

A new **90 second video** showing the work and impact of Halifax Street Angels is now available on our web site and Facebook page. The film, shot in August on the streets of Halifax, and funded by Community Foundation for Calderdale as part of a sustainability grant, aims to show first hand how Street Angels help those who are or may become vulnerable. An interview with Paul Blakey MBE tells the story of Street Angels and shows ways people can support our work. The video is available on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/halifaxstreetangels](http://www.facebook.com/halifaxstreetangels)) or [www.streetangels.org.uk](http://www.streetangels.org.uk)

Halifax Street Angels was one of the groups highlighted through a TV series "**Making The Difference**" filmed in October at Moggerhanger Park in Bedfordshire. The series, an idea of CNI Network, aims to showcase ways the church is on the frontline making the difference for individuals, communities, towns and cities. Our 90 second video features on many of the broadcasts - you will be able to watch them later this month at [www.makingthedifference.tv](http://www.makingthedifference.tv)

Later this month Halifax Street Angels celebrates **six years** of work in Halifax town centre. We have had an incredible journey and gone from strength to strength with: hundreds of people volunteering over the years investing at least 50,000 volunteer hours into our community; welcoming of high profile visitors from around the world; receiving numerous awards and acclamations; becoming a model that is used in around 100 towns and cities across the UK and the founding of CNI Network to support this... Street Angels - CNI show no sign of slowing down! With a TV series currently in production, new accredited training package in development, seven new local projects starting up shortly we continue to support people and make the difference in Halifax and across the UK... Thank you for all your support in making all we do happen!

Wed 2nd Nov - evening to look at the **Inn Church** scheme running in Halifax in January and February 2012 - 7.30pm at Carlton URC, Harrison Road.

7.30pm at *Pellon Social Club* - anyone wanting to be on the *Street Angel team* see Paul - also **Happy sixth Birthday Street Angels!**

Thu 3rd Nov - Paul is in London speaking at the *Archbishop's Church Commissioners Gathering*

Sat 26th Nov - Volunteers needed to help steward at both Halifax and Brighouse Christmas Light Switch On's.

Sat 12th Nov - Street Angels partly organising the **Calderdale Christian Resource Exhibition** 10am - 3pm at King's Centre, Park Road, Halifax followed at 7.30pm with Saturday Night Live and guest speaker (friend of Street Angels) **Debra Green**.

Tue 29th Nov - Paul in London to talk to **URC Missioners Gathering**; Street Angels talk 8pm at *Southgate Methodist church, Elland*

Mon 21st Nov - Street Angels *leadership group meeting*, 6pm at *Fairtrade Café*.

Sun 4th Dec - Street Angels organising an evening with **John and Cath Froud**, 6.30pm at Halifax Elim church - free event with an offering taken to support the work of John in schools in Bradford and the Inn Church project in Halifax.

Tue 22nd Nov - **Social Media and Your Organisation** masterclass, 10am - 12.30pm at The King's Centre - cost £25 (or £20 for charities and churches) - 50% of the money will benefit Street Angels (run by Beth Ward and Paul Blakey) - next Social Media training will be on Wed 14th Dec.

Thu 22nd Dec - *Street Angels and Churches Together carols at Harvey's (in the Café)*.

**Christmas Angels** - Thu 22nd Dec 9pm onwards (see how busy town is); Fri 23rd Dec, 9pm onwards; Sat 24th Dec and Fri 30th Dec no Street Angels; New Years Eve 9pm onwards - other times as normal!

Fri 25th Nov - **HOPE Quiz** -



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## CALDERDALE CHRISTIAN RESOURCE EXHIBITION

Saturday 12th November, 10am - 3pm



followed at 7.30pm with

## SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE CELEBRATION EVENT

with guest speaker

**DEBRA GREEN**  
from Redeeming Our Communities

at **The King's Centre, Park Road,**  
Halifax, HX1 2TS

# 6th birthday 600 people £6 a month



Halifax Street Angels is celebrating its sixth birthday in November 2011. In these six years we have achieved much - violent crime and sexual assaults have reduced, volunteers have invested thousands of hours into our town both at night and at various community events, Halifax town has gone from binge to better with Street Angels contributing to the Purple Flag award.

