



STOCKTON TOWN PASTORS

Care and Compassion in the Night-Time Environment

Registered Charity No. 1143017

Annual Report

Financial Year: 2017-2018

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- **Online**

BT MyDonate at: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/stocktontownpastors>

(or see the link on the home page of our website)



- **Text**

Text "STPS10£ followed by the amount to be donated (i.e. STPS10£5) to 70070



- **Standing Order/Direct Debit**

Complete the form below and return to the STP Manager; or set up directly via your bank or online using the bank details provided in the form

<http://stocktontownpastors.co.uk/documents/STP%20Gift%20Aid%20Declaration.pdf>

OUR PROJECT

Stockton Town Pastors (STP) is a charitable volunteer initiative involving a number of churches across a range of Christian denominations in the Stockton-on-Tees area which started in December 2009, and follows the Christian Nightlife Initiatives 'street angels' model used in more than 130 other towns and cities across the United Kingdom.

Our project provides a caring presence on the streets of Stockton-on-Tees on Friday and Saturday evenings between 10pm and 3am during the 'night-time economy' period when members of the public may become vulnerable and in need of help.

The project has developed close partnership working with local public services such as the Police, Local Council, the Safer Stockton Partnership board and Pubwatch. Regular meetings take place to increase the service offered to the community.

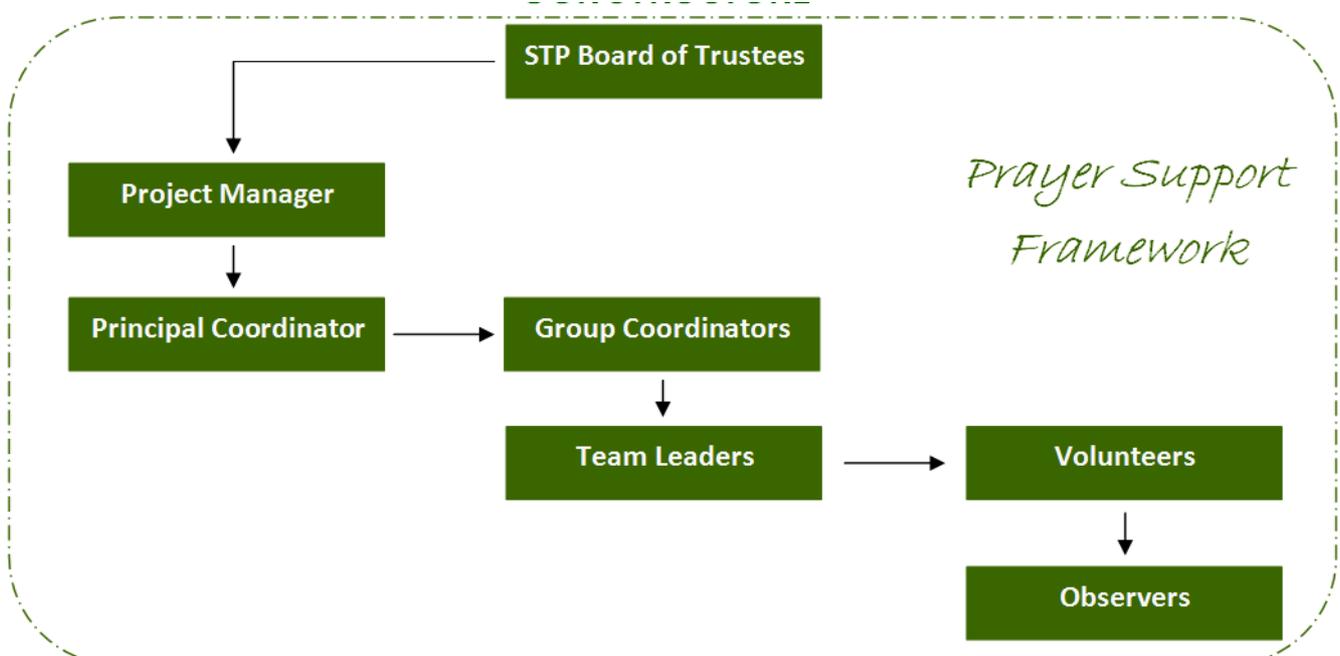
Funding is secured mainly through personal donations and regular giving by individuals and groups. We also make funding applications to local grant-makers. Please see the 'Membership' panel at the rear of this booklet for information on how to donate.

