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# Torbay Street Pastors

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*To become a "Friend" of Torbay Street Pastors you commit to paying £10 a year.*

*If you are interested please make cheques payable to Torbay Street Pastors, send your name and address and telephone number and also let us know if you are a taxpayer.*

Registered Charity Number 1123087

## Progress Report

We are delighted to report that Torbay Street Pastors are making great progress.

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September we put two Teams out on the streets and will cover one Friday night a month until volunteer numbers increase to allow us to cover two Fridays etc.

We are continuing to put out two Teams every Saturday night and we are now beginning to find that the regular Club and Pub clientele are beginning to

recognize us and we are establishing relationships. The Police are very pleased with our progress so far and feel that we are making a considerable difference to the night scene in Torquay. We know that we have literally already saved two lives and if only for those two it has already been more than worth it!

To celebrate we are having our quarterly Faith Meal on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at Upton Vale Baptist Church at 7.00pm



Some of our Street Pastors



Some of our Prayer Pastors

## Beer Mats & Other Supportive Measures

The Police came up with a brilliant idea, and as far as Street Pastors nationally is concerned, a first! They suggested producing and distributing 10,000 beer mats with our information on them. The route we walk and the mobile phone numbers we carry. So that anyone who needs us has the information at hand.

We have met young women with the beer mats on the street, putting the mobile phone numbers into their mobiles so that when they feel threatened or at risk in any way they can call us

immediately. We are so encouraged that they recognise we want to keep them safe.

The Sponsored Car Wash on 2<sup>nd</sup> August went very well and the people involved were determined to put a Street Pastor on the street. They cleaned 37 cars and a camper van and raised £304.22!!

Our "Friends of Torbay Street Pastors" numbers are increasing daily we are now up to 110!! This means in February when subscriptions are due we should have

£1100 come in towards uniforms and training. We are so grateful for the encouragement and support we are receiving from so many sources.

We gave a talk to the Tormohun Community Partnership and they kindly donated £300!

When this happens it means that someone who cannot sponsor themselves but who really wants to be a Street Pastor can proceed through the training and be equipped with a uniform.



## Statistics 2008

	March-June	July	August	Sept 15th	Totals
Nights	17	4	6	5	29
Man Hours	531	136	216	264	1147
Bottles/Glass	315	98	125	43	581
Umbrellas	-	11	21	-	32
Lost Property	1	2	-	1	4
Flip Flops	47	6	13	5	71
Blankets	6	2	-	-	8
Bandages	4	5	6	-	15
Water	-	16	8	3	27
Contacts	1250	300	320	296	2116
Incidents	40	18	16	6	80
Lives saved	-	2	-	-	2

*What a privilege  
to save a life!"*

## 2 Lives Saved

One night one of our teams was approached by a lady who thanked Torbay Street Pastors for saving her life!

When they asked how this had happened she explained that 3 weeks previously her husband had left her. Leaving her with their two children one who is autistic and she just felt she could not cope.

That night she came to the harbour side to get

completely drunk and to drown herself. In places around the harbour it is deadly quiet and no one would know! However, she met one of our Teams, one of whom sat with her and let her talk, and apparently this conversation changed her mind and she was very happy to give the Street Pastor Team the credit.

Another night one of our teams came across a 5-year

old boy, at midnight, playing by himself on the slipway of the harbour right down by the water line.

After about 10 minutes his mother appeared from Vaughan's, a harbour side pub.

Who knows what could have happened in that 10 minutes! If he had fallen in no one would have known. If he had been abducted who would have seen?



Our Car Wash Team at Upton Parish Church  
The one sunny day this summer!!!!

## General Information

We are continuing with our talks. If your Church or Group would like a talk please get in touch we would be delighted to come and tell you all about Torbay Street Pastors. We are growing and will always be recruiting more volunteers

to be Street or Prayer Pastors, Home Prayers or "Friends"

The autumn Training has started and with good numbers attending.

At present we have 54 Street Pastors, 21 Prayer

Pastors, 16 Home Prayers and 109 "Friends".

Street Pastors is in over 70 locations in the Country with over 20 locations in the process of coming on board!

We are hoping to hold another Commissioning Service in February/March 2009 – watch this space!