

Northampton Street and School Pastors Report for Churches Together Northampton January 2018

We continue to provide Street Pastor teams around Northampton's night time economy area and School Pastor teams at the Northampton and Weston Favell Academies on either side of Weston Favell Centre. In terms of team numbers we currently have 28 Street Pastors and 13 School Pastors. We continue to enjoy good links with our partners and have actively supported Northampton Borough Council's 'Out tonight? Do it right' safety campaign. We have been referred to in Northamptonshire Police safety campaigns and have had the pleasure of being asked by the Weston Favell Centre management to provide extra teams when the schools have closed early. The schools have also actively sought assistance for mentoring and pastoral support within the school community. Our Street Pastors have given 1343 hours of their time, gave out 519 pairs of flip flops, 536 bottles of water, and collected 3139 glass bottles, amongst other things.

In September our coordination team changed. We thank Karen Dhlamini who has served as the joint Street and School Pastors coordinator for the past two years and before that as the founding School Pastors coordinator for a year. Our new team of three consists of Keith Holland-Delamere – Street Pastors Coordinator, Tracey White – School Pastors Coordinator, and Teresa Brown – Administrator. Last month Sharon Page who has faithfully served as our Prayer Coordinator stepped down and will be moving away in the early part of 2018. Sharon will be missed and we are considering the possibility of a Prayer coordination team rather than a single Prayer coordinator.

During 2017 we managed to recruit a good number of School Pastors. We are now about to launch our 2018 recruitment campaign for more Street, School and Prayer Pastors as well as prayer partners. Our Open Evening is on Wednesday 21st February 2018, 7.30pm at the Salvation Army, Penistone Road NN3 8EZ.

In the town centre the opening of the university this autumn and the gradual increase of students in the town centre over the last three years is increasing the demand on our services. This has also increased our links with the University and Students Union.

In October 2018 the Northampton Street Pastors will be celebrating our tenth anniversary so preparations to commemorate this milestone will start within the next month or two.

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