



On Valentines Day the Love Your Streets strand of CNI Network launched the 2012 campaign - **#Do1NiceThing**.

The idea is to commit to doing one nice thing every day for someone else. Smile, say hello, say how much you appreciate someone who is serving you, call in on a neighbour, shop locally, be a nicer driver, pick up some litter, organise a Big Lunch event - the choices are endless!

The idea was featured on Premier Radio, Inspire Magazine, New Start Magazine, Northern Quarter and is promoted by several churches.



Please do commit to **#Do1NiceThing** each day as a Lent challenge (but don't stop when Lent stops!) And join in the conversation on Facebook and Twitter - www.loveyourstreets.org.uk

Do you run or help to run **citizen patrols** in your area (such as Street Angels, Neighbourhood Watch, Street Pastors or similar)? Neighbourhood Watch on behalf of the Home Office and National Policing Improvement Agency are coordinating 2 workshops to address what we would like to achieve in citizen patrols in the short, medium and long term. At the event it is hoped to agree a common framework and key actions to take forward. The dates are 7th March, 10am - 2pm at Park Crescent Conference Centre, London and 8th March, 12.30pm - 4.30pm at Manchester Conference Centre. To book or for more details contact enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk

Whitby is to launch a Street Angels programme in June as a partnership between Churches Together, North Yorkshire Police and Scarborough Borough Council. A meeting is to be held on Thursday 22nd March, 7.30pm at Flowergate United Reformed Church in Whitby for those interested in signing up as a volunteer. It has proven that the presence of Street Angels contributes to a more ambient atmosphere in the town and a reduction in alcohol related crime.

Would you like a sample Stop 'n' Go Lock for your project? These products are the world's first lockable door wedge and are ideal for travellers, students, business people, function rooms, etc. Stop 'n' Go are giving a 10% tithe from the sale of locks to CNI and for all sales that come via local projects they will receive £7.50 per lock sold (at £35) if the local project sells direct / distributes locally or £5 per lock for those posted direct to the customer. For more information and for a sample Stop 'n' Go lock contact paul@cni-network.org.uk. The Stop 'n' Go lock web site is at www.stopngolock.com

Street Angels - CNI is part of the Measure for Measure campaign which aims to help tackle our nation's drink problem by introducing a per unit minimum price for alcohol.

Alcohol costs the NHS £2.7 billion in England and law enforcement agencies £13 billion in England and Wales. Between 1.3 and 2.6 million children are affected by parental problem drinking. 61% of adults feel that excessive drinking is a problem where they live

Measure for Measure is a campaign supported by The Methodist Church in Britain, The United Reformed Church, The Baptist Union of Great Britain, The Church of England, Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs, The Christian Nightlife Initiative, Street Angels and The Evangelical Alliance. A per unit minimum price is supported by academics, health professionals, charities and churches. The Government has the opportunity to introduce a per unit minimum price in its Alcohol Strategy to be published shortly.



MEASURE FOR MEASURE

The campaign for a minimum price for every unit of alcohol

Minimum pricing of around 50p per unit would only affect a small proportion of alcohol sold but it could prevent 3,000 deaths a year and save £1.37 billion in healthcare costs

Please write to your MP now asking them to support minimum pricing.



News from Local Projects...

On Friday 17th February eleven volunteers set out on the streets of **Windsor** at about 2230 hrs with a view to assist people in the town.



The Street Angels patrolled in groups of three and spoke to many young people attending the public houses and the six night clubs in the town. Hot soup was provided for rough sleepers and homeless during the course of the night. Street Angels dealt with incidents involving dangerous structures encountered, dangerous litter tidied up, minor accidents assisted with and questions answered. Lollipops were dispensed and flip flops handed out as required. A 33yr old drunk male who had lost his wallet and had a mobile phone with a flat battery was found sleeping wearing jeans and a shirt in a phone box in a temperature of minus six degrees centigrade. The man was brought back to the Angels HQ and provided with a hot drink and somewhere to sober up. It was agreed by all that a catastrophic outcome was averted by the intervention of the Angels

All the Angels agreed that the evening was a success and an enjoyable event.

Stockton Town Pastors are part of an initiative called Love Stockton aiming to work together as the Christian churches to share resources that help make the Stockton and Tees Valley area a better place.

A recent meeting to look at setting up Yarm Town Pastors on Wednesday evenings around a popular student "Canon-ball" run which are arranged out of term for university students. The first planned night is 21st March.

The accredited training course for volunteers in the Tees Valley is going well with the assessment process under way. Stockton Town Pastors also carried out some further first aid training which means 85% of the 52 active volunteers are now first aid qualified.

Beeston Street Angels has armed itself with an unlikely weapon in a bid to make the streets safer - lollipops! Hope Nottingham set up the Beeston Street Angels in March last year to help make the town a safer place to enjoy a night out. The team found their time was better spent talking to young people hanging around in parks and use the sweets as an icebreaker.

Hope Nottingham director Nigel Adams said: "Street Angels projects tend to deal with people at the end of an evening when they may need help this can include things like giving flip-flops to women who can't walk in heels and looking after those in difficulty.

After about two or three months of starting in Beeston, we found there were a lot of young people hanging

around the town centre or parks before they go elsewhere for the nights. So we try to engage with them and encourage them to hang around without causing negative effects like too much noise. At first they aren't always keen to listen, but even the most surly 16-year-old becomes as receptive as a five-year-old when we gave them lollipops."

Mr Adams added that he was pleased the team of volunteers wasn't always dealing with drunk people. He said: "We thought that the work would mostly be dealing with people leaving pubs and helping them to get home, or problems with antisocial behaviour. But happily it turns out that Beeston is a very quiet and well behaved town. With projects like these, we're always looking to do ourselves out of a job but given that young people will continue to hang around in Beeston, we want to make sure they are safe when doing so."

