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Totnes Street Pastors Winter Newsletter 2023

New year's Eve 2022

We began with Prayers for Peace over Totnes and generally. **10.15pm** We walked via Morrisons and through Borough Park which was waterlogged. No sign of anyone, We continued past Morrisons Garage and up passed the King Bill, Where there was live music. A few people were outside on the pavement. Continuing up the hill, we noticed large numbers in restaurants and the Barrel House, Bull Inn and Bay Horse Pub. A few middle aged people were walking around. At **11pm** we noticed two young females sitting on the step of 55a with two older females standing next to them. We asked if they were ok they assured us they were. A group of 7 youths passed us 3 girls 4 boys all underage and drinking. Making our way down the hill via the Guild Hall bumped into a friend a gentleman shouted as we passed that we were legends for our role. We continued down towards the Plains. The Nelson was busy as we passed a large group of youths 7 in total were outside the Totnes Grill all good natured. **11.45pm** We again walked up towards the Market Square. It was quiet, however, on arrival groups of folk began to congregate in front of the Civic Hall. It was mainly middle aged people with small groups of youths. We estimated 150 people in all. We felt the mood was muted slightly and although people were merry they were not overly drunk and although there was weed being smoked it was not heavy. A male in late thirties or early forties came over and spoke briefly to us, and along with many others wished us a Happy New Year. After seeing the new year in, we kept a watching brief under the Butterwalk.



00.22am people began to disperse, some returned to the Barrel House, others drifted homeward. At **00.45 am** we walked up towards the Bull where people were leaving good naturedly. The Bay Horse was full to bursting they were also mainly good natured and the function ended at **1.30 am**. The lead SP spoke to a Barrel House staff member and she reiterated that it had been a muted New Year. Also the guests had been more relaxed so the evening passed without incident. After observing a couple for some time who could not decide to go home or stay out in a talking battle no one was going to win, we decided to walk down the hill. The market was empty and few people were making their way home. **00.55** we checked the Dartmouth Inn. The band were packing up their car and about 5 people were outside the pub. The Totnes Grill was busy but again good natured we ended the shift at **1.10am**. On walking home (and out of uniform) at **1.14am** our lead Street Pastor (who is also incidentally, an ex special constable) came across a drunken man lying in the road outside the Watermans Arms. He was in his late sixties and unable to stand. He promptly fell asleep where he lay. Police were called at **1.22am**. Our SP waited near him for their arrival. A group of revellers walked past and woke him up and tried to get him to his feet. He fell. Our SP insisted they left him on the ground so as not to injure him as he had hit his head when he fell. It was noted that there was a SP and that help was on its way. The Police Officer arrived at **1.55am** by this time our SP had managed to get Michael sitting up against a house. They spoke for a while and he thanked the SP and apologised for the state he was in. Our SP helped him into the police car and the officer checked him over because I mentioned he had hit his head. He answered some questions to see if he was concussed or not, having satisfied the Officer Putin was the Russian President He was driven home safely.

The evening ended at 2am.

The end of a long shift but a happy ending

A Steet Pastor is for life—not just when on shift. I hope too, that you all saw the nod to Street Pastors in the King’s first Christmas broadcast!

Totnes Street Pastors



Annual Stats for 2022

2 Friday nights per month rom 9.15pm to Midnight+

Street Pastor Volunteer hours: 171

Prayer Pastor/Base Support hours: 115

Number of patrols: 19

People helped on the street: 11

Anti Social behaviour incidents calmed: 3

We disposed of: 83

Bottles/Glasses/Cans:

Swept up several broken bottles, broken drinking glasses and returned glasses to pubs and bars

We gave out: Water, First Aid, spikeys, stay safe cards and flip flops, socks and lollies! as the need arose



Best of all we met the lovely people of Totnes

***Email contact for information anonymously
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