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Totnes Street Pastors Summer Newsletter 2020

Our first post lockdown shift: Sarah, Laurence and I did a 'presence shift' on the streets on 31st July. We were fully equipped with hand sanitiser, antibacterial wipes, plastic gloves and face masks courtesy of Totnes Masked Avengers—with spares to give out as needed. The town was busy but very calm and quiet and the restaurants and pubs began closing at 10.30. Towards the end of shift we came across an altercation between a group of young people (early 20s.) They were trying to clam down the antagonists by themselves and largely succeeding. We kept a watching brief and offered water and first aid. They moved on as we did and as we returned to our cars, the young people were talking to the protagonists urging calm. One young woman came up to us to ask for first aid as one of them had cut his hand. She was very grateful and asked our advice as to what to do if things did not settle. We advised calling the police. We stayed watching until we saw that there were settled and they had dispersed as we left. There was quite a big police presence on Friday (not to do with town affairs) and we had advised the young people of this. Much better to solve the issue themselves than get a police record and indeed take up police time when they were obviously involved in some important work.

Street Pastors, along with many others have made a formal objection to Morrison's application to extend their licence to sell alcohol at the Supermarket and Petrol Station, the hearing is on 12th August, please pray.

SASHA

Totnes based

Domestic Abuse Helpline

We have been given the cards to hand out if we perceive a problem. Sasha is an initiative of Totnes Connection Hub run by people with a wide range of experience. Do please offer the information to anyone who you feel may be at risk of domestic abuse. It is mainly directed at women, but they will sign post any men calling for help and if there is a need set up something specifically for them.

sasha@totnesconnectionhub.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/Sasha-in-Totnes-10121072161604>

SASHA stands for Safety Advice Support Help Aid

Domestic Abuse & Violence support across Totnes & local area.

Phone help line on [07399564517](tel:07399564517).

Helpline answered 7-9pm Tues, Thurs & Sunday nights and Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays daytimes 10am -3pm.

Please text or email out of hours or call Splitz on: 0345 155 1074 or 999 if it's an emergency.



Some useful helplines



NEVER ALONE

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 (24hrs)
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (24hrs free)
- Mind: 0300 123 3393 (Mon-Fri 9-6)
- Victim Support: 0808 168 9111 (24hrs)
- Cruse Bereavement: 0800 808 1677 (Mon-Fri 9-5)
- ChildLine: 0800 1111 (24hrs)
- Action on Elder Abuse: 0808 808 8141 (Mon-Fri 9-5)
- Respect - Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327 (Mon-Fri 9-5 or 8pm)
- Samaritans: 116 123 (24hrs free)
- National Centre for Domestic Violence: 0207 186 8270

We continue to give out Stay Safe Cards to our young people