As news of the impact and value of Halifax Street Angels spread other towns and cities looked to Halifax for inspiration. In 2008 we launched the Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network which has become an umbrella group, working across five strands, helping new towns and cities set up and supporting 100 existing local expressions of work within the nighttime economy.



This is YOUR project and, as we look forward to our sixth birthday in November, we have set a challenge - 600 people signing up to give £6 a month by standing order! The cost of 1 bottle of wine, 2 sandwich meal deals or 3 cups of coffee in a coffee shop would help cover our entire monthly costs (running costs and two full time salaries) for work locally in Halifax and nationally through CNI Network.

This is a great opportunity to be part of this fantastic work. We welcome support from individuals, businesses, churches or organisations - will you be one of the six hundred....

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All donations will be split equally between Halifax Street Angels and CNI Network - Registered Charity 1136416 and Company Limited by Guarantee 07173090.

I wish to donate £\_\_\_\_ a month by Standing Order      First gift to be taken on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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I wish to Gift Aid this and all future donations until I give further notice\*:

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Please return to: Street Angels, Fairtrade Café, 15 Crossley Street, Halifax, HX1 1UG - hello@streetangels.org.uk

\* You must pay UK income tax and / or Capital Gains tax equal to the amount of tax reclaimed on your donations. You must notify SA-CNI immediately if your circumstances change.





Ten people were recently interviewed by Paul Blakey as part of a nine part TV series produced by CNI Network to be called "Making The Difference".

Filmed at a studio at Moggerhanger Park in Bedfordshire, the series aims to show the variety of ways the church in the UK is making a difference for individuals and the wider community.

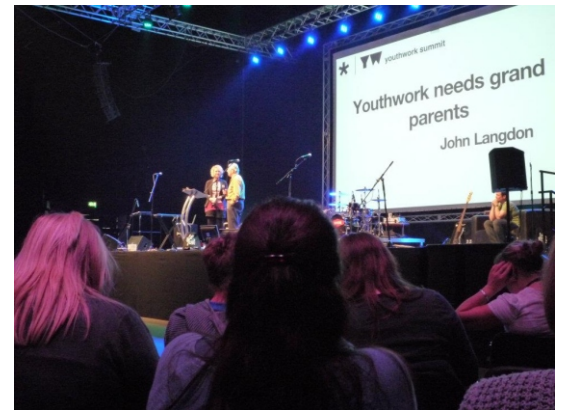
The series is to be shown on Revelation TV, on [www.makingthedifference.tv](http://www.makingthedifference.tv) and will be distributed to other Christian based TV channels as well.

Those interviewed were: Derek Baker from Arrun Angels; Trevor and Helen Bendrien, chair of CNI Trustees, musicians and FGBMFI; Steve Brock from Stockton Town Pastors; Tony Buck from Christian Initiative in Calderdale Schools; Natalie Collins from Restored Relationships; Sarah Digby from Watford Street Angels; Stephen Elphick from Bedford Street Angels; Adam May Director of Development for CNI; and Laura Woodfine a Church and Youth Link Worker in Halifax.

The 27 minute chat show style programmes went from a vision to reality in six weeks and our thanks go to Carl and Tim from Moggerhanger Park and Ben from Bedford Street Angels who made this a reality.

A further series is planned to be filmed in January again at Moggerhanger Park - if you are interested in becoming part of this please contact [paul@cni-network.org.uk](mailto:paul@cni-network.org.uk)

Who we believe to be the oldest volunteer within the CNI Network was interviewed at the Youthwork Summit at Audacious Church in Manchester in October. The event attended by nearly 1000 young people and youth workers was co-hosted by Beth Tash the Pioneer Minister for the Night-time Economy in Leeds. Beth interviewed John Langdon who celebrated his 90th Birthday at Easter and is regularly out and about as a Ripon Town Pastor. John said he had become an advocate for elderly people getting involved in youth work and shared of the value added to his life from being a Town Pastor. John left the stage to a standing ovation!



