

# STORIES FROM THE STREETS 2022



As we were sweeping up broken glass across the road from Wetherspoons, two young men, Jack and Arran, approached and offered to help. After spending some time talking with them they and asked for prayer for safety.

Outside one pub the team came across two young men who had been on a works 'do' and had drunk 'one too many'. One had passed out and the other was sat with him. The team stayed with them and helped to try and get him in a suitable state to get him home. Unfortunately they had to called for an ambulance. They arrived and managed to bring him round then took him off to hospital.

Team walking up past Christ Church & Prayer Pastors gave them a wave before they are walking up the hill. As they did they saw a lady with her shoes off and stopped to offer a pair of flip flops to a lady, she appreciated the work the SP's do.



Team got called to Bedford (via CCTV) as there was a man on the ground drunk. One of the team knew the group from previous weeks. Gave out lollies and water. The gentleman was fine and a friend had gone to get him chips from the Kebab shop.

CCTV advised the Street Pastors of a young man laying down in bus shelter opposite P&P. The team went to see the situation and were able to help him up and get him in a taxi home.



SPs had heard on radio that there was a drunk in the road outside the Bedford. They found him searching in the road for a lost earpiece. Kenny helped him search (which was very difficult in the dark) but they found it!

Radio called in about a man sleeping on a bench outside Boots, who was also there last night. The Team went to talk to him. They gave him the details for Gateway and he will go there on Monday. He wasn't really willing to engage. Where he is, is well lit, so they can keep an eye. Eva will call CCTV and report.

Heard a report on radio about a young woman worse for wear, SPs found her in a shop doorway on High Street and one of the female SP's has been talking with her. She had heard some upsetting information and needed a bit of time away from the friends she had been with.

Following the passing of the Queen, Ascension Trust we able to offer the services of Street Pastors along with Lying in State queue, in London. Two TW Street Pastors volunteered on the Sunday evening prior to the funeral and it was a very different to any other patrol they had done before. The atmosphere was calm, friendly and at times jolly. The Police realised the role of Street Pastors and flagged us through the different barriers as we helped those we met. They met people who had become friends in the queue (with Anthony Andrews) and you could tell will remain friends for a long time, a lady from the Philippines visiting her family, and a mum with her two children giving out chocolates to people near Lambeth Bridge. They also joined the crowds on Westminster Bridge for the one minute silence



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Tunbridge Wells



Team had a chat with a couple on the High Street, the lady remembered us helping her during and after a fight about four years ago. (Two of the team talking to her were on patrol that night of the fight!)

Had good conversation with the owners of Aura and found out more about how they came to TW to set up the club. Have heard of Street Pastors and much appreciative of work they do.

Katy spoke with three girls who she had met the week prior when out and had helped her friend. They said they talked about us at in one of their philosophy lessons at School (TWGGS).

Pauline talking to Luke, who told of his being in care with foster family. The Street Pastors helped him and contacted his family when he was in difficulty one night. At 18 he had to live on his own, and no support. He got a job, but then got into debt on credit cards, by the time he was 21 he was thousands in debt but now is out of the difficulty. Very encouraging because he has never forgotten the Street Pastors.

Streets are quite busy on with a lot of young people (17 – 18 yr olds) in large groups but they are all well behaved. Lots of Lolly pops given out.

A busy night chatting with various people. Handed out plenty of lolly pops which opens up conversations. Chatted to one girl, interested in what SPs do and one of the lads said 'We have SPs at our school' and he thought a lot of them. The school is of course Uplands.



We went to the station as saw the 11.10 train to Hastings depart. Got chatting to four girls who were upset as having just missed their train to High Brooms. They are 15 and been to the park to hang out. We stayed with them for a while and gave them lollies.



Arrived out Weatherspoons and had some great conversations. Lots asking who we are and what we do as they haven't seen them SPs before, new generation of young people since Covid. We stayed with them as they were awaiting a taxi to come and collect them (6) and one of the party was in a bad way.

No trains today as there is a train strike and the station is closed. Taxis were really busy because of this.

On this particular night it seemed like the team were visited by the three wise taxis. Whilst outside P&P seeing what was happening a lady came out wanting a taxi to the Travellodge, had suggested she went down the hill but whilst talking (and realising she won't get down the hill) a taxi appeared. After she had gone, the team came across a young man who had fallen down due to having drunk too much, outside Trinity. They managed to get him up and just as they were thinking about getting him a taxi one appeared and took him to where he needed to go. As the team got back to P&P they found two men being held up by the wall. The team talked to them for a while and then suggested it was time for them to go. They were after a taxi and just as they said this one appear (the same one who had taken the lady previously) so they were able to get straight in and go to their hotel.