

STP Volunteers 'Pie & Pea' Social Night

Brian Jones has arranged a Pie and Pea evening for all STP volunteers, friends, family, A Way Out and Boro Angels etc., to be held:

7pm Tuesday 1st February 2011

Lower Hall, Stockton Baptist Tabernacle.

Cost is £4 per head (payable in advance) Please let Brian know in advance if you plan to attend so that he can place the orders and issue tickets etc. Food is being supplied by the famous 'Blackwells of Norton.' A vegetarian option available on request. Brian can be contacted on 07753 301 012, or email: brian@stocktontownpastors.co.uk



Requests For Prayer

Our volunteers Ann Barker, Liz Martin and Sue Timofte, who are unwell and unable to do STP patrols—Liz slipped on the ice whilst visiting family and has broken her wrist in two places.

Wisdom for the STP Management Board as it meets on 13th January 2011; and for the CNI Development Group at its meeting on 4th & 5th April 2011.

And grateful thanks to God for the safe arrival of Elijah, 81b. 12oz., born to volunteers David and Sharon Taylor-Black on 4th January 2011.

If you would like prayers to be listed in future newsletters please contact Steve Brock

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STOCKTON TOWN PASTORS



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2011 and to the new format of this publication which is aimed at keeping volunteers, supporters and the general public informed about what is happening in respect of not just our own project, but across the 70+ other 'Street Angels' initiatives across the United Kingdom.

It seems only right that we should have a 'name' for our newsletter, and you can suggest one by entering into our competition. The name should reflect our 'aims' of making a contribution to the safety and wellbeing of fellow citizens, befriending the community and helping those who find themselves marginalised and vulnerable.

Please forward your suggestions to Steve Brock (STP Coordinator) either by email or telephone—details on the rear of this newsletter—by 31st January 2011. The winner will be treated to free entry into our 'Pie and Pea' social evening on 1st February (or flip-flops, water and lollipops, whichever you prefer!!) - further details on back page.

'Christian Nightlife Initiatives' Launches 'Love Your Street' Campaign

CNI was launched in 2010 by Paul Blakey MBE, who started the 'Street Angels' project in Halifax five years ago. Because there are now more than 70 similar projects across the UK, he has formed CNI to offer support and guidance, as well as to identify fresh ways of extending God's love into our communities. Stockton is represented on the CNI Development Group through the STP Coordinator.

The most recent initiative is called 'Love Your Street' and is all about taking responsibility in our community, caring for neighbours, picking up litter..... Getting more involved in organised stuff such as Neighbourhood Watch, Town Pastors, feeding the homeless etc. More details can be found on the newly launched website: www.loveyourstreets.weebly.com



STP Activity Data

It is useful to look at our measurable activities throughout 2010 and this is summarised below. However, as those volunteers who so willingly give of their time will know through experience, we have achieved some much more—the one-to-one conversations with people, the friendships formed across sixteen churches in the Stockton Area, and the numerous ‘thank-you’s’ from those who feel safer as a result of our caring presence.

553 individual ‘contacts’ with fellow citizens, involving:

First Aid Administered	14%
Antisocial Behaviour	10%
Reconciled with Friends / placed in Taxi	10%
Homeless ‘Place of Safety’	5%
Other Help (flip-flops provided etc.)	36%
Other Significant Contact (prolonged discussion about STP etc.)	25%

3,121 volunteer patrol hours, and 377 volunteer cafe hours

1,610 items of broken glass, bottles and other dangerous objects picked up & disposed of

We have also continued to build friendships with police and PCSO officers on patrol, pub and club door supervisors, taxi drivers and of course, those just out enjoying a night ‘on the town’.

Cleveland Police, in liaison with the University, will shortly be conducting an external evaluation of Stockton Town Pastors. This will be published on our website when completed.

Local Media

A BBC Radio Tees reporter recently came out on patrol with Stockton Town Pastors. You can read the report by following the link:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/tees/hi/peopleandplaces/religionandethics/>

STP Volunteer Training



Conflict Management & Resolution—

this is an essential part of training for all volunteers. The session is tailored to our needs and delivered by the police. There are currently seven ‘new’ volunteers awaiting this training before they can be added to the STP rota, and the next training will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 9th February 2011 at Cleveland Police HQ, Ladgate Lane, Middlesbrough. If you’d like to re-attend the course please let me know.

Drug & Alcohol Awareness—accredited 2xdays course.

Stockton Drug & Alcohol Action Team are offering STP volunteers free courses, on 8th & 15th February and 8th & 15th March 2011. You must attend both days to receive the accreditation.

Highly recommended—book your place through Steve Brock

First Aid—1 x day emergency first aid at work course.

Stockton Borough Council are able to offer our volunteers this course (usually delivered in two halves on an evening) - dates to follow shortly. Currently 30% of our volunteers don’t have this qualification. If you would like to go on the course please let Steve Brock know.



STP Volunteer Handbook—another essential part of training. The document is currently being revised to recognise our relationship with A WAY OUT and will be made available via our website shortly.

Would You Like To Volunteer?

Our volunteers provide a presence in the Stockton High Street area between 10pm and 3am every Friday and Saturday evening, working in teams of three. If you would like to join us please contact the STP Coordinator.

