

Street Pastors Report to Churches Together in Harborough AGM 12 May 2015

During 2014, given enough volunteers, we continued to go out every weekend but have changed the hours to reflect the current state of the night time economy: Earlier on Fridays from 7.30 pm (to include visits to The Cube); later on Saturdays from 10.00 pm + new shifts on two Bank Holiday Sundays from 10.00 pm.

Following on from giving talks during Welland Park Academy assemblies in 2013, we have assisted in Year 9 RE class lessons during 2014 on the topic of the Good Samaritan, morals and how we as Street Pastors are practical examples of God's love. This year, 2015, we have given talks during assemblies at Kibworth High School and Robert Smyth Academy. Around 1800 pupils across all three schools have heard about our work in the last year!

Talks given in 15 churches in MH and surrounding villages by several different volunteers during the last 18 months have resulted in eight people currently undergoing training.

	Street Pastors	In Training	Prayer Support
Total	18	8	11
Men	7	3	7
Women	11	5	4

During 2014:

Hours of patrols by Street Pastors	588.5	First Aid given	9
Hours of Prayer Support	258	Calming aggressive	15
Pairs of flip flops handed out	55	Supporting vulnerable	9
Bottles of water handed out	26	Anti-Social behaviour	6
Space blanket used	1	Alcohol / Drug impaired	19

Income during 2014 included:

Donations from Churches and CTH	£1,548.74	Rotary SwiMarathon	£400.00
Collecting Boxes (pubs and hotels)	£534.62	SP Coffee Mornings & Waitrose Bag Pack	£640.30
Regular donations from Enigma Cafe	£96.00	Donations from Trainees (or their Churches)	£425.00
Late Night Shopping, Carnival and Talk to WI	£155.00	Individual donations (including gift aid)	£570.00
	plus donations of lollipops!		

During 2014 expenditure included:

License Fee (15% of donations paid to AT)	£400.00	Torches	£19.98
Insurance	£120.00	Training event refreshments	£66.65
Refreshments	£24.68	Training event expenses	£130.90
Phones	£129.90	Coffee morning hire of venue	£68.00
	plus Administrator salary		

- ☞ We are planning to introduce ID cards for all Street Pastors as per the new policy of the Ascension Trust
- ☞ We expect to lose at least three SPs in next few months, so ongoing recruitment of new Street Pastors is high on our agenda
- ☞ We are also hoping to recruit new members to the Prayer Support Team
- ☞ Philip is stepping down from the Board after six years as Chair, so we are prayerfully considering who will take on this very important role
- ☞ We will continue to maintain a good working relationship with the District Council and the Police
- ☞ We will continue to seek funding to ensure the stability of our finances

We come from:

St Dionysius Church
 St Peter and St Paul Church, Great Bowden
 MH Congregational Church
 MH Baptist Church
 MH Methodist Church
 MH Community Church
 Lutterworth Community Church
 Leicester Area Quaker Meeting
 Harborough Evangelical Church

And people in training include representatives from:

St Hugh's Church
 Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church
 St Wilfrid's Church, Kibworth
 Fleckney Baptist Church
 All Saints Church, Dingley