OUR AIMS

Stockton Town Pastors 'Aims' are to:

- Make a contribution to the safety and well-being of fellow citizens
- Offer care, compassion and relevant practical and spiritual help where appropriate to members of the public
- Help those who find themselves marginalised and vulnerable
- Signpost services that are available from other organisations and Stockton Borough Council and help individuals access those services
- Offer support, training and guidance to other groups in setting up or running similar projects in other locations

OUR STRUCTURE



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2017—2018 Annual General Report from the Chair

This year saw a regional Street Angels Conference June 2017, at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium. Many street angels from across the north east of England attended, and workshops in respect of first aid, domestic abuse, understanding licensing within the night-time economy and even a masterclass in the use of social media! Many thanks to all who delivered these sessions. The event was concluded with an evening meal, music and an opportunity to share fellowship and stories with other volunteers across the region.

The STP Board welcomed Ian Bartle as treasurer, Anita Burke as Chaplain and Sheila Brown to take on some of the administrative work. My personal thanks to our outgoing treasurer, Bernard Mugwendere, for his service over the past two years.

The problem of the permanent home for the storage of the STP mobile unit has been solved, thanks to Stockton Baptist Church who are preparing a parking area and electric hook-up within their car park.

Whilst the STP vehicle is parked in the town's High Street when on patrol, volunteers have had to use the washroom facilities of local bars throughout the evening. Thanks to Stockton Borough Council, we now have keys for the facilities in The Shambles adjacent to where the vehicle is parked.

Steve Brock left us as Project Manager on 1st June 2018 but continues as a volunteer. We will miss him in that role and we wish him well as Chair of the Cleveland Street Angels regional group and Chair of the Board of Trustees for Christian Nightlife Initiatives—a charity offering support to new and existing street angels projects across the UK.

On 7th July 2018 two of our volunteers, Liz and Mike, are being married and we wish them well both on their wedding day and their future life together. All volunteers are invited to the ceremony, which is 1pm at Stockton Baptist Church.

The 2016-17 financial year saw STP with financial difficulties but we believe we are on the road to definite improvement. We also saw a fall in volunteer numbers and we will take action this year to both recruit and train new people. We have been forced to limit Friday night patrols to pay-day Fridays, except at Bank Holidays, due to the shortages of team members on Fridays and to the changes in the night time economy.

We continue to have new challenges and are seeing more calls for our presence and a definite appreciation for our contribution to the town's safety and wellbeing during the night time.

Thank you for your contribution last year and I am looking forward to what the Lord is calling us to do in the future.

David Humble

Chair, Stockton Town Pastors

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Interim Project Manager's Annual Report 2017—2018

The position of project manager became a salaried post between September 2016 and March 2017. However, the charity was unable to attract fresh funding for this to continue and the post-holder was released from our employment. Additionally, a decline in the number of volunteers had been observed which was impacting upon our ability to provide a presence every Friday and Saturday evening.

It was clear that there was still a need for our presence in the town within the Night-time Economy (NTE) period at that time, and after a series of discussions with volunteers and the board of trustees I agreed to return to the post on a temporary and voluntary basis in order to provide some form of continuity, whilst recognising that I was unable to give my time to this role as comprehensively as I had in the past.

Active volunteer numbers returned to the 50+ level required to maintain a weekly Friday and Saturday presence, and volunteer training was further enhanced by the inclusion of leadership and coordinator roles.

