

Perth Newsletter

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Street Pastor Sunday 9 June

In the year to 31 Dec 2018 we ...
... calmed 36 aggressive situations,
... supported 116 vulnerable people,
... made 91 referrals (incl police & amb); and
... had 125 faith related conversations.

Typical comments received :

"I'm so grateful that Street Pastors looked after me one night last year : I don't know what would have happened to me otherwise!"

"Thank you for listening ... I've no one to whom I can talk"

"Seeing you out of the church building on the streets has made me think again about the possibility of God caring for me"

Sometime church leaders wonder how to get people to move forward ...



"TO ENCOURAGE OUR CONGREGATION TO SIT IN THE FRONT PEWS, I'VE INSTALLED CELL PHONE CHARGING STATIONS IN THE FIRST THREE ROWS."

We wonder how more folk can be encouraged to move out to show/share God's love on the streets !

We suggest

- realising needs of folk on the street
- the camaraderie Street Pastors have
- learning the importance of prayer
- the command of Jesus "Go ..."
- the favourite verse of David Livingstone:
"For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

Frequently asked questions

Who can be a Street Pastor?

Any Christian 18 or over involved in their congregations for a year, with a church leader's reference, and a PVG check can. There is a training course (helpful for Christian living anyway!)

How often is one out?

Basically once a month on a Thursday or Saturday evening, School Pastors do Friday lunchtime, and Day Pastors on occasions when an early evening is likely to be busy.

Is it right that you can't speak about Jesus?

NO ! We are out to **Listen, Help and Care.** Just as we answer questions about debt, addictions, homelessness, etc., so, depending on God's power through prayer, we answer questions about the meaning of life, hopefully in a way appropriate to each person. Not proselytising does not mean that we do not show and share the Good News of God's love!

What do I do if I am thinking about becoming one?

Contact Fraser perth@streetpastors.org.uk or Gordon Loudon ggloudos@aol.com Often people come out as an observer before committing themselves. It is planned to have a training course quite soon : therefore it would help to know who is interested by the end of June.

Street Pastors are not just Perth folk - many we help are from P+K country areas
Recruits needed from ALL parts of P+K!