

ID CARDS

Street Pastors will soon be carrying ID cards. The development enhances our presence on the streets and further assures the public that we are a 'safe pair of hands'



'Peacemakers, when they work for peace sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness' James 3 v18

Making peace, whether in everyday family life or in the arena of international affairs, can feel like ploughing through a muddy, unyielding field; yet without that heartbreaking, backbreaking toil, we will have nowhere to scatter the seeds of love. *Margaret Silf*

Totnes Street Pastors on the web!

Totnes Street Pastors now has its own website!

Look out for regular updates:

<http://streetpastors.org/locations/totnes/>

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Totnes Street Pastors Summer Newsletter 2015



Shifts Fridays 10pm-2am

In June, I sent Inspector Andrew Tomlinson our 6 monthly report. The police are very supportive of the scheme and we maintain good contact. Here are some of the incidents from our street records since January:

Each week the teams sweep up broken glass and bin bottles that they find. To date they have collected 133 bottles!

We have helped stop a fight, stopped damage to cars parked in Fore Street and cleared up mess left by some vandalism outside one of the Pubs.

We chat to rough sleepers, give out hot soup, foil blankets and water.

We have helped a couple of people home who had had too much to drink and we were asked to escort home someone who has been slightly injured after a fall.

We have lots of great chats with young people in town and lollies continue to be very popular!

We thank the Totnes Quakers for allowing us to use the Friends' Meeting House as our Base.



Working with **Caring Town Totnes**, Totnes Street Pastors was involved in producing a public information poster and letter about how we can best help the homeless and those in need in our town - you can see these on our new website!

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We suggest giving to the **Giving Back Scheme** which is supported by several of our local cafes. There will be a formal launch with our Mayor Jaqi Hodgson and our MP Rt. Hon. Dr Sarah Woolaston on **September 25th at 11am** outside St Mary's Church .

The Scheme was initiated by **The Freedom Centre** - a division of Market Place Ministries and works with local cafes to collect money for The Drop In Centre and The Emergency Food Parcel Scheme (based at Market Place Ministries) and is looking to develop creative ways to help the homeless. All these support services are voluntarily run and so 100% of any donation given via the Giving Back initiative will go directly to help those in need.

This is not a 'tin in the corner' collection scheme and those cafes who have signed up to it are fully supportive and it is clearly advertised. With only 3 cafes involved - in the first 5 weeks of running the scheme £600 was collected.

The cafes who are part of the scheme so far are The Green Cafe, The Brioche, Seeds 2, Kerela, Fat Lemons and The Old Bakery.



Inspector Andy Tomlinson, of Devon and Cornwall Police, writes: "We want everyone to enjoy themselves over the summer. Whilst most people drink responsibly, there is a small minority who do not.

Alcohol can dramatically change someone's behaviour which can often result in them doing something they may not do when sober.

We are asking people to think about the consequences of excessive drinking before they begin their night out."

Police advice to people to help them stay safe this holiday season includes:

- Drink responsibly – know when to stop drinking alcohol and drink water regularly during the evening.
 - Always walk away from trouble. Stay in control and prevent one night's actions leaving you with a criminal record for years to come.
- Don't drink and drive - plan how to get home before you go out and pre-book a licensed taxi if you will need one at the end of the evening.

For guidance around alcohol generally visit:

<http://bit.ly/1KCfUb3>