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Totnes Street Pastors Autumn Newsletter 2023



TQ9 Together We Care

 **Caring Town**



The last Friday night before return to Uni before a forecasted weekend of dreadful weather, meant town, especially around the Barrell house was very busy. A whole group had come into town after partying and so were rather volatile and more than a little drunk and more. Street Pastors gave out water, stay safe cards and intervened to stop some anti social behaviour that would have resulted in some damage. As this was close to midnight, the Barrel House staff themselves, were concerned that people should leave town and go home. Taxis and friends duly picked up people and SPs stayed to see the street empty and people safely on their way. The owner of BH came out to see to some clearing up too. It is very important that people leave respectfully and in good time because complaints from neighbours can affect business licences and these business are very important to our town's economy (as well as being great to go to) so it was good to touch base with BH staff and help out.

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Homelessness: We had a web enquiry from a couple who are homeless and Liz sign posted them to the Food Bank and Gill Evans for help. As always, things are not straight forward but we are hoping that SHDC can resolve the situation. SPs also came across a homeless man on shift. He was homeless due to the a personal issues. He is engaging with SHDC to find a home and we hold him very much in our prayers. SPs bought some evening food and breakfast food for him and we believe the situation has now been resolved. Gill Evans, our Rough Sleeper Navigator has been extremely busy but she has also had quite a few successes in seeing people housed. Kit and Stepping Stones Food Bank have also been a fantastic support to the people mentioned here and all those who find themselves in need.



A Catch up

The Street Pastor initiative is 20 years old this year.
Reaching out to where you are

*Listening, Caring and helping from the
Well of God's love:*

- 11 Rail Pastor initiatives
- 38 School Pastor initiatives
- 242 SP initiatives in UK 9 international with Malawi, Benin and Jamaica an Trinidad coming on board. Jamaica is launching School Pastors
- Essex has 2 more schemes due to be launched and Winchester is training School Pastors ready to start a new scheme.
- Over the Summer SP schemes have been present at Festivals and during weekends on beaches. The Camber Sands scheme reported 40 children safely reunited with their families having wandered off

*One SP had a lovely thought saying that
We carry Christ's cloak upon us*

Inspector Ben Shardlow and Key Individuals Network (KIN).

There has been an outbreak of graffiti which Liz (and indeed TTC) flagged up at KIN and if you have any information with regard to this, you can give it confidentially and anonymously on:

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk> www.crimestoppers-uk.org 0800 555 111

[Emergency Protocol for](#)

[Rough Sleepers](#)

Day time: 01803 861234

Out of Hours: 01803 867034

Environmental Health

Needle pick up:



[THE CAB: https://southhamscab.org.uk/](https://southhamscab.org.uk/) 0808 278 7948

**Wednesdays St John's Church
Coffee Morning 10am to 12 noon**

They also looking for volunteers