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Totnes Street Pastors Winter Newsletter 2021



During the pandemic Ascension Trust has kept all Street Pastors informed re the national situation and has sent regular updated Risk Assessments for Street Pastor shifts from their legal team.

The pandemic continues unabated and as our age profile puts most of our teams in the vulnerable category, we have had to greatly reduce our shifts and the 2020 stats reflect this.

During Lockdowns we cancelled all shifts but maintained a Friday home based Prayer Vigil. Street Pastors continue to be represented at the Totnes Town Partners' Meeting each week where we share information and support.

Lately we have managed 1 shift per month but now that the new variant is spreading rapidly we are reviewing this.

The vaccine is bringing some light at the end of the tunnel and the Management Team are meeting in January to discuss the way forward once the our Street Pastors have received the vaccine. It is important that we safeguard the teams and that if we are out on the streets that we are a help and that our presence doesn't put either the Street Pastors or members of the community at risk. We continue to monitor the situation carefully. We are very grateful to PCSO Jason for his support and response when we have encountered vulnerable people. The police, too, were quick to respond when we witnessed the aftermath of an assault. Gill, the Rough Sleeper Navigator has moved very quickly to house people this year and all those that we met on the streets have been helped. Please continue to pray for Gill, Jason and our police who are doing a great job in difficult circumstances especially as there are issues with some Covid Deniers in our town.

We are concerned about the Steamer Quay play area as we have witnessed groups of young people smoking and drinking there and are concerned for their safety and health. The pandemic will have taken a great toll on the mental health and personal freedom of our wonderful young people.

Totnes Street Pastors



Annual Stats for 2020

Friday nights from 9.30pm to 1.00am and during the pandemic 8 to 11pm, we completed:

Street Pastor Volunteer hours: 138



Prayer Pastor/Base Support hours: 60

Number of patrols: 16

People helped on the street: 12

Anti Social behaviour incidents calmed: 6



We disposed of:

Bottles/Glasses/Cans: 55

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

We gave out: Water, First Aid and sick bags as the need arose

AND gave out 99 lollies (the sugar content counteracts the effects of alcohol!)



Best of all we met the lovely people of Totnes