ANGELS NEWS

Update from ROC Angels local projects



Happy 21st Birthday Street Angels!







Wow! Twenty one years!

On that chilly November 25th 2005 night, 50 people gathered in the Fairtrade Cafe, Halifax. The town centre, a great night out for thousands, had issues around sexual assaults, violence and vulnerability. Our mission was shaped - safe people patrolling the town centre and a safe place drop in. **Street Angels was launched!**

We became a family of people dedicated to helping and supporting those in a time of need on the streets of the town centre but also helping and supporting one another.

Within the first 12 months **violent crime reduced by 42%**. These fluorescent jacket wearing teams, armed with **flip-flops, lollipops and kindness** were part of the solution towards creating a better night-time economy.

Since then we have supported the replication of Street Angels across the UK and beyond, set up a network that connected with others, won awards, become a national voice around night-time economy issues and pioneered several new initiatives.

Our heart and vision remains - '**love the person in front of you**'. We find that to be a simple yet profound community and person transformation model.

It is impossible to count the number of people our teams have supported - some of whom wouldn't be alive today were it not for the actions of our Angels.

As we celebrate 21 years **thank you** to all who are part of our incredible journey.

Paul - founder Street Angels



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To donate to our work - streetangels.org.uk/donate







ROC Angels has a supply of **period packs** from Happy Flow Lucky (a York student led group supporting period dignity). These are made available free to Street Angels to distribute to homeless women within communities. If you would like some please contact Paul.

Well done to **Woking Street Angels** who have received a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Oldham Street Angels were in Oldham College with a stall for World Kindness Day.

On Sunday **Guildford Street Angels** welcomed and commissioned newly trained volunteers across the 3 projects, Street Angels, Chaplaincy and Community Angels. The Guildford 10K run has raised over £13,500 so far (picture of the runners is on page 6) for the Guildford projects - thanks to all who ran, donated or cheered!

Altitude Mission **Ski Angels** are preparing for the 2027 season with training before heading to The Alps next month.









Well done to Ian from Street Angels Huddersfield who was a finalist in the Volunteer of the Year Award with Huddersfield BID who commented, "Well Done Ian and thank you to you and your amazing Street Angels for being there for our Night Time Economy visitors."



The news this last few weeks has been mostly around Russell Brand and the devestation he has caused to women, often hiding his autrocicities in plain site.

As an organisation we were set up to support those who are or could become vulnerable on nights out. Our teams come alongside to offer help, support and assistance. We hardly ever know the backstory of the situation we see in front of us, but through simple words and simple acts we can offer a way out.

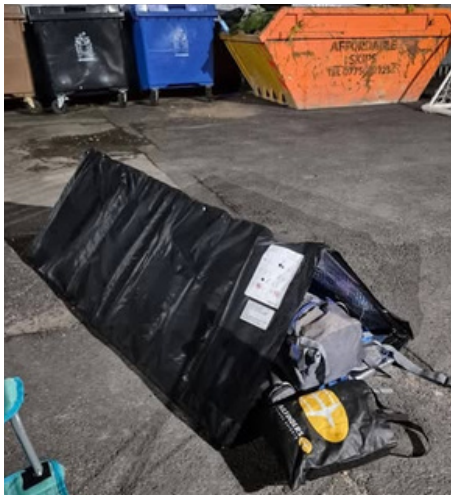
Many of our teams are part of local campaigns and frontline support around preventing violence against women and girls. Our visible patrol's and campaigns such as #AskForAngela, walksafe.io app, www.SafeNightOut.party, training and handing out spikies and glass toppers are part of that.

One of the main aims of our work is to create safe spaces and safer nights out for everyone. No one should be afraid of going into a town or city centre at night. Everyone should be welcomed and safe.

If you need help or support then there are many services set up to do just that - find them on google and reach out. If you find yourself in a situation on a night out find us, the police or ask for Angela. If you don't feel you have a voice remember you are amazing, you are valuable, you deserve to be heard.

