

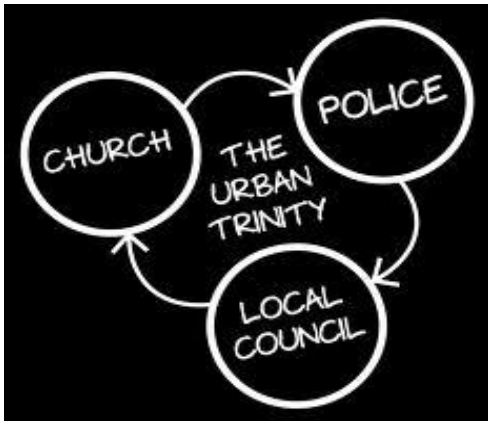
## THE CHALLENGE:

Anti-social behaviour, the breakdown of the family, and young people feeling marginalised are all challenges to both the Church and to society.

The Street Pastors initiative began in 2003 and is now in over 300 locations in the U.K. The aim is to make it known that the Church has 'left the building' to create a visible presence on the streets to help the vulnerable, intimidated and hurting and to offer non-judgmental practical support and care to those who need help.

## THE BENEFITS:

- Crime reduction
- Anti-social behaviour reduction
- Safer streets
- Improved City image
- Collaborative working with local statutory and voluntary agencies i.e. 'The Urban Trinity'



## CONTACT US:

If you would like to know more, work as a volunteer or offer either financial or prayer support, we would be pleased to hear from you.

If you would like someone to come and speak at your church or community group we would be delighted to do so and answer any questions.

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# CHESHIRE WEST STREET PASTORS

## WE ARE:

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- part of a national organisation
- well trained volunteers from many diverse local churches
- teams working in Chester city centre's night-time economy
- on duty every Friday & Saturday night from 10pm to 3am
- endorsed and **supported** by the Police and Cheshire West & Chester Council
- in touch with the police, door staff and CCTV, via City Link radios, when on patrol
- unpaid volunteers who give up their time at least once per month to serve their community
- people who have a heart for the disadvantaged and marginalised in the local community

## RECRUITMENT CRITERIA:

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- 18yrs of age minimum (no upper age limit), male or female
- to have a Christian faith and be a member of a recognised local church and for at least the last 12-months
- your church leader to provide a positive reference
- to be able to commit to approx 30 hours of training in the first year
- to work well in a team and go out on patrol at least once a month

## WHAT WE DO:

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- pastor = caring, listening, helping
- provide help and support to those in need
- reduce the vulnerability of lone individuals
- calm emotional or aggressive situations
- provide directions to local taxi stands, the train station, cash dispensers and local pubs and clubs
- signpost people to support services

## WHAT WE DON'T DO:

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- give out money for taxi fares!
- give out food, drink (except bottled water) or clothing
- work as individuals – we are always in teams of 2 or more
- work for the Police or the Council
- preach – we are there to listen, care and help
- make judgments about people's lifestyles



Caring  
Listening  
Helping

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## WHAT THEY SAY...

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'Spending an evening with Chester's Street Pastors, it soon becomes clear that each and every one of them does an incredible job helping some of the city's most vulnerable people out on our streets after dark'

**Cllr Mike Jones, Leader of Cheshire West & Chester Council.**

'In my view, the Street Pastors give a really good service to the people of Cheshire and work very well indeed with the Police. They are doing some splendid work and I encourage all members of the community to give them their support if they see them when out in an evening'

**John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner.**

'I would like to thank you for the work that the Street Pastors are doing, and with the dramatic results which we have seen – falls in crime, rough sleeping, and night time injuries'

**Stephen Moseley, MP for Chester.**