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Bishop's Stortford & Sawbridgeworth Street Pastors

The Church in action....

....on the streets

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Dear Friends

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Welcome to our first newsletter! 😊

We are delighted to keep you updated about Street Pastors and to tell you what we have been doing. Lockdown has kept us at home recently, but we have continued with our full training programme and have met online to pray and consider how we will meet the needs of others when we are back out on patrol. We know we are going to be busier than ever as people struggle with the effects of the pandemic. Whether you are familiar with our work, or have never heard of us, read on to find out more about what we do, and how your Church can support our work with prayer and in practical ways.

Pippa

Coordinator, Bishop's Stortford & Sawbridgeworth Street Pastors

Our Team

- ◆ 13 Street Pastors
- ◆ 3 trainee Street Pastors
- ◆ 20 Prayer Pastors
- ◆ 8 Management Team members
- ◆ 1 Coordinator

Every member of our team is a volunteer from a local Church.

Do you know any of our volunteers?

Are there any from your Church?

Our Work

We aim to care for, listen to, and help people in our community. Sometimes that's just a friendly wave and a smile, sometimes it's a longer chat or some practical help.

Usually, we are out and about in the towns of Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth in the evenings, stopping by the pubs, restaurants and train stations.

We can stop and chat to those who are lonely or worried, offer help and directions to those trying to find a way home, support those a little (or a lot) worse for drink or drugs.

We don't evangelise (unless invited to do so.) We just try to do what Jesus would do; to care for others, without judgement.

How you and your Church can support Street Pastors

We want *EVERY* Church in Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth and surrounding villages to be involved in our work. **Most of all, we need your prayers.** We ask that you cover our work in prayer; in your services, your house groups and in your homes.

Our current priority is to appoint a new Secretary and a new Treasurer. Could you help us? Our Management Team meet about 4 times per year, so it is not very onerous. Support will be given.

Although times are hard for us all, we do ask **every Church to make a financial commitment** to us each year. It costs around £7,000 to keep our organisation running. Donations from individuals are also welcome.

How about joining us as a volunteer—a Street Pastor or a Prayer Pastor? Email me for details!



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