



## **Chippenham Street Pastors Newsletter May 2018**

As Chair of Trustees, I bring you greetings from Chippenham Street Pastors.

We are very grateful to the Churches in the town for the support they give to us. And this support comes in many forms – volunteers, prayer and financial. All three are important to us. But we recognise that there is a danger in taking this support for granted. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you in touch with what we are doing.

The aim is to try and produce this quarterly. It will come out through Chippenham Churches Together email. Please feel free to share it around your churches. The newsletter will give you a flavour of the work undertaken by Street Pastors around the town.

If you would like to find out more about our work, or would like to have someone from Street Pastors come and speak at your church please contact Michael Weeks Street Pastor Coordinator - [chippenham@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:chippenham@streetpastors.org.uk) or myself [revdgray@btinternet.com](mailto:revdgray@btinternet.com) Tel: 01249 653094

May God bless you.

Revd David Gray

### **Night Time Economy**

We continue to put out teams most Saturday evenings. The teams are on duty from 10pm to 4pm. Typically the teams go out for an hour or so and follow a circuit around the town before coming back to base for a break. Often the teams will be out for 3 patrols.

There is no such thing as a typical night. Some are busier than others (we don't like to say "quiet"! ) Each patrol aims to ensure the safety of those who have been out enjoying themselves in the clubs and clubs. This includes staying with those who have got separated from friends liaising with the police and door staff and collecting bottles, glasses and cans.

We have now put a Street Pastor team on the Chippenham's streets over 300 times.

## **Day Project**

Late last year we got the blessing of both the town council and the police to extend our work into the day time economy. This project is still in its infancy, but we already have several volunteers come forward to join the team and several night SP's either moving across or volunteering to do an extra patrol.

If you feel called to Daytime Street Pastoring please get in touch. We hope to run another training course during the autumn.

## **Summer and Winter Solstice**

In 2017 we were invited back to the Summer solstice at Stonehenge, where a total of 28 street pastors from across the southwest came together across two shifts. We were so effective that the security advisors invited us back for the winter solstice, where 15 street pastors deployed in December. We are aiming to deploy this summer once again.

## **Chippenham BID's chosen charity**

Chippenham BID's support for the scheme grew once again, when we were chosen as their charity of the year. This has meant we have been able to collect funds at our deployments to the carnival and the Christmas lights switch on.

## **Purple Flag Weekend**

Chippenham Town Council invited us and Rev Les Isaac (founder of Street Pastors) to celebrate our Purple Flag status in Chippenham. (Purple Flag status means the town is regarded nationally as a safe place.) Two days of events were supported by the team.

## **Christmas and New Year Safe zones**

We covered 4 days over the Christmas and New Year period. We helped a number of people over this period from medical cases to people split from loved ones.

## **Trustees**

Chippenham Street Pastors is a registered charity and as such we have to comply with the requirements of charity law. One such requirement is to have a board of trustees. At the time of writing our trustees are Anita Seaton, Dermot O'Brien, David Thompson, Dick Spencer, (all Street Pastors), Rex Waghorne, Tim Woodward and myself. Dick serves as our secretary. Rex has been treasurer thought has handed over to Anita now.