



STREET PASTORS PORTSMOUTH

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

JUNE 2009 ~ CELEBRATING 2 YEARS ON THE STREETS!

Teams have gone from strength to strength since our Launch in June 2007. Every Friday and Saturday night, teams are out making a difference by listening, caring and supporting those who are lost or vulnerable. Over the last 2 years we have trained 72 volunteers from over 30 churches to sustain this unique role on the streets. 26 completed their training in March so we can provide larger teams of between 4 to 8, helping to make Guildhall Walk area a "kinder safer place" 10pm-3am.

Making a difference - Over the last 2 years we have engaged with **6186** people in Portsmouth city centre:

- ✚ Calming aggressive situations **160**
- ✚ Supporting people who are vulnerable **463**
- ✚ Cleaning people up with water/wet-wipes **223**
- ✚ Picked up bottles/glass **1900**

We have also given out over **200** pairs of Flip Flops to young women who cannot walk in their high heels who are extremely grateful as it prevents them cutting their feet on broken glass - so we are well known for our Flip Flop Ministry! Street Pastors are building relationships with the public all the time and we are welcomed for our positive presence on the streets, reducing the fear of crime and every night people thank us for help received. We work in partnership with the Police, Paramedic, CCTV and Door staff + Pub Managers, and would like to thank them all for the support and co-operation we have had working together in this challenging environment. Consequently offences and violent crime has decreased over last 2 years. Portsmouth Pubwatch is very positive



about the way we have developed our presence on the streets which has built the "trust factor". Pubs have regular collections to support us, and members of the Gun wharf Mgt Team along with John our friendly paramedic have raised £800 in a Sponsored Slim!



Standing firm Eph 6:13-19 To sustain our work after a time of huge growth over the last 2 years the Mgt Committee have developed a structured approach based on some of our amazing volunteers also using their gifts to support the above teams. We welcome 2 new members to the Mgt Committee, Mary Wolfe Major of Southsea Salvation Army and Lisa Toon from St Judes. Our aim over the next few years is to "Pray more, do less and do it better" by working more creatively with our larger teams in the city centre, to increase our impact and build on the relationships we have developed. We thank God that the number of spiritual conversations has greatly increased as we listen to and support those in need. We aim to improve the follow up referrals by researching other projects/services and acting as a bridge for those we meet requesting further help. There have been requests for Street Pastors to work in other areas of Portsmouth so we constantly look at our resources to see what needs we could meet.

Prayer Support Programme There are 2 exciting ways we need you or your church to support this ministry:
1. Church Prayer Group come to Oasis 4-6 monthly
2. Individuals come to pray for team monthly at 9.30pm
Anita Bradnum co-ordinates this and contact Kevin Sumner for weekly prayer requests sent to 100+ people prayer07@portsmouth07.orangehome.co.uk

Publicity Team James Goodship started as our Publicity Officer after 2 yrs on the streets and will co-ordinate presentations in churches, groups or schools to promote our work. Meridian + BBC Crime watch filmed teams in January and May showing our impact on the streets - see **Crime watch Friday 26th June BBC1 9.15-10am.**

Fundraising - Thanks to churches for donations and grants from Police, Safer Portsmouth partnership and Seedbed. We still need regular funding, so if you can sponsor a Street Pastor for just £2-10 month do get in touch to help sustain this amazing work. Finally we would like to welcome our new Treasurer Mikey Francis and Dawn Banting providing admin support.
Thanks everyone for your prayers and support!