Across Town

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Five of Stockton's Best—STP volunteers Nancy, Sheila, Sue, Tina and Mike on patrol in a deserted High Street—they're all in the pubs!

The Love Stockton Open Air Carol Service took place on Dovecot Street outside Café Nero on the last Saturday before Christmas, with Stockton's Salvation Army band leading the singing. Revd. Alan Farish (Parish Church) led the worship, with Mike Taylor (Vine Church) providing a Christian message and Andrew Waugh (Tabernacle) leading in prayer for the town. A Way Out's CEO Jessie Jacobs gave her testimony and inspired a real message of hope for Stockton. Although the service took place in heavy rain, lots of people from local churches turned out and many passing shoppers stopped to listen and take part in the carol singing. Leaflets identifying Christmas services in over 20 local churches were given out, along with lots of 'Why Jesus' booklets, explaining the true message of Christmas.

STOCKTON TOWN PASTORS wish you a happy and peaceful new year, with the hope that you will experience true joy in your lives in 2013.

We have many things to look forward to, including closer involvement with a new 'Look A Teesside' arts festival in June; the Stockton International Riverside Festival in August and of course the fireworks display in November—with the Love Stockton initiative offering opportunities for local churches to become involved in what is happening in the town.

STP project manager Steve Brock will be contacting local churches and organisations to publicise the great work that its volunteers have been doing every weekend for the past 3 years. If you would like to take advantage of this please contact Steve (address overleaf).

Also, journalism students from Newcastle University will be out with STP in the coming weeks as part of a project to highlight our work and get the views of police, council and businesses who work in the night-time environment.

STP VOLUNTEERS have committed almost 10,000 hours to help make the town safer during the last three years, by providing patrols each weekend. This does not include the many hours given over to training and other activities, and reflects their true commitment and care for the local community.

A more detailed summary of our activities can be found overleaf, but these only tell a small part of the story. We offer a listening ear to the many who wish to talk about their burdens and are seeking help—and prayer—for themselves and families in what are troubling times, both economically and inspirationally.

We are a charitable organisation which is open to all, and if you wish to come out on patrols with us as a observer to discover more about what we do, you will be warmly received.

STOCKTON TOWN PASTORS

Care and Compassion in the Night-Time Environment

Registered Charity No. 1143017

Incident Type	Stockton Town Centre				Yarm	Totals:
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2012	
First Aid administered:	4	59	68	53	11	195
Ambulance subsequently called:	1	20	17	14	1	53
ASB / Violence:	2	41	30	26	3	102
Police subsequently called:	0	14	32	33	1	80
Reconciled with family / friends:	1	16	46	19	5	87
Placed In Taxi:	1	40	48	46	6	141
Homeless / Place of Safety:	1	28	15	9	1	54
Other Help:	5	198	458	38	3	702
Flip Flops:	No data - included in			332	19	351
Bottled Water:	'Other Help'			47	16	63
Other Significant Contact:	6	137	271	266	36	716
Totals:	**21**	**553**	**985**	**883**	**102**	**2544**
Bottles / Glass Recovered:		1610	2156	1764	40	5570
Volunteer Hours:	**230**	**3498**	**2971**	**2853**	**202**	**9754**
Active Volunteers (Est. Average):	24	47	50	55		

However, the 'Activity Measures' are NOT the drivers for us being there – these naturally fall out of interactions with individuals and they help the Police and SBC to evaluate, in part, our contribution to public safety

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Majors Keith and Rosemary Williams of the Salvation Arm's Stockton Citadel have kindly offered STP the use of their washing and drying facilities so that we can launder our jackets on a regular basis. High visibility coats become dirty quite quickly, and as they are not issued to volunteers on a personal basis it is important that they are looked after.

The project manager will check equipment regularly but, as always, if you think the coat needs a visit to the launderette then please put it to one side and mark it for Steve's attention.

First Aid Training for those due refreshers and first-timers (you know who you are) takes place on 12th & 19th January 2013 at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle, starting at 9am.—lunch provided. Steve has contacted all of those who are on the list, but if you need confirmation please contact him a.s.a.p.

STP Diary Dates—Steve is attending the following presentations in January:

09/01/13—United Reform Church Ladies Group, Yarm Road, at 7.30pm

15/01/13—Project One Network meeting at A Way Out, at 7.30pm

29/01/13—Norton Methodist Church, Norton Road, at 7pm.

Christian Nightlife Initiatives are hosting their first National Conference on the weekend of Friday 30th August to Sunday 1st September 2013 at Staverton Park, Daventry, Northamptonshire.

The conference is for all those involved in night-time projects—volunteers and coordinators, with networking, inspiration, and practical workshops.

The Costs are: Full Weekend from Friday afternoon - Sunday afternoon - 2 nights bed, all meals (breakfast, lunch, evening dinner), Gala Dinner on the Saturday night, full use of leisure facilities (swimming pool and gym), unlimited hot drinks and conference programme: £130 per person based on two sharing (early bird rate for bookings before 31/1/2013). Costs will rise after this date, so if you would like to book a place please contact Steve Brock a.s.a.p.



http://www.deverevenues.co.uk/locations/staverton-park.html