Halifax Street Angels have produced a new **90 second video** which shows the work on the streets and talks about the impact of projects UK wide. The video is available at [www.streetangels.org.uk](http://www.streetangels.org.uk) and on the Facebook page.



Paul and Jean Blakey attended the first CNI Network training day in Stockton which is to be accredited by the Open College Network. The course "Supporting Users of the Night-Time Economy" consists of a day of workshops and teaching, a workbook and an assessment of the volunteers on patrol. As well as Police and Licensing the day had training from the course developers Steve Brock (Stockton Town Pastors) and Tracey Brittan (Boro Angels) and included subjects including Communication, Conflict, general Volunteer Guidelines, Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, Initial Actions at Crime Scenes and an overview of the Night-time Economy. It is hoped to make this accredited course available nationally shortly...

# Celebrating a year of making the difference...

Week in and week out around 100 local expressions are out and about on the streets, in the parks, on the beaches and in the nightclubs and lap dancing bars helping turn the night-time culture from binge to better. Over the next few months we are going to help celebrate all that happens by telling some of the local stories in our newsletters. These are to be collated onto a special Annual Report web page which will be distributed in January. To include what God is doing through your project and volunteers email [hello@cnnetwork.org.uk](mailto:hello@cnnetwork.org.uk) ...



In the small market town of **Skipton** (pop 14,000) Street Angels started in April 2009. A team of 33 Angels invest over 2,500 volunteer hours each year into the Skipton community. In 2½ years we've helped people collapsed on the pavement, one having epileptic fits, some with concussion and a few with cut feet, despite disposing of over 4,000 abandoned bottles and glasses.

However, we've mainly greeted and chatted with hundreds of people, and received compliments and high fives from grateful members of the public.

Inspector Craig Linton of North Yorkshire Police says "Skipton Street Angels are an asset to my policing patrol strategy. Their enthusiasm, commitment and strong community spirit has in my opinion helped to make Skipton a safer place to visit and socialise."

## **Guildford** Street Angels write:

We held our fourth commissioning service for our latest Street Angel recruits on Sunday 16th October with 23 new recruits (pictured below)

On the 17th October Guildford Street Angels started to go out on Monday nights once a fortnight (Student night in Guildford).

We are planning to open a 'Safe Space' from the beginning of December to cope with the additional festivities running up to Christmas. This will be a bit of a trial run, and we hope we shall be able to continue every week from the New Year.

Six volunteer Chaplains were commissioned on the 16th October who are already beginning to engage with various areas of the business community.



[Www.gtcc.org.uk](http://www.gtcc.org.uk)

Beth Tash writes about the **Leeds** scene...

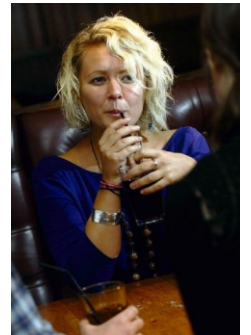
So I started work in Leeds city-centre at the beginning of September & employed by the Church of England, with the brief of finding ways to connect Christianity & nightlife culture...it's been a great couple of months of seeing what's out there....i have been mostly:

...praying, thinking, dreaming, wondering about what God might want to do here

...having great meetings with the city council, a group of landlords called 'pubwatch' and the police who are all really keen on the restart of Street Angels. We are planning for around Christmas time linking with Halifax and Headingley Street Angels.

...going out and about prayer walking 2 nights a week....asking God to show us what he sees, what he wants, chatting to people along the way

...hanging out in clubs & bars...meeting workers & clubbers there, learning about their lives, the issues, the hopes, their thoughts on my job, faith, God...life, the world & the universe!



