

Across Town



STP Goes To Hollywood..... Or rather, the movies are coming to us!

A group of journalism students from Newcastle University will be coming out on patrols with Stockton Town Pastors over the next few weekends, in order to make a short documentary about the work we do. They will be talking with volunteers, door supervisors, taxi drivers and of course our 'clientele' to publicise our work, as a part of their university degree. The Mayor of Stockton, Lynne Apedaile, is also be coming on patrols with us on the 15th February and will be giving an interview to camera, as will a senior police officer and our own Chair of the STP Board, Revd. Derek Rosmond. We are also hoping to secure an interview with the Stockton South MP James Wharton, who has been on patrols with STP before.

Once STP has approved the finished product it will be available on our website and used as a part of the many presentations we do to local churches and community groups.



The Christian Police Association (CPA) are holding their annual conference in Stockton-on-Tees over the weekend of 5th—7th April 2013, and an open invitation is extended to the public for most of its sessions, to be held at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle.

The CPA President is Matt Baggott, Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI). Many officers of all ranks will be attending, and it is a great opportunity to showcase our area. Further details to follow, but please be sure to put the date in your calendar!

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Care and Compassion in the Night-Time Environment

Do You Have ICE in Your Phone?



Have you ever wondered who to contact in the case of a medical emergency, when coming across people in need? One solution is to make an entry in your mobile phone 'Contacts' list called ICE (In Case of Emergency) and enter the phone number of the person to be contacted. Paramedics and health workers automatically check a casualty's mobile phone if the person is unconscious and they don't have any contact details, searching for 'ICE' on the phone to try and get further information.

The problem with this is that many people 'lock' their handset so that it can't be used without their knowledge, meaning that a search of contacts can't be made. There are now a number of mobile phone 'apps' available which allow you to enter personal medical information and emergency contact details. The better 'apps' show an icon outside of the lock screen, meaning that access can be gained to contact information in the case of emergency.

One such application is produced by 'Appventive' (search via Google play store) and costs £2.99p and works on android phones, while the Apple iStore has a similar application.

Wouldn't it be great to have access to this information when dealing with a medical emergency involving others? We might even wish to consider using it on our own phones so that close relatives can be contacted in an emergency.

I have tested the above 'app' and it works well, allowing you to keep the phone locked yet still giving others controlled access to information.

Your handset may already have a built-in 'emergency contact' application, so why not check?

Please let others know about 'ICE', so they can either use it themselves or encourage those particularly with a history of illness to use it.



STOCKTON TOWN PASTORS

Care and Compassion in the Night-Time Environment

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Open College Network (OCN) Accredited Training will be starting again in February, and is open to all STP, Hartlepool and Boro Angels volunteers.

Training consists of 5 elements—Conflict Management; Volunteer Handbook; Vulnerable Adults / Safeguarding Children; Initial Actions at Crime Scenes and Licensing in the Night-Time Economy. Volunteers have already had training in respect of the first two matters, but will receive additional training in respect of the other elements.

Students will need to demonstrate their understanding of the subjects by answering questions either in writing or verbally, and to show how this knowledge is being put into practice whilst on patrols. Assessments will be made by STP project Manager Steve Brock, and other students who have successfully been through the training. Additionally, STP volunteer Jan Knox will act as the Internal Verifier for the process. All students will be given guidance and support throughout.

Successful candidates will be awarded the 'Supporting Users of the Night-Time Economy' Level II (2 x credits) qualification, which is equivalent to a GCSE Grade A—C.

You will thoroughly enjoy this new learning and will feel much better informed for doing patrols, as well as having something unique to add to your portfolio—this is the only 'Street Angels' accreditation available in the UK, and will start to be rolled out to other similar projects such as Lincoln and Yarmouth in the next few months.

Students have up to 2 years to complete the training—although it can be achieved easily in a matter of weeks—so you will be able to fit it in amongst your other interests and commitments.

All costs for STP volunteers will be met by the Management Board, and the first training night will take place between **7.30pm** and 9pm on **Thursday 21st February 2013 in the East Lounge, Stockton Baptist Tabernacle**. If you would like to come along to this please let Steve Brock know, so that he can prepare your training and guidance notes.

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First Aid Training in January went well, with 18 students achieving the Emergency First Aid At Work qualification. Thanks to all who managed to come along despite the ice and snow. I am planning a further course in early summer for those who are in need of new and refresher training, and will be in touch with individuals in the coming weeks.



Cheryl and Jo practice CPR on a model, whilst Nicola and Sue pose for a photo after a hard day's training.

STP gives a big Thankyou to the first aid instructor Barbara Broadbelt, whose delivery was excellent; and to Stockton Council's 'Tees Achieve' for arranging funding for these courses.

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: £140 per person based on two sharing (for bookings before 31/3/2013). Costs will rise to £150 after this date, so if you would like to book a place please contact Steve Brock a.s.a.p.

Already, some from STP and Boro Angels have booked, and Boro Angels are organising a minibus, so there may even be transport available.



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