



STREET PASTORS PORTSMOUTH

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

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Teams have been out Friday and Saturday nights for 20 months now "rain or shine"! After training 45 Street Pastors, we are providing teams of 4/5 and contributing an essential part to making Guildhall Walk a "kinder safer place" between 10pm-3am.

Making a difference - Over the last 20 months we have engaged with **5034** people in Portsmouth city centre:

- ✚ Calming aggressive situations **134**
- ✚ Supporting people who are vulnerable **377**
- ✚ Cleaning people up with water/wetwipes **173**
- ✚ Picked up bottles/glass **1377**

The Primary Care Trust seconded Pete Cornish to evaluate the difference we made in our first year on the streets. "The public perception of Street Pastors is very positive and they have been able to build strong relationships with partners in the night time economy who call upon them for assistance. They have helped to reduce the fear of crime and fill a gap in the night scene by having the time and inclination to care for people who may be in trouble. Quotes from stakeholders include:
~ I have witnessed them do a lot of good work
~ They provide a listening ear to distressed individuals ~
They are wonderful people giving up their time ~
At the time of the introduction of Street Pastors I thought what a waste of time but I have been proved wrong!
Police Operation Drinksafe results analysis highlights Street Pastors as an excellent service caring for physical/spiritual welfare. Violent crime has decreased and assault/public order offences have reduced by 44% during our first year working with partners on streets..

Street Pastors Portsmouth, Area Co-ordinator Elly Mulvany

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LAUNCH 2009 - 27 new Street Pastors started 12 sessions of training in January - their Launch event takes place at **Oasis 5pm Saturday 28th March**. They include members from another 10 churches totalling 30 churches involved so far!

Transforming the spiritual climate - They join our existing teams in April to sustain our work in the city centre of Portsmouth, as some of those who started in June 2007 have completed their 2 year commitment. Our vision is to change the 'climate' on the streets by offering "Gods first aid" - time and love, helping people in need who are often referred by the Police or doorstaff. We are building relationships with many young people who don't go to church but tell us they believe in "what we do", some even asking to join us, so we give out contact cards for us and other agencies that can help.:

✚ Young man given SP card emailed us saying struggling with gender issues so invited to church "house group" in December where he "got saved"!

Prayer Support Our Prayer Co-ordinator Kevin Sumner sends out weekly prayer requests to a network of 100 people based on the individual situations we come across, and needs within our Street Pastors family. Contact prayer07@portsmouth07.orangehome.co.uk or Tel. **07791629363** for hard copies.

Southern Street Pastors Network meets quarterly with local areas developing Street Pastors: Gosport launched Dec 2008, Southampton and IOW launch this summer. Co-ordinators nationally have been invited to Parliament in March which shows recognition of how churches can be part of the solution for safer neighbourhoods.

Publicity Team involving 20 Street Pastors has given over 35 presentations during the last 6 months in churches, groups or schools to promote this amazing work. Contact Elly if you would like to arrange one. Meridian TV came out to film and will show in local 6pm News in February.

Fundraising - Thanks to churches for donations which help meet annual costs of £35k, with grants from Police, Primary Care Trust and Safer Portsmouth partnership. We still need regular funding so if you can help Sponsor a Street Pastor for £5/10 month please get in touch. We also need a Treasurer and help from Fundraisers.

Many Thanks and Blessings for your support!
Elly Mulvany - Area Co-ordinator

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