...chatting with & being blessed by others who are doing some incredible work all over the UK

...reporting back in church meetings wanting to tell a few stories and see where people are at.

...some immediate ideas floating around...Club Angels (Street Angels but inside!), 24-7 prayer, Halloween prayer stuff outside....

Be great to hear from you if any of this sparks wisdom & ideas!

Beth Tash 2011- [bethtash@gmail.com](mailto:bethtash@gmail.com)





Whilst in the Tees Valley region Paul Blakey had a tour round the three projects in that area. Starting with Stockton Town Pastors Paul met with a Police Inspector who was sharing her support of the work and the incredible impact the volunteers have had in Stockton town centre. Paul also met with the three volunteers and door supervisors and those out and about in Stockton town centre all of whom praised the work of Town Pastors and talked about the value they add to the town at night.

The next stop was Hartlepool where the Town Pastors were launched earlier this year. Based in Living Waters Elim church it was great to hear how the project has won the support and backing of the pubs and clubs with the chair of Hartlepool PubWatch calling in to the base to say hello and offer his support and give details of a fundraising event the pubs are holding with half the money supporting the Town Pastors. On patrol lots of lollipops were handed out and it was fantastic to see the commitment of the volunteers and the respect they have won from the local community.

The third stop was Middlesboro to see the Street Angels in action. Boro was the busiest of the three towns and it was great to meet six volunteers who were patrolling that night. Paul toured the town and heard of the way the Street Angels are accepted by those out clubbing and the links with CCTV, Police, Local Authority and Town Centre Management. Several lollipops and flip-flops were handed out to some struggling to walk clubbers! Please pray for all these projects...

CNI was highlighted at the [Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International conference](#) in Nottingham along with an encouragement for people to get involved in More Than Gold as a response to the Olympics in 2012. Paul and Jean also visited the Street Angels in Beeston and Street Pastors and Malt Cross Café in Nottingham and met the amazing team of volunteers who invest so much into the city of Nottingham.

Paul and Adam attended a 24 hour event in Milton Keynes bringing together [Christian Community Franchise](#) projects from across the UK. Organised by Christians Against Poverty and The Cinnamon Network the day included talks from Nandos and Thrifty Car Rental. It was great to meet and network with other similar organisations to CNI including Hope For Justice, The Message Trust, Refugee Support Network, Resurgo and The Lighthouse Group all of whom are seeing local models taken up to impact individuals and communities nationally.

The Application process for [More Than Gold Games Pastors](#) has now opened with over 1000 Games Pastors needed next Summer, see [www.cninetwork.org.uk](http://www.cninetwork.org.uk)



Thu 3rd Nov - Paul and Adam speaking at the Archbishop's Church Commissioners Gathering in London

*Tue 8th Nov - Adam at Games Pastors leaders meeting and then meeting MP's in afternoon*

Sat 12th Nov - Calderdale Christian Resource Exhibition in Halifax 10am - 3pm with evening celebration and speaker Debra Green from Redeeming Our Communities.

*Sun 13th Nov - Paul attending the commissioning of a new Youth Worker in Cumbria.*

Tue 22nd Nov- Adam at the Association of Town Centre Management Night Time Economy meeting in Cambridge.

*Wed 23rd Nov - Adam attending More Than Gold meeting in London.*

Tue 29th Nov - Paul and Adam speaking at the URC Missioners Gathering in London.

***Please pray for:*** those local expressions of work mentioned; *those who volunteer week in and week out;* the Making The Difference TV series that it will impact and reach many with news of the exciting things God is doing; *towns and cities as they plan Christmas in terms of street safety;* plans for 2012 especially More Than Gold as the response to the Olympics; *Townsville Street Chaplains in Australia and possible links for CNI in Australia;* the CNI Regional Leadership Team along with Paul and Adam and for finances to cover all we are doing.