In December 2017 I wrote a letter of resignation to the board, indicating that as from 1st June 2018 I would be stepping down as interim project manager in order to resume my focus on regional and national street angels development. I am chair of the regional coordinators and chair of the board of trustees for Christian Nightlife Initiatives, the support agency for all street angels projects across the UK. It is vital to develop structures at these levels to ensure the long term sustainability of all our projects whilst opening up new avenues for engagement outside of the NTE.

A series of meetings have taken place involving the board, volunteers and those who have been trained as coordinators. This has resulted in no one person having been identified to take on the role of project manager. However, a number of individuals have taken on additional responsibilities in respect of vehicle and stock maintenance and some administrative functions. Also, coordinators now work on a rostered monthly basis to organise patrols. Our Chair, David Humble, is now the initial point of contact for most STP matters.

Since December 2017 we have seen a small but steady decline in volunteer numbers and this, combined with a number of volunteers being unavailable on a regular basis, has led to patrols occasionally being cancelled.

Changes within the NTE have resulted in many people not coming into the town until 12 midnight, having spent time at licensing establishments in Yarm or Norton (or at home availing themselves of cheap supermarket alcohol).

STP volunteers continue to provide assistance to an increasing number of individuals who live on the edges of mainstream society either through homelessness, addiction or mental illness (and sometimes a combination of all three). We have found ourselves in the privileged position of gaining the trust of many who are blighted in this way, and are able to offer genuine conversation and friendship as well as prayer in their time of need. The presence of our mobile unit in the town centre is truly a safe haven. However, there is a need to constantly manage volunteer time to ensure a wider presence is maintained via patrols.

Analysis of STP activity this year compared with last (see comparison chart) shows a decrease across most areas, except 'Other Significant Contact', where there has been a 38% increase and reflects the increase in numbers coming to the mobile unit for hot drinks and a chat.

Perhaps it is time for those involved in the project to consider fresh opportunities outside of the NTE period. A strong Christian ethos continues to bind our volunteers together, ensuring that we offer care and compassion to those in need without judgement and regardless of circumstance.

Our work is greatly appreciated by all those we help and work alongside, and we are respected as a Christian presence in the town as we show and share Christ's love with others in a practical way outside of our own church buildings.

Attached is a profile document demonstrating the current (as of 21/06/18) status of volunteers.. Whilst numbers are currently reduced, it shows a body of committed individuals who are trained in all aspects of the work and have a real breadth of experience in reaching out to others in what can sometimes be difficult circumstances.

Importantly, 39 of our 42 volunteers come from seventeen separate churches across a range of denominations, making it unique not only locally but nationally in demonstrating the ability of the broader Christian church to work together for the benefit of the local community. This truly is a gift and a special blessing to us all.

As I step down permanently from the project manager role, I once more extend my sincere thanks to each of our volunteers for their passion and enthusiasm; and encourage the board and Stockton's churches to continue working together in unity as the STP project looks toward providing a continued caring presence in the town.

Blessings,

Steve Brock,

Interim Project Manager,

Stockton Town Pastors

Financial Year Activity Data Comparisons
April to March inclusive

Incident Type	Totals			
	2016-17	2017-18	Difference	Percentage
First Aid administered:	55	44	-11	-25.0%
Ambulance subsequently called:	15	4	-11	-275.0%
ASB / Violence:	13	9	-4	-44.4%
Police subsequently called:	12	13	1	7.7%
Reconciled with family / friends:	9	2	-7	-350.0%
Placed in Taxi:	25	14	-11	-78.6%
Homeless / Place of Safety:	42	22	-20	-90.9%
Other Help:	177	29	-148	-510.3%
Flip Flops:	333	288	-45	-15.6%
Bottled Water:	54	57	3	5.3%
Other Significant Contact:	250	401	151	37.7%
Totals:	988	883	-105	-11.9%
Bottles / Glass Recovered:	491	542	51	9.4%

