



STREET PASTORS PORTSMOUTH

working together to support and care for young people around night-time venues

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...And the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love. Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony... Colossians 3 v 12-17

New Street Pastors are now settled into their teams with several trained as "Senior Street Pastors". We are blessed that God has sustained this ministry beyond the initial two year stage and are excited as we really start to see the "fruit" of our work on the streets.

Making a difference – We have engaged with **7186** people in Portsmouth city centre between 10-3am:

- ✚ Calming aggressive situations **200**
- ✚ Supporting people who are vulnerable **543**
- ✚ Flip Flops given out **350**
- ✚ Bottles/glass **2200**

We are encouraged by the increasing number of faith conversations each night, in

Young man wanted to thank us as found unconscious in Guildhall area for help received to get home safely...grateful he did not spend night in Police cell!

Parent phoned to thank us for helping daughter found on her own after drink spiked.

particular with members of the armed forces who are emotionally fraught by the conflict in the Middle East.

Referrals have lead to a meeting between the naval base chaplain and Elly to see how we can be better equipped to support military personnel in the Guildhall area.

RECRUITMENT EVENING – We are looking for **Prayer and Street Pastors** to join our team. **Street Pastor Training** starts in **January** for patrol in **April**.
Oasis The Venue, Sunday 1st November 7.30 – 9pm.

Prayer Support Programme – Anita Bradnum & Joan Mason have worked very hard to develop a prayer support programme and have been visiting churches with information. We are keen to encourage church groups to commit just once or twice a year to attend Oasis on a Friday or Saturday night to pray whilst the team is out on Patrol. We pray God calls more people to support our teams and build our prayer network even stronger. We will be hosting a fellowship evening on **Friday 2nd October at Oasis from 7 – 9pm.**

Publicity – As the new Publicity Officer my focus recently has been preparing for recruitment presentations in and around the City. I am very grateful to the Street Pastors who volunteered and took part in presentation training in order to support Elly and myself in the run up to the recruitment evening on 1st November. We hope to have a more personal approach to recruitment this year and are flexible in how we present our ministry. If you would like to hear more about Portsmouth Street Pastors at your Church or group please do contact me **james.goodship@gmail.com.**

I am also delighted to introduce our new Portsmouth Street Pastor logo with kind thanks to the Spinnaker Tower for allowing us to use the landmark on the logo in all our publicity material and website.



To help meet young people where they socialise online I have set up a Facebook & Twitter profile. On these I have received encouragement from other Street Pastor regions so if you have an account please add us as your friend! To top that videos from Meridian News Spotlight are now on YouTube and the National web page will be updated every quarter.

Street Pastors were filmed again in August as part of "The other side" about binge drinking which will be shown on **ITV Oct 25th 11.15pm.**



Fundraising events will take place in the New Year to coincide with the training of our fourth intake of Street Pastors. I will be running the Gosport Half Marathon in November so if you are able to support my attempt, even just a few pennies per mile, it will contribute to my target of £400 towards the training costs of SP4 next year; www.justgiving.com/PortsmouthSP. If you are able to help us by organising a fund raising event please get in touch – contact details below.

National Street Pastors Conference - will be held in Westminster on November 12-14th organised by the Ascension Trust, parent organisation of Street Pastors. Representatives from Portsmouth will be attending to share best practice and learn from other regions. Keynote speakers include the Archbishop of York, Boris Johnson, and the superintendent of Lancashire Police for a dynamic and informative couple of days.

Thanks - On behalf of Portsmouth Street Pastors I would like to thank Chief Inspector Carrie Pither who has been offered a new Job in Winchester so sadly will be leaving us in November after three and half years on the Management Committee. Carrie has helped us to establish firm links at both strategic and operational levels in the City helping our work to be better informed and supported by the police. May this move be fruitful and open new opportunities for you to bring God’s love to the Thin Blue Line.

Reports - all teams record activities on dictaphone for Dawn Banting to type the following week. This has significantly lightened the load for “Senior” SPs and we are very grateful appreciative for all the admin work Dawn does to support us with Elly.

Taxi driver stopped and asked for help after seeing “glow of peace” around team

Following week referred to agencies and she and gave her life to Jesus!

Finally. I would like to thank Elly for the hard work that she does on our behalf behind the scenes and at Pubwatch meetings. Her efforts have been productive and earned us a generous grant from Safer Portsmouth Partnership. We all pray that our profile is raised yet further amongst the citywide initiatives and that we continue to impact members of the Police, Council, and Bar managers as well as young people in the City with God’s enduring love.

Many Thanks and Blessings for your support!

James Goodship – Publicity Officer