Night Shift Hereford continues to run on Saturday evenings from 12midnight until 3am. "The church's front entrance is opened up so that those in local pubs and clubs can finish their evening with a hot cuppa and a chat" reports Mair Granthier in Fresh Expressions news.

The scheme is not only attracting clubbers but also homeless people who see Night Shift as their 'night out' or at least a place - maybe the only place - where they can feel welcome.



Night Shift offers people hot drinks, toilet facilities and a safe warm place to sit, wait for a taxi, eat a burger or rest their feet. At Christmas carol sheets were handed out and we all sang along to favourite carols which went down well!

Hull Street Angels are set to expand from Princes Avenue to the city centre with a new base at Holy Trinity Church on Friday's and Saturday's 10pm until 4am.

The patrols will be centred around Holy Trinity Square and Lowgate, they will cover the area stretching from Princes Dock Street to the High Street and Castle Street. Former High Sheriff of the East Riding Adrian Horsley, who is leading the project, said: "I have worked in the Old Town all my working life and seen what happens down Lowgate in the evening. I have always worried about it being a bit frightening and not a particularly attractive place for people to go. When I was High Sheriff, I went to see the Street Angels on Princes Avenue and was very impressed - I thought we really need to do this in the city centre."

The scheme has the support of Police, pubs and clubs and is currently recruiting a co-ordinator to lead the development and delivery of these scheme - more information is available on 07580 032779 or at www.streetangelstrinity.org.uk

Boro Angels in Middlesbrough helped organise a Church Urban Day looking at Tackling Poverty Together in the Tees Valley. The day, led by the Bishop of Whitby, included thoughts from a variety of speakers including Teesside University, Church Urban Fund and various local organisations.

Street Angels in South Tyneside are currently recruiting volunteers and a project coordinator before they take to the streets by the end of April. The scheme is Run by Churches Together and funded by Community Action Against Crime Innovation Fund and supported by the South Tyneside Council and Police.



The Church Urban Fund is running a national **Tackling Poverty 2012** conference at St George's Church, Leeds on Wednesday 18th April. The speakers include the Archbishop of York John Sentamu. For more information and to book visit www.cuf.org.uk

Local Giving are offering match-funding as of 1st March. Street Angels - Christian Nightlife Initiatives are one of the organisations signed up to this and can offer the match to local projects. Local Giving can match up to £2500 on a first come basis - make donations via www.localgiving.com/streetangels and include the name of the project in the message. Local Giving take a small % of the initial donation.

www.wehelpedu.org.uk offer a variety of ways that your local project can raise money including Give As You Live (a donation is made from on-line shopping) and a scheme where scrap cars can be donated. See web site and email paul@cninetwork.org.uk to include your project.



Street Angels - CNI Network are promoting The Big Lunch to help mark and celebrate the **Queen's Jubilee**. Taking place on Sunday 3rd June the event will start with a special grace, the idea of HOPE, which will be broadcast on BBC TV. Communities, friends and family are encouraged to meet together and eat as part of the celebrations. More information and resources are at www.thebiglunch.com and www.hopetogether.org.uk.

Our **Blog** page on www.cninetwork.org.uk carries full versions of the articles featured in the newsletter as they happen... Do bookmark and keep visiting and email hello@cninetwork.org.uk your news stories, media releases, etc.

Series 2 of www.makingthedifference.tv was filmed in February - the editing will take place over the next few weeks and the programmes on-line soon. Plans for series 3 now underway...



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Please pray for:

every local project across the UK (there is a list on our web site); those communities looking at launching a night-time project especially the Isle of Man, South Shields, Whitby, Macclesfield, Oldham, St Alban's and Biggleswade; John and team in Northern Ireland as CNI Network Northern Ireland is launched; young people in our nation and the work done by projects and individuals to invest in them; the More Than Gold response to the Olympics, Games Pastors and the Get Set Tour currently taking place - www.morethangold.org.uk; the Measure for Measure campaign and for success in that; plans for the Big Lunch and the Queen's Jubilee; the #Do1NiceThing campaign and for a wave of niceness towards others across the nation; the changeover process to a national body of trustees from 1st April and the trustees - Andy, Sara, Steve, Paul and Trevor; the work of Christian Police Association; every volunteer within the local projects.

Dates for the diary

Thur 1st March - Adam will be visiting Oakhill Prison in Milton Keynes to spend the afternoon with the Chaplain.

Thu 1st - Sun 4th March - Paul and Jean in the Isle of Man meeting with churches, government, police, etc to look at launching a new Street Angels project.

Wed 7th March and Thu 8th March - Home Office Neighbourhood Watch events around Citizen Patrols (see page 1 for more details)

Sat 10th March - CNI presentation at the Cleveland Branch of Christian Police Association in Stockton - details and to book contact stevebrock@stocktontownpastors.co.uk

Mon 12th March - Adam will be attending the Uprising Leadership Evening in Bedford hosted by the Young Foundation.

Tues 13th March - Adam attending the Diocese of St Alban's Poverty Day hosted by Cuin Barton Le Cla.

Thu 22nd March - Paul speaking at

Leeds Met with Beth and Sara from Leeds and Headingley Street Angels

Sat 24th March - Paul and Jean speaking at the NightLight conference in Belfast and launching CNI Network Northern Ireland

Thu 29th March - Paul and Adam at the More Than Gold Games Pastors meeting in London

Sat 31st March - Paul leading training at the More Than Gold Get Set tour taking place in Bolton - www.morethangold.org.uk