Stockton Town Pastor Volunteer Profile

As Of: 21/06/2018

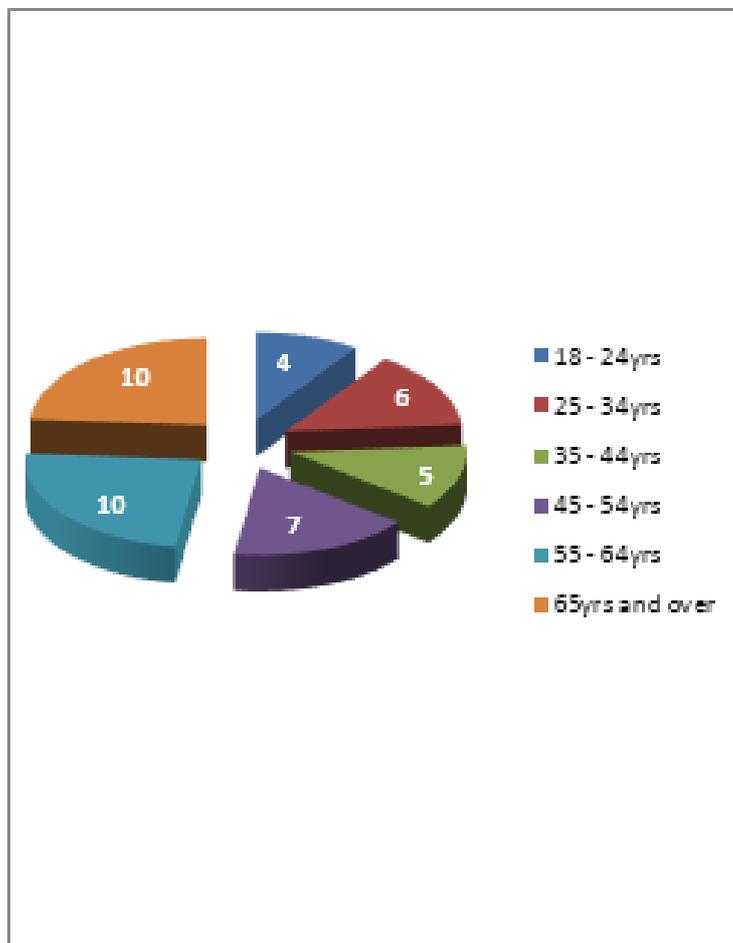
Active Volunteers: 35
 Observers in Training: 7
 Total: 42

