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Totnes Street Pastors Spring 2024

Shift Report

On one of our recent shifts we were particularly aware of a homeless lady who had just arrived in Totnes that morning. Our Curate had spent time during the day with her and given food and a listening ear. Street Pastors found her in a sheltered doorway and gave hot food and drink, a space blanket, sleeping bag and pillow. The neighbours were also very kind and supportive. Having contacted the authorities, they decided that as the lady had issues with drugs with the possibility of withdrawal an ambulance should be called as she needed medical assistance before being placed in temporary accommodation. SPs stayed with her till the ambulance arrived and cleared the pavement after the lady was unwell. We continue to pray for her and our PCSO, RSN and Curate tried to follow her up, but she has moved on again. A special moment came when one of the ambulance workers recognised Street Pastor uniform and told us that his mum was an SP in Newton Abbot. Along the way we met a very drunk young man—gave him water and suggested that he make his way home. It took until midnight until he started to wend his way. We think all of Totnes knew by then what football team he supported!

We saw groups of language students and young people enjoying a night out and had a conversation with someone who attends one of our churches who was interested to know more about the Christian faith. Our RC SP and TUFC SP suggested the Alpha Course discussion group and one of our SPs runs a creative art course during the week at Totnes United Free Church and he invited her to that. The shift finished at 12.30 once the ambulance had arrived and the lady was safe.

Homelessness SHDC Message

Rough Sleepers

If you know of anyone who is sleeping rough, or if you are concerned about a rough sleeper, please contact a member of the **Housing Team on :01803 861234.**

You can also connect with [StreetLink](#) a service for reporting concerns about rough sleepers.

If you are homeless tonight and you have nowhere to stay please call our housing advice team on :

01803 861234. You can also get help for yourself with [StreetLink](#).

**Outside of office hours, you can call us on:
01803 861539.**

We will arrange for an outreach worker to contact the person sleeping rough about providing emergency accommodation.



If you wish to give intelligence information (which will remain anonymous).

Inspector Ben Shardlow has issued this email:

Totnes@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Your information will be acted on very swiftly.

Neighbourhood Sgt Neil Powers and PC Bell dropped by to greet one of teams as they went on duty in April. It was great to touch base with them and hear of the wide range of support that the police give to those in need as well as fulfilling their duty as police. Do pray for them, we are very blessed, along with PCSO Jason to have such a supportive police force at work here in Totnes.

Totnes Borough Park Skate Park Planning Permission—support from Totnes SPs

Totnes Street Pastors visit the skate park between 9.30 and 10pm every Friday. We often find young people congregating there. The young people we meet are always polite and welcoming and we advise them on keeping safe. There is no proper seating or lighting and the skate slopes are rather uninspiring. As a result, there isn't much of interest for them to do. We also feel that improved facilities would enhance the health and wellbeing of our young people offering them greater opportunities to relax and exercise in a safe and vibrant environment. There are few 'free' spaces in Totnes where young people can congregate and have something fun and worthwhile to do. An improved Skate Park would be part of the answer.

<https://www.maverickskateparks.co.uk/totnes> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TotnesSkateparkCommunity/>

Totnes Street Pastors Management Committee

Our annual accounts can be viewed on application to our treasurer

Mrs Ann Potter, who can be contacted via me.

My phone number is over the page.

