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## **Totnes Street Pastors Summer Newsletter 2018**

In July , Sally and I were privileged to meet Rev Les Isaac OBE CEO of Ascension Trust, the governing body of the Street Pastor initiative. He encouraged the Devon and Cornwall groups speaking about how well we work together and skill share together.

His focus was on servanthood and prayer and the next D&C coordinators' meeting in October will focussed on just that, with Les coming down once more to lead us. He is heavily involved in conversations with the Mayor of London and the Home Office over the wave of gun and knife crime in the city. AT have a strategy to put forward to help deal with the problem, but the solution is long term, which isn't always palatable to politicians who want quick fixes. Please pray.



Although Street Pastors are licensed by the police, approved by council and supported by the churches, we follow our stated aim which is to **listen, care and help**. We are in no way an authority substitute but do call the police for help where a situation becomes volatile or dangerous.

I send a 6 monthly report to the police so that they know what we have been involved with. Totnes police wrote:

*'Any assistance street pastors can give would be most appreciated. Only last week they came to the assistance of one of my response officers (single crewed) who was having difficulties in Totnes. Their support is invaluable to us.'*



### **6 month update**

During the past 6 months we have regularly cleared the bus shelters and Borough Park of rubbish, although we have noticed that the town is much cleaner since **TAT** (a group who now regularly do litter picks and campaign to reduce plastic usage) has been established. We have calmed 9 antisocial incidents and called the police 2x when the situation has been too serious for us to deal with. We have helped deal with 32 situations where people have been vulnerable. We always chat to the young people in the park and hand out stay safe cards where appropriate. We have given out 82 lollies, 7 bottles of water, 4 blankets and we regularly check any street people. We often give soup and bread and check that they are aware of help available at the Marketplace Drop In. **Prayer remains essential** and we hold Prayer Vigils when there is no team going out. We have been pleased that Rev Preb Julian Ould is joining us once a month to bless the team on duty that night.