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Totnes Street Pastors Winter Newsletter 2020



Many thanks to Jane Gabbatiss who made the
Street Pastor Christmas wreath decorating
St Mary's church Totnes along with other charities
this Christmas.

Thank you so much to Jane and indeed Tony Gregg
who organised the wreath festival.

This year, our biggest concern has been seeing adults hovering around our young people. We have been very concerned that drug dealing may be involved. Totnes Police have made quite a few arrests around drug abuse this year, but it is concerning to see young people targeted. We are very grateful for the support of PCSO Jason Vesey who works so hard to keep Totnes safe and protect the vulnerable. This year, SHDC have been implementing the Housing First Scheme for those who have been rough sleeping. It has been very successful in Finland and indeed here, as we have noticed far fewer people on the streets when we have been out late as the months have passed. We have also successfully used the emergency phone line to help people that we have found in need. The SHDC Housing Officer successfully bid for funding for 2 Rough Sleeper Navigators covering South Hams and West Devon. This too has been successful in helping vulnerable people and those in need. SHDC and the RSNs work closely with the wonderful volunteers at the Totnes Connection Hub where people can get food, showers, clothing, get their washing done and get support to negotiate the tricky world of Universal Credit etc. As both Jason and the Totnes Connection Hub are part of the Caring Town network, we touch base regularly with them every 2 months along with the statutory authorities, SHDC, RSNs, Leatside and Councillors in order to information share. The minutes are sent out widely and all TTC councillors have access to them. We have found it very helpful along with our presence at the Caring Town Subgroup Keeping Young Totnes Safe. Currently, Cllr Jo Sweet is working hard to upgrade the skatepark, which we feel would be a great benefit to our young people and improve the quality of their free time.

Totnes Street Pastors



Annual Stats for 2019

Friday nights from 9.30pm to 1.00am we completed:

Street Pastor Volunteer hours: 305

Prayer Pastor/Base Support hours: 200

Number of patrols: 31

People helped on the street: 35

Anti Social behaviour incidents calmed: 9

We disposed of:

Bottles/Glasses/Cans: 236

Swept up several broken bottles, broken drinking glasses and loose glass and regularly tidied the Skate Park

We gave out: soup, sandwiches water and blankets as the need arose. This decreased as the year went on. We chatted to lots of young people who we meet, usually in the park.

AND gave out 263 lollies! (the sugar content counteracts the effects of alcohol!)



Best of all we met the lovely people of Totnes!