with Street Pastors, check out our website, follow us on Facebook or Twitter or contact Linda; details of all below.

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