ANGELS NEWS



Update from ROC Angels local projects

Busy summer sees Festival Angels launch into USA!



Following a visit to be part of the team at the Darley Park Weekender in Derby, Eric and Peggy took Festival Angels to America! They set up a safe stall at the **Mariposa County State Fair** with various essential items, tattoos and Jesus Loves Festivals gospels. They have plans to share the concept of Festival Angels in California and other states.



Several Street Angels have taken part (or will be taking part) in college and university **fresher's fair events**. This helps promote the work the teams do on the streets and helps recruit new volunteers.

Woking Street Angels have collected and binned 1500 bottles and cans from the streets of Woking on weekend evenings in the first six months of 2026. Doing this helps improve the look and feel of the community and removes potential weapons (glass bottles) from the streets.

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Halifax Street Angels celebrate 65 years of The Acca nightclub

Halifax Street Angels were invited guests to the unveiling of a Blue Plague celebrating 65 years of the Acapulco Nightclub in the town. The Acca (as it known locally) has supported Street Angels since our first night 21 years ago. Street Angels once took a former Mayor of Calderdale into The Acca. The Mayor and Mayoress took to the dance floor wearing the best bling (the Mayoral chains) in the club!



It's beginning to look a lot like...

Well it is in Chester as the Street Angels posed by a venues fully decorated Christmas tree! As we move into the Autumn and Christmas season (!) do use the SafeNightOut.party resources to help promote the work of Street Angels and a safe night out.













Festival Angels have had a busy summer as the infographic overview of the year shows - festivalangels.org.uk/blog

The biggest weekend, August Bank Holiday, had teams at Leeds Festival, We Are The Church at Creamfields and Maidenhead Street Angels supporting Reading Street Pastors at Reading.

At Leeds 5300 mugs with unlimited refills were sold resulting in the team making at least 50,000 cuppas. We also handled (and are still returning) 817 lost items.

At 3.5 weeks notice we were able to pull a team and several activities together around mental health and wellbeing at The Big Retreat Cambridge. The safe space was very busy with small group yin yoga, making origami cranes, mindfulness activities and chats over a cuppa.

Darley Park Weekender in Derby and Rushbearing Sowerby Bridge were both busy with small teams supporting these great events.



Feedback from our Angels team include: “really rewarding and a great community” / “love my Festival Angels family” / “support we offered was appreciated” / “we start a festival as strangers and leave as friends” / “felt like I really made a difference” / “amazing to be part of a fantastic team” / “Festival angels is a warm, inclusive community where everyone can find a place”.



One of the **Guildford Street Angels** had quite the adventure one weekend when she stopped to help someone who was feeling unwell on the bridge in Bridge Street.

While she was busy supporting the young man, his friend suddenly got down on one knee and proposed to her!

Sadly, the romance was somewhat short-lived… because when their friends' car arrived to take them home, our volunteer was left standing there bemused… and somewhat jilted on the bridge! Proof that life as a Street Angel can be full of surprises — but perhaps "potential marriage proposal" shouldn't be added to the list of expected outcomes! (although we have had a few Street / Festival Angel weddings over the years with many meeting whilst patrolling together!)





















Please pray for: new Angels to sign up for local teams; the tens of thousands of people Festival Angels met and supported over the summer - pray the practical love shown along with the 'Jesus Loves Festivals' messaging will be lived out long term towards others through those we helped; teams at fresher's fairs as they meet new students and for all about to start student life; the start of Festival Angels in the USA and for the seed to grow; our amazing family of volunteers.



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Six moments for you...

1 - Sky Gaze: Look at the sky, trees or the view for 2 minutes...
2 - Gratitude: What 3 things are you grateful for right now...
3 - Soul Stretch: A gentle stretch to release tension in your body...
4 - Re-hydrate: Drink a glass of water. Ask God to refresh your soul...
5 - Listen to Peace: Zone out and seek rest and peace for your soul...
6 - Lay Down: Connect to the earth, meditate on the words above...

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FESTIVAL angels



Several Street Angels have carried out **training** for the team and for new Angel recruits. ROC Angels has free training at streetangels.org.uk/training (this is for anyone to access and use).

Accrington Street Angels were supporting the local BashFest event.

Oldham Street Angels are regularly attracting over 20 people to lunch where support, well-being chats and help is offered to people in the town.

Festival Angels have sponsored the shirts of **AFC Wigginton** who won 3-1 in a recent match!

Thanks to Benefact Trust for funding for this newsletter and the work of ROC Angels.















One Facebook comment about Leeds Festival Angels: "My girls were so pleased to find that they could get free hot drinks and hot water and said all the festival angels were lovely" / "My daughter thought u were all amazing.. she bought the cup and used it .. and just knowing u were there for her helped me at home not worry too much"