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Totnes Street Pastors Summer Newsletter 2021

Acting Police Sergeant Mark Smith is currently the Neighbourhood Police Officer with whom we liaise. Liz alerts him when there is a shift on currently 2 Fridays per month from 9pm.

We noticed some rough sleeping at the end of July and reported it to Gill Evans the Rough Sleeper Navigator who followed it up. She has been successful in touching base with rough sleepers and has been able to begin the process of helping them find accommodation.

You may have noticed that we don't see so many people living a street life style in High Street these days. A call to Gill or PCSO Jason will bring them to a person we are concerned about and a welfare check takes place. The situation moves on from there. Often things are more than complicated so it takes time to resolve issues. However, everyone that we touch base with has been spoken too and offered help.

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The Skate Park

There has been some movement over the Summer with regard to this. Grant applications are still being finalised submitted, but the young people have been asked to choose between two possible designs and have been around to other skate parks in the area to see which ones have been successful.

It may well be that the park moves down to the Leisure Centre area. It would then link it up with family orientated activities. Jamming Station is also keen to put on afternoon music sessions. Mixing outdoor music celebrations and skating has been very successful in Buckfastleigh

We have noticed that our young people are gathering on the Fire Escape behind the Leisure Centre rather than sitting around the skate park area (currently up near the tennis courts) and so a move there may be successful. We re concerned that Fusion is no longer running the Friday Night Youth Club—do pray about this and that funding would be forth coming from SHDC . Our young people do need more leisure options than are currently on offer.

We continue to give out Stay Safe cards and September, will probably hand out (wrapped) lollies once again.

Graffiti

Members of the public have been concerned about graffiti on public and private buildings and stopped some of our Street Pastors on shift to talk about it. Liz, in her brief report to Sgt Mark Smith mentioned this concern. He has since written back to say that culprits have been apprehended and others caught on domestic CCTV, so hopefully graffiti might be in abeyance now.

Street People

Gill Evans the SHDC Rough Sleeper Navigator continues to work with those living a street lifestyle. Since the changes at the Totnes Connection Hub she has worked with the Totnes Leisure Centre to make provision for people to have showers. I keep regular in touch with Gill and we have made provision in St Mary's town centre church for her to touch base with clients if needed. We are continuing to join the Totnes Partners meeting convened by TTC, as we continue to work through the pandemic. We have also decided to continue to wear masks especially when engaging with the public.

