



LANCASTER STREET PASTORS

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STREET PASTORS FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Lancaster Street Pastors have been going out onto the streets of Lancaster town centre. Since the 6th Sept 08.

Many people have been blessed and encouraged during this time. The street Pastors have been going out once a week in all weathers usually between 10.30 pm – 3.30 am on a Saturday night. They meet, talk, share and occasionally pray with people they meet on the streets. One of the amazing things that have happened this year is flip flops have arrived to the streets of Lancaster in a big way. Street Pastors give out flip flops to girls who are walking in bare feet. They also give out water, foil blankets, sweets and Spikeys.



Spikeys go into the top of bottles to stop drinks being spiked, once in they can not be removed.

Coming up to Christmas a reporter and photographer from the Lancaster Guardian came out onto the streets it was a great success with a fantastic report appearing in the paper the next week



Sgt Martin talking with news paper reporter Rob Devey

FIRST YEAR REPORT BACK

A few facts and figures
In last year Street Pastors patrolled
701 hours on the streets
585 bottles and glasses were removed and disposed of safely
1,189 individuals were engaged with
700 Spikeys have been given out since June
Street Pastors have also given out flip flops, foil blankets, water, sweets, soup and lots of love.

WHO'S ON BOARD

14 Churches giving prayer support, volunteers, financial aid and premises

19 Street Pastor volunteers

18 Prayer supporters

Local police

Special thanks to lanpac and the mayors' office.

STORIES FROM THE STREETS

A Mans wallet was found, early on in the evening and returned to him later on the same night, when by chance he was passing Street Pastors and asked if they had picked up a wallet. How amazing is that!!

A couple from Belgium had forgotten where they had parked their car, with a few poignant questions the car was found and they were on their way.

On a number of occasions Street Pastors have helped people who have lost their friends become reunited.

Drunk people have been helped home or put in a taxi.

An ambulance has been called or people walked up to casualty.

Street Pastors have spent time talking and sharing with many people.

These are just a few stories from being out on the streets this year.

All in all it has been a great first year.

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Street Pastors share a joke

TRAINING

Street Pastors have been doing various training sessions over the last year including,

- Roles and responsibilities of a Street Pastor
- Working with Police on safety issues
- Social awareness
- Youth culture
- Good news for the 21st century

Well done to all the people who have completed there training.

ON THE ROAD

Since the launch of Street Pastors last year they have visited churches and organisations across the area, spreading the good news of what God is doing with a few humble folk on a Saturday night

Perhaps you are reading this and thinking I would love to find out more about becoming a Street Pastor. We are always looking for new recruits, so why not have a think and a pray and maybe we may see you out on the streets in the next few months.

MEDIA

This year the team has been involved in various media outlets including, Lancashire Radio, Bay Radio, Diversity Fm, Lancaster Guardian (link: <http://www.lancasterguardian.co.uk/lancasternews/Partygoers-get-helping-hand.4827530.jp>)

EDUCATION PROJECTS

This Year Lancaster Street Pastors have helped with two education projects. Pupils from Ripley St Thomas School made a video documentary on Street Pastors They came out early one night along with entourage and took video footage of us doing the stuff. A Good pass rate was received and probably the exam board had something unusual to look at. We also had a student from Lancaster University come out on patrol and make a radio documentary. While out on the streets the student was amazed. making the comment

“coming out tonight with you guys has restored my faith in humanity”

LANPAC



Lanpac is made up of local Lancashire business men who support Police inchoatives. They have been very supportive of Lancaster Street pastors providing funding to help us start up. Earlier this year Steve Bland and Geographic Police Inspector Steve Anderton went to Lancashire Police Headquarters and gave a presentation from this 100 pairs of flip flops were given.

FUNDING

It has been decided to support the coordinator financially 7 hrs per week, this will put a strain on the finances of the work if you know of any organisation that could help or perhaps you would consider giving then please contact details below

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