

# 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!

