

*Stockton Town Pastors*

**NEWSLETTER**



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**STP BUILDS NEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

The Stockton Town Pastors project only started in December 2009 yet already it is forging strong relationships with many groups, including licensed premises door staff, food outlet workers, taxi drivers, the Police and CCTV staff..... Not forgetting those members of the public whom we meet every Friday and Saturday evening.

With experience we are becoming involved with a variety of other services as we seek to help in a practical way those who are in need - for example, with local housing and volunteer hostels for those in need of accommodation; and with Social Services for those with more complex needs.

Our experience has shown that we are able to deal with the immediate needs of others simply by being available to them on a Friday and Saturday evening, but an awareness of established local professional services both in the public and voluntary sector is vital if we are to offer the long term help that so many require if they are to make better lifestyle choices. As a result STP volunteers are being offered a series of awareness training sessions throughout October and November 2010 which, as well as keeping them informed of local services, increases the awareness of STP amongst others – not least because of our ability to make contact with those ‘hard-to-reach’ individuals who are less likely to seek help. Full details of these sessions can be found overleaf.

Those involved in providing the awareness training to volunteers are that impressed with the idea that they have asked STP to arrange a ‘Speed Networking’ event (all the latest rage, apparently) where organisations can quickly spread information about their services and make efficient links – watch this space for further details.

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**FACEBOOK**

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**STP TRAINING**

The following training has been arranged and is open to all STP volunteers plus anyone who is thinking about joining us. Additionally, 'Boro Angels' and staff from 'A Way Out' have been invited. All sessions will be held in the West Lounge of Stockton Baptist Tabernacle and will start at 7pm, finishing by 9pm.

Date	Subject	Deliverer
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2010	Housing Options (Stockton Borough Council) Focus On – Employment (Local Solutions)	Adam Thorn Richard Hammond
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2010	Citizens Advice Bureau for Youth (The Cabin) Sporting Opportunities for Youth (Durham University)	Helen Smith Pat Pennock
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2010	Drug and Alcohol Awareness (STP volunteer)	Jan Knox
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2010	Taxi & Liquor Licensing, & Door Registration Scheme Domestic Abuse (Harbour specialist services)	Dave Horner Lesley Gibson
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2010	A Way Out (women & youth outreach) Sowing Seeds (prison outreach) Hope North East (housing)	Jess Jacobs Gram Seed Dave Conlon
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2010	Initial Actions at Scene of Serious Crime CCTV Visit	DI Chris Downes Mick McClone
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2010	Adult & Child Safeguarding & EDT (Social Services) STP Volunteer Role-play	Liz Abbott Andy Fox

**Additionally**, for those who have not yet attended this element of training, the following has been arranged:

**Conflict Management and Risk Assessment** course, delivered by Cleveland Police:  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010, at Cleveland Police HQ, Ladgate Lane, Middlesbrough.  
6.30pm start and 9pm finish.

This will include a visit to Cleveland Police Control Room.

Even if you have had this input previously, you are still welcome to attend.

**Volunteer Handbook** training will be provided individually or in small groups, as and when needed. If you would like this input then please contact Steve Brock.

**First Aid** Courses: No dates available as yet. If you would like to add your name to the list of those needing this, please contact Steve Brock.

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**FURTHER TRAINING**

A number of STP volunteers attended a mental health awareness seminar in September and found it to be extremely interesting. This has resulted in a small number of places being made available to us on an '**Mental Health First Aid**' course, to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Please note that this is a 2 x day course running between 9am and 5pm and you will need to attend both days. The course is free and an accreditation certificate will be awarded to those completing both days.

Additionally, STP has been offered places on a series of 'Drug & Alcohol Awareness' courses on the following dates:

12 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2010
7 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	11 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2011
8 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	8 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2011

Again, these are 2 x day courses and you will need to attend both days in order to complete the course. The course is free and an accreditation certificate will be awarded to those on completion.

If you would like to attend either of these courses please contact Steve Brock with the dates, and he will make the applications on your behalf.

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**UPDATE ON OTHER LOCAL 'ANGELS' PROJECTS**

The STP coordinator Steve Brock met with the **Hartlepool** Churches Together Enabling Group on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to explain the 'Angels' project and the leaders have now returned to their individual churches to discuss how a similar project might work in Hartlepool. All at the meeting were very optimistic, and there is clear support for the project from the local Police and Council. Please continue to pray for this development.

