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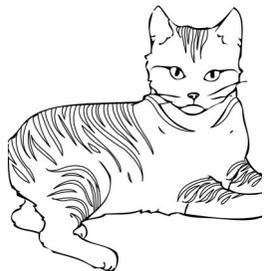
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Totnes Street Pastors Autumn Newsletter 2021

We are currently running 2 shifts per month. Generally the evenings have been fairly quiet as the town gradually returns to normal, but we have stopped and chatted to many people—it was good to spend time talking to our current Mayor, Cllr Ben Piper on an October shift. The young people we meet are often at a loose end and so we have been pleased to be informed the Friday night Youth Club at the Leisure Centre run by Genesis Youth will be restarting in January.2022. The plans for the skatepark continue to be worked out and we gather the funding is there. We feel it will be a great boost to have the new park installed and fully functional and hope that that we do not need to wait much longer for the work to begin. We said goodbye to Acting Sgt Mark Smith our Neighbourhood Officer who we have liaised with along with PCSO Jason. Sgt Nat Booth will be our link officer now. Please pray for her..

Pet Rescue!

A mid October shift saw our first 'pet rescue' when an overly friendly cat followed us through the park and across the main road in to China Blue. He then decided to wander back and forth into the road, which meant we had to stop cars going both ways to pick him up. The cat had an identity disc with a phone number and so we were able to contact the owner who came and picked him up. It really is worth protecting your pets with ID discs because they work!



Please pray for our young people

One concern that has arisen in our shifts is the fact that our young people are drinking spirits. Most of the bottles that we dispose of are spirits. Also, on our most recent shift, we disposed of 7 empty nitrox cannisters (laughing gas). This is the first time that we have seen these about for some time. The young people that we met were clearly under the influence of nitrox and indeed alcohol and we were concerned for their safety. We would value everyone's prayers for our young people. We are encouraged to hear that Caring Town has just won a bid to focus on the mental health needs of young people among other things and they have just appointed Ayden Boyacigiller a new Caring Town Coordinator to facilitate this.