Following the Street Angels website makeover we have updated the **Festival Angels site** and opened up opportunities for the 2027 Festival Angels season - festivalangels.org.uk

Paul, the coordinator of **Accrington Street Angels**, spent the night of the 6/7 November sleeping out in a makeshift tent (see below) to raise money and awareness of the work of The Light Group. On the same night the ACT Street Angels paused at the towns cenotaph to pay tribute to those locally who served.







IGotSpiked.com - an interactive night out, based on real experiences. You make the choices and see how fast a normal night can turn. Launching today from Stamp Out Spiking.



Street Angels founder Paul has carried out several **talks** over the last few weeks sharing the Angels story. Groups included two Secondary Schools, a Primary School, a team day for 200 clinical and non-clinical staff of Bradford based doctor's surgeries, a luncheon club and a church gathering.





A weekend with Chester Street Angels:

On Friday night Anthony led the team and was able to distribute hats to rough sleepers, flip flops and water too plus a bumper night of both a cat and puppy being seen!

On Saturday night Hilary's team was kept busy helping a variety of lost and distressed people. A tricky night, and ultimately very worthwhile, showing the true necessity of Street Angels on the streets of Chester. The Saturday team included the Sheriff of Chester and his attendant.

Street Angels York attended throw line training on the River Ouse. the training included going out on the York Rescue Boat and seeing a North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service drone in operation. Whilst on shift, Street Angels York carry a throw bag to rescue individuals who may find themselves in a body of water and require assistance to get out.

Throw line training is something most of our Street Angels teams based near rivers or the sea take part in. Hopefully the skills are never needed.

On a few occasions though Street Angels were first on the scene. Whilst most of the team use a throw line to the person in trouble, one of the team would be on the phone to alert the emergency services.

Around incidents like this part of our role is to offer support and comfort to people who may have witnessed the incident unfold.

We also ensure that members of the public don't jump in as a rescue attempt. This would mean more people are then in a dangerous situation.

Angylion y Stryd Bae Colwyn (Street Angels Colwyn Bay) team have each received a new polo shirt each with the teams logo. These will be worn when on patrol (in summer!) or when carrying out talks or stalls to promote the work and recruit new people.

The majority of new people signing up for Festival Angels have found out about us through **TikTok**. If you are a local project looking for new people to join your team have you thought about filming some videos of you in action and then create a TikTok account? Follow TikTok.com/@ROCStreetAngels and TikTok.com/@festivalangels .



Many Street Angels have helped steward **Christmas light switch-on events**. This helps introduce Street Angels to a new audience of people.



The Guardian posted an article **around the night-time economy** and reported more than 26% of all late-night venues across the UK closed for good between 2020 and 2025. A quote says, "The value of a good night out is being forgotten, “There’s so much pressure in life. People come to these places to breathe, dance and not think about their problems. I feel like, the way things are going, we’re going to be a soulless nation.”

New Life Calvary Chapel of **Mariposa, California** hosted a community Harvest Festival oFestival Angels gave out gifts and assisted with guests.



Well done to Lee from Festival Angels who **scaled the O2 London** on a windy day to raise £200 for FA and Furever Loved Small Animal Rescue.

Paul has recorded a **Christmas show** for www.branchfm.com - this will be broadcast Wed 23rd December at 8pm, repeated Christmas Day, 5pm. We have also recorded for UCB Radio and Pure247 Radio.

While most of us were thinking about summer sunshine back in June, Jane Kirby (pictured right) was already thinking about winter warmth. She got in touch with **Woking Street Angels** to ask if the project needed more knitted hats for the local homeless community this season. Her plan? Spend her summer holiday crafting warm head-wear!



Whitby Street Angels are part of a joint group (pictured below) looking at how they best support the homeless community in Whitby.











Several projects, including **Watford Street Angels** left, were part of the local community Rememberance events.

Street Angels Chester are part of the **Chester Violence Against Women and Girls** (VAWG) Board (pictured below). Working together, as a community, by bringing together organisations, business, community groups and civic leaders from across the city, we are aiming for one shared vision: a Chester where women and girls can live free from fear.



