

Wantage and Grove STREET PASTORS

So, what's involved
in being a
Street Pastor?



History

Street Pastors was started in London in 2003 after two clergy went on to London streets late at night and recognised that there were many people out and about who were in need of help.

Wantage & Grove Street Pastors was formed in 2009 when ten Churches came together to help meet the needs in our night-time economy. We have since grown to include several nearby village churches within the scheme.

Our Teams

Our aims are always to **care**, to **listen** and to **help**. We provide practical support, a listening ear and we are always ready to pray, either on the streets or by contacting our prayer team that meets while we are on patrol. Although we don't preach, we are often asked questions about faith, religion or the Bible and so we have opportunity to share our beliefs and experiences with many of the people we meet.

Street Pastors patrol in teams once a month, but we have patrols out most Friday and Saturday nights. 'Early' teams meet on Fridays at 7.30 pm to midnight, Late Friday teams from 10 pm to 2.30 am and our Saturday teams meet at 11 pm to 3.30 am. Afternoon Patrols meet at 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm as often as they are able.

Practical Help

Practical help we offer includes:

- ▶ flip-flops
- ▶ lollypops
- ▶ water
- ▶ space blankets
- ▶ mobile phone power supply
- ▶ supplies for homeless people



Uniform

Street Pastors wear a recognisable uniform when on patrol comprising:

- ▶ polo shirt or denim shirt
- ▶ fleece or autumn jacket
- ▶ cap or beanie
- ▶ winter coat or waterproof jacket



Level of Commitment

Street Pastors commit to:

- ▶ patrol once a month for a minimum of 1 year
- ▶ attend training sessions and complete the training course
- ▶ a session of refresher training must be undertaken every 2 to 3 years

The good news: there is no longer any fee for training as a Street Pastor!

Training

The training programme comprises 8 core subjects and 2 out of 5 electives:

Core subjects:

- ▶ Roles and responsibilities* 
- ▶ Safeguarding* 
- ▶ Listening skills* 
- ▶ Youth culture* 
- ▶ Drugs and alcohol* 
- ▶ Knowing your community 
- ▶ Police 
- ▶ Good News 
- ▶ Prayer 

Electives:

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Sociology
- ▶ Mentoring
- ▶ Mental health awareness* 
- ▶ Probation

Some courses may be run online  and some in-person 

* Priority courses for afternoon patrols

We recommend that applicants join one of our teams as an observer or prayer support until the initial training has been undertaken. This will help get you involved while you do your training.



Requirements

To apply to be a Street Pastor, you must:

- ▶ be over 18 years old (no upper limit)
- ▶ be a committed Christian and have been a member of one of the local churches in the Street Pastor scheme for at least 12 months
- ▶ have approval from your Church leader
- ▶ be a member of Wantage & Grove Street Pastors (via our membership form)

As part of the application process you must undergo and pass a DBS check and provide details of two referees for character references.

Questions

If you have any questions or would like to talk to someone about being a Street Pastor, please do contact us!

How to apply

Contact us or speak to your Church Rep to get a membership form and a Street Pastor Application Form. Complete the forms and return them to us via your Church Rep or deliver to: WGSP, 14 Churchward Close, Grove OX12 0QZ

Wantage and Grove STREET PASTORS

Wantage and Grove Street Pastors have been caring, listening and helping on the streets of Wantage and Grove since October 2009.

We not only help people on the streets - we help Christians like you put their faith into action outside the 4 walls of the church; each one playing their part to bring the love of Christ to the streets!

So, what's stopping you? Why not book in for a taster session?

Contact & Connect

Do contact us for more information:

Telephone: 07554 655 594

Email:

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Website: wantageandgrove.streetpastors.org.uk

Church Rep

For more information or to book a taster session, speak to your Church Rep:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____