**Durham 'Streetlights'** start patrols in the City on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010. There is a reception at 2pm followed by a commissioning service at 3pm at the 'Jimmy Allens' nightclub, 19-21 Elvet Bridge, Durham, DH1 3AA – all are welcome. Visit the Streetlights website at: [www.durhamstreetlights.org.uk](http://www.durhamstreetlights.org.uk)

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**ADAM COMPLETES HIS SPONSORED EVENT FOR STP**

One of our volunteers, Adam Newsham, entered the 'Tees River Rat Race' which took place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010. Competitors 'splashed, jumped, kayaked, climbed and dashed 10 kilometres across a truly unique course – all in aid of STP funds. Adam is now on the hunt for those who sponsored him to 'pay up', so please be prepared to part with your cash next time you meet with him.

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## STP FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Would you believe it? STP will have been patrolling the Stockton town centre area for one year, come December 2010. In celebration of this there are several things planned:

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2010

10am – 3.30pm at Tees Valley Community Church

This is part of a Christian Police Association Community Action day and there will be lots of people there from a variety of Christian churches, Safer Partnerships and Councils throughout the Tees Valley – as well as Police representation from each of the four policing districts in Cleveland. The event is being supported by Deputy Chief Constable Sean White, who will be opening the event, and STP will be giving a presentation on their first year.

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010

8.30pm – 9pm at Stockton Parish Church Hall

Light refreshments and a special 'Birthday Cake' for all volunteers – and anyone else you might wish to invite – prior to our regular Friday night patrol.

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010

7.30pm – 9pm at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle

The Cleveland Police Carol Service will include a short 'birthday greeting' for STP. The event is likely to be almost full to capacity, so please come early to get a seat.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the lower hall.

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## SIGNIFICANT DATES

Below are some dates and events which you might like to pray about.

Please don't forget that our volunteers patrol every Friday and Saturday evening, and if you would like to pray along with us then please feel free to come along to our operating base (Stockton Parish Church Hall) at 9.30pm, before we go out on patrols.

- 05.10.2010: Coordinators will attend Tees Valley Christian Charities Forum
- 06.10.2010: Coordinator meets with Stockton Drug & Alcohol Awareness Team (DAAT)
- 06.10.2010: Stockton Church Ministries meeting
- 12.10.2010: Joint STP / Police / Stockton Council meeting
- 13.10.2010: STP Steering Group meeting
- 16.10.2010: Launch of Durham Streetlights project
- 25.10.2010: Pray For Stockton Meeting – Stockton Parish Church Hall – all welcome
- 03.11.2010: Stockton Church Ministries meeting
- 06.11.2010: Coordinator presents to St Andrews Church, Darlington
- 13.11.2010: Cleveland Police Co-Act Event (see above), Oakwood Centre – all welcome
- 22.11.2010: Pray For Stockton Meeting – Stockton Parish Church Hall – all welcome
- 01.12.2010: Stockton Church Ministries meeting
- 03.12.2010: STP Volunteers 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party at Stockton Parish Church Hall
- 09.12.2010: Coordinator presents at Teesside West Rotary Club
- 14.12.2010: Cleveland Police Carol Service, Stockton Baptist Tabernacle

**STP ACTIVITY**

It might be of interest for others to know how many incidents (and what type) STP volunteers deal with. This information is collected through reports made onto our nightly incident logs and the data is then extracted on a monthly basis. The table below shows our activity from the start of 2010.

Total Engagements: 395 (53% male)

First Aid administered: 59 (15% of all activity)

Anti-social behaviour: 44 (11%)

Homeless / place of safety: 21 (5%)

Reconciled / placed in taxi: 38 (10%)

Other help (advice, flip-flops etc): 141 (36%)

Other significant contact: 92 (23%)

Age Groups dealt with:

Under 18yrs: 28 (7%)

18 – 24yrs: 154 (39%)

25 – 34yrs: 142 (36%)

35yrs & older: 71 (18%)

Total volunteer-hours on patrol: 2,464 hours

Total volunteer-hours in café: 284 hours

Environmental:

(bottle & volume litter pick-ups): 982 items

There has also been an increase in our engagement with other agencies resulting from some of the contacts we make out on the streets. For example, we have been involved in a Case Conference and Problem-Orientated Policing (POP) initiative in respect of a vulnerable male, resulting in him being fast-tracked back into his own flat together with an accompanying care package involving SP volunteers.

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