Whitby Street Angels and ROC Angels have worked with **Aware360Pro** on a website that is "an interactive safety and prevention ecosystem designed to help people recognise risk earlier, make safer decisions, respond appropriately and learn from what happens. Different environments create different risks — choose the route that matches who you are and what you need." See here for an article and to download the poster left (please share the poster image with local PubWatch, pubs, clubs etc and ask them to display).





In 2027 the world's biggest cycle race will be coming to the UK for its Grand Depart. Get On Your Bike will equip and resource the local church and community, on or near the Tour de France 2027 route, as this three day spectacular Grands Départs makes it way from:

Edinburgh to Carlisle (TDF Men's, 2nd July 2027), Keswick to Liverpool (3rd July 2027), Welshpool to Cardiff (4th July 2027), Leeds to Manchester (TDF Women's, 30th July 2027), Manchester to Sheffield (31st July 2027), London (1st August 2027)

This is an amazing opportunity for the church to join the fun, contribute to the social impact and be a hub for communities as they gather to watch.

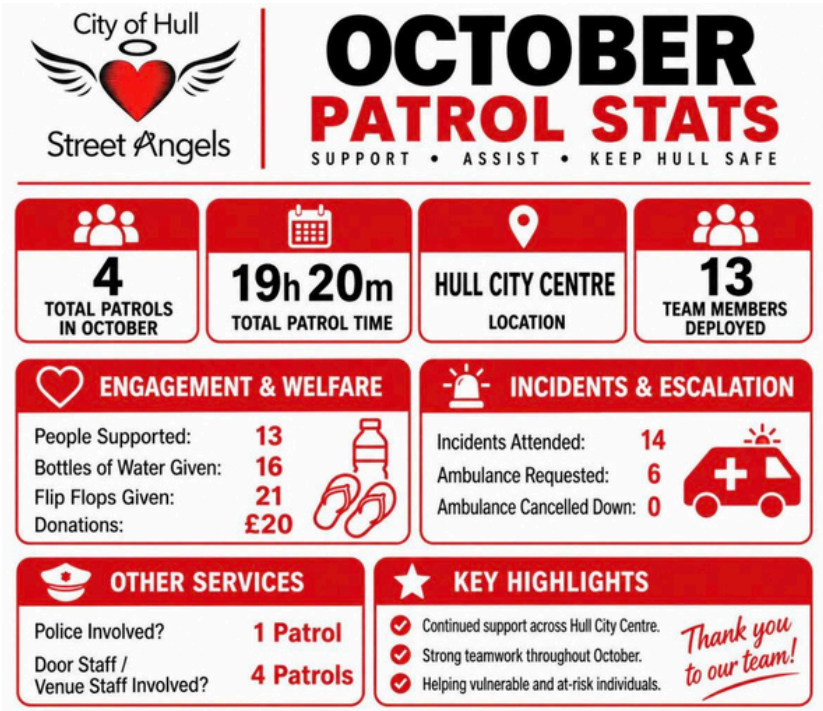
Get On Your Bilke (headed up by Street Angels, Festival Angels and Sports Chaplaincy) will share ideas on getonyourbike.net . For now add the dates to your 2027 diary and start to think of ways you can be involved in this amazing event!

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December is one of the Street Angels busiest times of the year. Office parties and friends reunions means that a lot of people not notmally out and about within the night-time economy are. **Please pray for:**

Each Street Angels team / volunteer over the Christmas & New Year season.

Those on nights out - that all will have a SafeNightOut.party and our town and city centres will be places of peace amongst everyone having fun.

Those who struggle with homlessness, loneliness and isolation at this time of year. Pray for groups such as The Light Group supporting the homeless community and Community Angels supporting those isolated.

Our partner agencies including Police, Ambulance, A&E, Fire, pubs and club staff and management, Business Improvement Districts, etc who all work extra at this time of year.

Festival Angels as we have opened up festivals for teams to sign-up. For the planning of the 2027 season.

The tens of thousands of people our teams have helped and supported in 26.

Church and community engagement around the July 2027 Grand Departs.



Thank you to all those who support ROC Angels as we support our amazing local projects and run initiatives such as Festival Angels. If you would like to invest in the work of ROC Angels please visit streetangels.org.uk/donate for details.