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Torbay Street Pastors

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We have so many come and thank us for our help in previous weeks. Youngsters who say they won't repeat the drinking to excess again. We have had youngsters come up to teams and tell them it is because of the continued interest in their lives that they have changed, stopped drinking, got themselves jobs and a flat and their lives have improved immeasurably.

These youngsters have been met on a regular basis over a period of 3 years and every encounter is prayed for and we are seeing the miracle that is God changing lives because we as volunteers care and pray.

Come and join us and be part of our team.

Christmas 2011 and New Year 2012!!

Torbay Street Pastors were delighted to experience such a peaceful and well humoured Christmas Eve. We had a full Prayer Pastor Team after all, but were also very much aware of the Prayer support that came from those celebrating Midnight Church services in Torquay – it was lovely to have a body of Christians up and praying at the same time we were working on the streets!

New Years Eve was the best we have experienced in the 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ years we have been operating. We had 3 teams on the streets, one on the Safe Place and a full Prayer Pastors Team. We enjoyed sharing our Safe Base with the Police, giving them somewhere to have a comfort break and enjoy the goodies brought in by our team members, cake, mince pies and sweeties!

There were thousands around the Clock Tower at midnight – well 11.50 to be precise. We celebrated the New Year 3 times!! The Clock Tower clock was ten minutes fast, so that was the first celebration, then folks noticed on their phones when midnight occurred and so we cheered again and then a great boom went off about a minute after that and so we celebrated again!!! The atmosphere was very jolly and for the numbers present it was very, very peaceful. One disappointment was that there were so few fancy dress costumes on display – another victim of the recession! The Police did an excellent job and we were kept busy, but we certainly noticed a drop in excessive drinking!

The Safe Place, as always, was a great asset and volunteers were kept very busy through the night – they even purloined some ice from a local hostelry to calm down a few swollen sprains from falls caused by very high heels!



Safe Place Statistics for 2011

From February to December 2011 the Safe Place has operated for 99 Friday/Saturday nights attending to 321 males and 366 females. There were 32 instances where if were not for the intervention of the Safe Place the clients would have attended A&E. There were 902 pairs of flip flops supplied together with 1,359 cups of water given out. 28 were unable to get home and needed assistance, 282 under the influence of drink/drugs, 173 needed someone to talk to, 22 were victims of crime, 148 were injured/unwell, 7 were in fear of violence, 8 were scared to go home, 23 requested information, 342 left the Safe Place of their own accord, 39 were taken to A&E, 148 parents/friends were contacted to collect clients, 39 were assisted in getting a taxi home, 107 were treated for medical problems, 17 were dealt with by the Police, advice was given to 17, and 3 refused treatment.

To all who sponsored and encouraged the setting up of the Safe Place a
BIG THANK YOU!!!



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Defibrillator

Torbay Street Pastors are delighted to report, thanks to Gemma and Jonathan Drew's sponsored 30 mile walk, that the Defibrillator is now ready for operation on the Safe Place every Friday and Saturday night.

Sky Diver Fundraiser!

I have it on good authority that our intrepid Street Pastor Volunteer will be doing her birthday sky dive on behalf of Torbay Street Pastors/Shelter Box on Sunday 8th April (Easter Day). I will make sure there are plenty of sponsor forms available nearer the time.

School Pastors

In February 2008, with support from the Home Office, Ascension Trust piloted the School Pastors initiative in Lewisham, South London, specifically to address the crime rate that escalates between 2.00pm and 6.00pm. The Trust went on to roll-out pilot schemes in other London boroughs before preparing to launch the initiative nationally in 2010. This initiative is proving to be very successful around the Country in bringing down incidents of bullying, anti-social behaviour and helping to improve relationships between schools and the communities in which they are based.

I am delighted to report that the Police and a Secondary School in Torbay have requested that this initiative be set up here in Torbay, and after a meeting held on 5th January it has been agreed to pursue the next step i.e. discussions between School Pastor volunteers, the Police and the School.

Anyone who might be interested in getting involved to apply as a School Pastor, to help on the administration side, to get involved with the Management Team etc., should contact **Joel Ward, Youth Minister at Upton Vale Church on telephone no: 01803 400403**. The requirements for School Pastor volunteers will be similar to Street Pastors. i.e. references. uniform. training. CRB checks etc.

Statistics

2011	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total from March 08
Nights	10	9	9	9	8	10	376
Man Hours	510	490	475	500	440	545	17569
Man Hours on street	380	368	356	376	352	422	13277
Prayer Pastor Hours	175	168	181	190	150	208	6877
Bottles/Glass	286	228	180	226	161	247	7473
Umbrellas	0	1	1	1	2	7	177
Lost Property	0	2	0	0	2	4	23
Flip Flops	91	175	92	101	90	207	3695
Emergency Blankets	21	19	16	18	15	61	630
Minor First Aid	19	29	21	19	16	32	465
Water	66	59	49	55	45	62	1662
Contacts	1058	1161	1094	1027	941	1320	51213
Incidents	89	119	102	121	61	138	2507

Red Cross

We are delighted to report that the Red Cross are looking to recruit volunteers who will work with us (one each night) on the Safe Place. Some Red Cross volunteers are trained up to ambulance standard – this could help keep the calls for ambulances down and help us enormously when we exhaust our First Aid training knowledge. John (pictured) already works with us



WE ARE ON TV!

We were filmed whilst on duty just before Christmas by the "Inside Out" BBC Team. The film will be shown on Monday 30th January 2012 at 7.30pm on BBC1.



We need Brixham Volunteers

- Please pray that we have the numbers of volunteers to fulfil the needs, requests have been received for a **Saturday night Brixham Team. It would be good to have more Brixham volunteers.**
- Wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit for the Management Team
- Healing for Team Members and their family members who are unwell.

To become a "Torbay Street Pastor Friend" you agree to contribute at least £10 a year.

If you are interested cheques should be made payable to **Torbay Street Pastors**, please give us your name, address, tel no. and state if you are a taxpayer. requests to: 3 The Drive, Water Lane, Kingskerswell, Newton Abbot TQ12 5FB

Thanks so much to the Churches and members of Churches, the Police, Safer Communities and different charities for the support given to Torbay Street Pastors

PRESENTATIONS/TALKS

Any group that would like a Street Pastor Presentation/Talk please get in touch, we just love sharing our stories!!!

If you are interested and want more information about **Torbay Street Pastors or any other location, contact details are on the front of this Newsletter**