

Gun and Knife Crime

Rev Les Isaac OBE ,CEO of Ascension Trust has created a petition to ask the government to debate this. All petitions run for 6 months and if they reach 100,000 signatures, they must be debated.

Here is the petition in full:

Petition:

An urgent debate on strategies for effectively combating gun and knife crime:

As of the date of this petition there have been 50 gun/knife related killings in our capital. The ONS states that knife offences rose by 23% in the Capital, a higher murder rate than New York.

To sign the petition go to:
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/216928>

www.ascensiontrust.org.uk



Totnes Street Pastors Spring Newsletter 2018



Roles and Responsibilities Training at Freedom Centre Totnes

Sally and Virginia, our new trainees were joined by Elliot from Torbay and Andy from Exeter. Some of our Management Team and Prayer Pastors joined us too. Duncan Withall, the Ascension Trust Rep from Bideford, delivered the training. This is a full day's training and is compulsory and must be completed before a Street Pastor can join a team on the streets. Sally and Virginia will have completed at least 8 modules before the training fully finishes. They will also have 2 supervised patrols so that they can evaluate their shift experience. PTO to hear more from Sally and Virginia.

Totnes - it's the place to be!



**Our 2 new Street Pastors are Sally and Virginia,
both from Totnes Methodist Church**

Sally writes: I heard about Street Pastors through previous Churches I had joined and found myself thinking about the role regularly. I felt after a period of time, that I was being regularly prompted by the Lord and after a year I applied knowing this was the path God was taking me down. I have found the training very informative and challenging especially role playing during the Roles and Responsibilities day. I pray I will be of use to the Totnes Team and look forward to going out regularly with my fellow street Pastors . Thank you all for your support and love in Christ.

Listening ,Caring , Helping

Totnes Street Pastors is part of Caring Town.



**All Street Pastors have Enhanced DBS and the
scheme has Liability Insurance.**

Virginia writes; My first contact with Street Pastors was a couple of years ago in Torquay, when my youngest son was going through a difficult time. He had easy access to alcohol and the Torquay bar scene, despite being under-age. I received several calls from the Torquay Street Pastors who looked after my son, until I could come and pick him up. I admired their non-judgemental approach, always caring and being a support for both my son and I.

I liked the practical aspect of the organisation, as well as the professional training which goes with it. Although I see myself as volunteering on a local level, I also feel part of a 'bigger picture' - a network of prayers and practical help out in our individual communities.

**We are thrilled that Sally and Virginia have
decided to join Totnes Street Pastors**



For more information please visit our website:

<https://streetpastors.org/locations/totnes>