ANGELS NEWS

Update from ROC Angels local projects

Over 100 Festival Angels offer support and help at Download Festival



105 Festival Angels invested around 2500 hours at Download Festival. The teams were running 9 Safe Hubs and Info Hubs across the site offering help and support to some of the 95,000 festival goers.

Alongside sun tan lotion, sanitary products and plasters hundreds of people were offered Jesus Loves Festivals tattoos, ducks and mini Jesus (all of which were a hit!) We sold or gave away 18 copies of the Metal Bible.

On Saturday we joined with the Download Chaplains for a beautiful moment to celebrate the renewal of vows after 40 years of marriage for Angela and Mark, Download regulars.

The team had hundreds of conversations around life and faith including giving out nearly 100 Andy's Man Club wristbands and referring to onsite support.

Check out @festivalangels on Facebook to see more and some videos of the week.

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

Street Angels support Royal Ascot and TT Races

Windsor Street Angels, Maidenhead Street Angels and Reading Street Pastors joined together to offer support and help at **Royal Ascot**. The teams were on hand with flip-flops and to help make sure people got home ok.



Isle of Man Street Angels were joined by an international team of 4 from America and 2 from Australia to invest over 300 hours supporting those at the islands **TT Races**. One shift finished at 8am as the team helped a person who was spiked to seek treatment at the hospital.









Accrington Street Angels and **Blackpool and the Fylde Street Angels** were both guests at a Lancashire Police / Christian Police Association event to celebrate and thank the work of Street Angels and Street Pastors across the region.

Chief Constable of Lancashire Police, Sacha Hatchett, encouraged those present as she spoke about the value placed on what volunteers do and thanked us for our time, commitment and enthusiasm in volunteering. We will never know how far our kindness extends. Faith in Action.

The Accrington team commented, "It is encouraging to meet with others involved in this work, to share experiences and to know how much the work is valued by the police."

Hartlepool Town Pastors are sad to share news of the death of long term administrator John Bailey (below right with Terry HTP coordinator). John was a well respected retired journalist. Even though he said he was retired, John was one of the busiest kindest men you could meet, and was still gathering stories and photos for the Catholic newspaper Northern Cross right up to the end.

ROC Angels is grateful to John for the investment he made to the Hartlepool team and the support for the wider Angels network.

ROC Angels / Festival Angels have received £3300 of funding from the **Benefact Trust.** This is towards promotional and activity costs. Many thanks to them for this donation.

One of the ways the money is already used is developing a guide / model for running Festival Angels at a local festival or event. Visit festivalangels.org.uk/local for more details.



Throughout the weekend, we were genuinely impressed and, if I am honest, quite blown away by the level of care, compassion and attention shown by every member of Festival Angels we encountered. It was wonderful to see such kindness in action and it made a tremendous difference to our experience. In a world where people are often in a hurry, it was incredibly touching to meet so many people who were willing to give their time, patience and understanding so freely. And as volunteers! Incredible.

Feedback from Download Festival

Putney Street Angels completed their 100th patrol in May. Read more here. Watch a Reel of what the team get up to on a Friday here.

Birkenhead Street Angels in partnership with the University of Chester have released an Impact Report 'Presence with Purpose' - read the report here.

City of Hull Street Angels were joined on patrol by BBC Radio Humberside to report on what happened on a Friday night in Hull as part of a nomination within the 'Make A Difference' awards. See the reel here. Pat and Christine, trustees, attended the Royal Garden Party as part of City of Hull Street Angels receiving a King's Award for Voluntary Services.

Paul caught up with Andy from **Dundee / Newcastle (NI) Street Chaplains** and Keeva, coordinator of **ROC in Northern Ireland**.

Blackpool and the Fylde Street Angels were out and about for the Northern Soul Event by Blackpool Tower.

Halifax Street Angels were presented with a defibrillator by The Tobias Crowther Foundation. The group received £5,000 funding from West Yorkshire Combined Authority People's Fund.

A tribute to festival Portaloos from Robin at Download Festival!

Watford Street Angels joined with others for a day of litter picking in the town.

















Recently one of **Guildford Street Angels** teams was slightly taken aback when a blacked-out Mercedes pulled up alongside them at a green traffic light.

With its tinted windows and slow, deliberate approach, it looked like something straight out of a crime drama. The front window slowly rolled down a few inches...

...only for a young lad to lean out and politely ask:

"Hey Street Angels... can I have a lollipop?

One of City of Hull Street Angels Trustees, Kathryn, represented **City of Hull Street Angels** and the wider Street Angels movement at the opening of the Music Cities Convention.

Billed as the world's largest gathering focused on how music can transform urban life, the event brought together voices from across the sector to share insight and spark collaboration.

Round table discussions provided an opportunity to highlight the vital role Street Angels volunteers play in supporting health and well-being, partnering with others and adding real value to venues across the night-time economy in towns and cities UK wide.

Tamworth Street Angels swapped the streets for a bowling lane! The team had a fun night of team building!

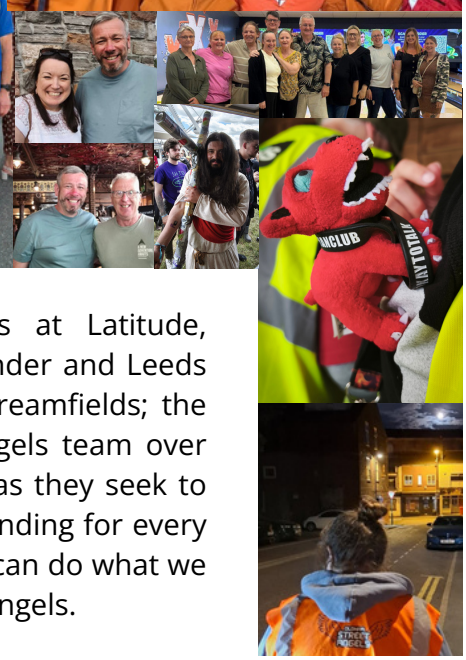


Congratulations to our Street Angels teams across the country - we are winners of Acquisition International Excellence Award for Volunteer-Led Community Projects 2026 - UK



Chester Street Angels welcomed 9 new volunteers to the team at a recent training evening. The team were invited to take part in a bucket collection as people left Chester Races - the group raised £3,228.52 which will support the work they do in Chester.





Please pray for: Festival Angels at Latitude, Kendal Calling, Darley Park Weekender and Leeds Festivals; We Are The Church at Creamfields; the work of each and every Street Angels team over the summer season; coordinators as they seek to develop teams and each project; funding for every project and ROC Angels so that we can do what we do well; Paul and the work of ROC Angels.

GUILDFORD STREET ANGELS WERE STOPPED ON THE STREETS BY A YOUNG MAN WHO WANTED TO THANK OUR TEAM FOR HELPING HIM ON A PREVIOUS NIGHT OUT WHEN HE BECAME UNWELL. A SPACE BLANKET, WIPES, SOME TLC, AND HELP GETTING HOME SAFELY MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE.