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TOWN PASTORS IPSWICH

TOWN PASTORS CARING ON THE STREETS



A GROWING PROVISION

Town Pastor schemes are now
running in a number of other towns
in Suffolk & Norfolk.

See our website for details of
where these schemes are running.





I am delighted to continue my support for the Town Pastors in Suffolk. I've had the privilege of spending an evening with some of the pastors in Ipswich and I have nothing but admiration for their dedication and commitment in helping those who have got into difficulty during the night and small hours. The care and compassion shown to others is extraordinary and for that everyone in Suffolk is deeply grateful. I have heard at first-hand how their interventions have made many towns in the county much safer for those out enjoying the night time economy and the support given to the Constabulary is second to none – in fact many officers tell me their job would be much more difficult without the presence of the Town pastors.

Thank you to all our Town Pastors for all they do.

*Tim Passmore,
Police & Crime Commissioner*



WHAT IS TOWN PASTORS?

Town Pastors is a voluntary, independent, inter-denominational church response to urban problems, engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and dialogue.

Its main aim is simply to serve people, irrespective of their faith or background, showing concern and offering practical help in a non-judgemental and unconditional way.

It is important to remember that not everyone who hits town is out for a good night. There are those that are grieving, hurting, lonely or lost.

Town Pastors work as part of a team in collaboration with the police and Ipswich Borough Council, and seek to be a positive influence, principally on the streets of the town centre and other night life areas.

They are available to offer support to vulnerable people, help de-escalate potential trouble and generally assist the police and other agencies.

WHO ARE THEY AND HOW DO THEY WORK?

Town Pastors are Christians, drawn from a variety of local churches and denominations.

They go out in pairs, normally four or six people at a time, and operate every Saturday night throughout the year, from 10pm to 3am.

On average, each Town Pastor is expected to be out one night a month. They wear a uniform of sweatshirt, yellow jacket and baseball cap and, for reasons of personal safety, are monitored by CCTV in the town centre area and linked in to the Townlink radio system.

All Town Pastors undergo a full training programme before becoming part of the team, covering such issues as core values; roles and responsibilities; the power of prayer; personal safety and conflict management; basic life support, and drug and alcohol awareness.



“We are therefore Christ’s Ambassadors”
2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)



THE PRAYER TEAM

Town Pastors are supported by a large prayer team.

Every night when the Town Pastors are out on the streets, members of the prayer team are also busy between 10pm and 3am, working on a rota to pray for an hour each throughout the night. Some others meet at the Town Pastors’ base to pray throughout the entire shift and supply the Town Pastors with much needed tea, coffee and toast on their occasional breaks. In addition, each Town Pastor has two personal prayer partners to support them.

Without prayer the Town Pastors would not go out.

Town Pastors has grown considerably since its inception in June 2006, and has developed close working relationships with the police, Local Authority and, not least, the clubbers themselves.

