



Street Pastors are a community initiative set up in 2003 by the Ascension Trust, a charity birthed by Rev Les Isaac, from working with those engaged in gang culture in Brixton, London. Over the past ten years, Street Pastors has grown to be a recognised community presence in most of the major towns and cities of Great Britain, and over a third of all London Boroughs. It aims to re-engage the community by being a visible, approachable presence

on the streets. Street Pastors works in close partnership with many organisations, and encourages working alongside the Local Council and Police Departments.

A Street Pastor is a local church member who shares a concern for society – particularly young people who have found themselves disenfranchised and/or marginalised from society. They show willingness to volunteer to engage young people where they are, in terms of their thinking (i.e. their perspective on life) and location i.e. where they hang out – be it on the streets, the parks, in the pubs and clubs as part of the weekend night-time economy. Street Pastors seek to develop positive relationships with the young people, find out their needs and respond to requests for help.

Our aim is to help people who are out enjoying themselves in the town, to feel safer and cared for by members of their own community, by providing practical help, and other support

as appropriate. We offer water to help sober people up and flip-flops to young ladies who can no longer manage on their high heels. We also provide foil blankets to any homeless people, as well as the freezing underdressed!



A key to its success is prayer. As well as prayer evenings, there is always a small group of friends in the town praying whilst the team is out.

If you would like to find out more or even accompany the street pastors for a few hours on an evening patrol as an observer, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. Kidderminster Street Pastors coordinator is Alison Underwood 01562 752687 or 07881 780452 kidderminster@streetpastors.org.uk. I am also coordinator for Stourbridge Street Pastors.