Drivers: 11
 Coordinators: 10
 Leaders: 21

Male:	
17	40%
Female:	
25	60%

Average Age: 51 yrs

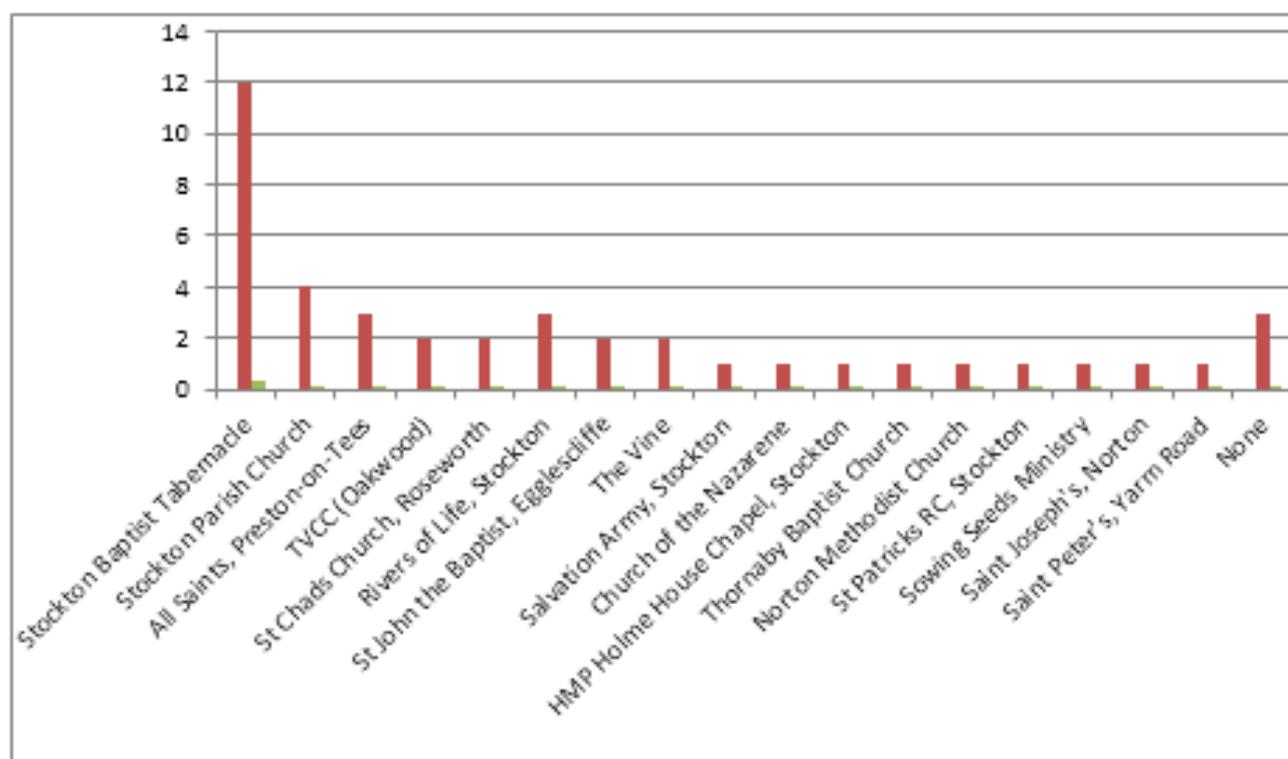
18 - 24yrs	4	10%
25 - 34yrs	6	14%
35 - 44yrs	5	12%
45 - 54yrs	7	17%
55 - 64yrs	10	24%
65yrs and over	10	24%
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Church Name	Vols:	%
Stockton Baptist Tabernacle	12	28.57%
Stockton Parish Church	4	9.52%
All Saints, Preston-on-Tees	3	7.14%
TVCC (Oakwood)	2	4.76%
St Chads Church, Roseworth	2	4.76%
Rivers of Life, Stockton	3	7.14%
St John the Baptist, Egglecliffe	2	4.76%
The Vine	2	4.76%
Salvation Army, Stockton	1	2.38%
Church of the Nazarene	1	2.38%
HMP Holme House Chapel, Stockton	1	2.38%
Thornaby Baptist Church	1	2.38%
Norton Methodist Church	1	2.38%
St Patricks RC, Stockton	1	2.38%
Sowing Seeds Ministry	1	2.38%
Saint Joseph's, Norton	1	2.38%
Saint Peter's, Yarm Road	1	2.38%
None	3	7.14%

Total No. of Volunteers: 42 100.00%

Total No. of Churches: 17



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2017—2018 Annual General Report from the Treasurer

Brought forward 2016-17 inc £1500 AED **2732.91**

Receipts

Donation Tins 1309.20

On Line Donations 1076.52

Regular Donations 715.00

Donations from Churches, Individuals and
Sponsored events 7290.87

Donation from regional funds 483.00

Fund raising 309.34

Receipts this year 11183.93

Payments

Payroll related -1772.46

Equipment and \Supplies -420.00

Insurance -362.64

Vehicle Costs -3836.74

General Running costs -1121.28

AED Payment to council -1500.00

Regular Payments to CNI (monthly standing
order now set up £25 monthly) -125.00

Expenditure this year -9138.12

Carried Forward to 2018 -19 4778.72