

Southampton Street Pastors

May 2009 - April 2011



We are part of the team in the city centre...

- A warm welcome from the public - we have made many friends and had many happy conversations with all kinds of people.
- A wonderful working relationship between ourselves and CCTV, door staff, ICE bus, paramedics, police, taxi marshals.
- Every time we are out, at least one direct call for help via the CCTV control room.
- In every monthly report the police have noted situations where the street pastors have prevented serious crimes by protecting the vulnerable and calming aggression.
- Recognition for the work from the night clubs. Several have led the way by committing to regular donations to help support us.
- An improvement in the atmosphere and a measurable reduction in violent crime in the night times when we are on duty.

Caring, Listening, Helping

- 248 patrols - 6696 hours given by street pastors backed up by over 1500 hours of prayer for the city!
- 7,993 bottles/glasses cleared off the pavements. Broken glass swept up 844 times.
- 1,876 pairs of flip flops given out to women in bare feet.
- 612 drunk people given some kind of care; 264 aggressive situations calmed. 289 lone individuals seen home safely.
- Many, many prayers of blessing or hope in difficult times; 271 distressed and upset people comforted.
- 9 "Thank You" letters or emails from people we have helped, or their families.

Other news

- we are also branching out by working with two secondary schools in the city to pilot *School Pastors*. This will provide trained uniformed volunteers to patrol the school neighbourhood at the start or end of the school day.
- To do all this we only need about £4,000 each month. As we begin 2011/2012 we are facing a shortfall equivalent to about £2,000 per month.



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