



# Newcastle Street Pastors



Spring 2017



Tyne Bridge from the keep



Safe Haven with Dame Vera Baird QC and support services



On Patrol near the centre for life Newcastle

## A Safe haven in the Bigg Market

To ensure people can enjoy their nights out safely, Street Pastors are working alongside the Police & Crime Commissioner, Police Officers, the North East Ambulance service & Newcastle City Council. The Safe Haven Van is parked in the Bigg Market on Friday and Saturday evenings between 10pm and 4am offering support to anyone in need. Staff from St John's Ambulance (vehicle next to safe Haven) are also available with Police Officers inside the Safe Haven van to talk to people, pass on safety information and give medical assistance.

Street Pastors use the Safe Haven when they are called to assist a vulnerable person, especially when the temperatures drop. The Safe Haven provides a place to warm up and recharge mobile phones. The Street Pastors may leave the person in the Safe Haven knowing they are being looked after and return later to assist the person to get home via a taxi or see them safely to their hotel.

## New Street Pastors begin training

What do Elisabeth, Andrea, Kath, Dave, John, Alison, Solomon Ruth & Allison have in common?

Answer: They wish to become Street Pastors.

We have been blessed to have 9 new volunteers. Over the next six months they will receive over 40 hours of training, beginning with Roles & Responsibilities, a realistic introduction to the Street Pastor ministry, in March. They will then continue with First Aid, vulnerable adults, Good News, mental health, listening skills, youth culture, drugs & alcohol, probation and safeguarding

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The team with friends



Feeling cold then you need a foil blanket



If you would like more information on how to become a Street Pastor, please call Paul Waugh for an informal chat. Mobile : 07840 827614

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## An Interview with John: on being a Street Pastor

When did you become a Street Pastor?

Since 2015 I have been honored and privileged to be part of Newcastle Street Pastors.

What attracted you to Street Pastors?

For me Street Pastors are at the coal face of engagement with a cross section of people in society. They play a critical role when individuals find themselves in places of vulnerability and risk; particularly over the weekend night time economy and party culture in the City! Throughout my Christian walk I have been passionate to try and reach out to those in need, to come alongside others, to value, encourage and to try and see the God given potential in people and ultimately for God to make a difference! Newcastle Street Pastors, through their consistent, dedicated, prayerful and professional approach are having an impact, both on the people who get help and support in time of need but also the establishment of mutual respect with the police, emergency services, door staff and general public.

How do you recover from the shift?

The normal Street Pastor shift from around 10.30pm to around 4am in the morning can leave you feeling a bit drained, due to the many situations the team has had to deal with but I often come away feeling both a bit tired and exhilarated knowing that a positive difference has been made. Then I need a snack and a cuppa before bed!

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## Prayer team

Caring: Listening: Helping

We are setting up a prayer team, who are willing to pray for the Patrol. If you would like to become a prayer supporter and share in the Street Pastor Ministry, please send an email to [newcastle@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:newcastle@streetpastors.org.uk)

**Your prayers and financial support mean so much to us; a big thank you.**

Paul S Waugh

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