

# Across Town

## Local Street Angels Projects Meet PCC



Volunteers from Stockton Town Pastors, Boro Angels, Hartlepool Town Pastors and the soon-to-be Guisborough Nightlight projects were invited to Cleveland Police HQ to meet the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Barry Copping on 31st July 2013, who wished to learn more about the work we do in each of our towns.

Mr Copping said that it was important that voluntary groups were recognised and commended for the work Street Angels do within the local community. He has volunteered to come out on patrols with each of the 4 local projects over coming months. More details can be found on the PCC's website: [www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/](http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/)

STP project manager and CNI Regional Coordinator Steve Brock said *"volunteers from the local Christian and wider communities have a lot to offer, and their commitment and concern for others is to be applauded. Our relationship with the public services continues to blossom."*

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## STP Volunteers in 'River Rat Race'



Four of our volunteers have entered Stockton's annual 10K Rat Race in order to raise funds for STP, and are looking for sponsorship. The event takes place on Sunday 25th August 2013, and their starting time will be 12.20pm from the Riverside car park. The course involves running/walking, kayaking, a ladder climb and jumping into the river from the HM Bark Endeavour replica ship! There will be numerous viewing points along the length of the course, which runs between the Riverside car park to Newport Bridge.

You can sponsor Adam (Newsham); Danielle (Massey); Paul (Miller) and Mike (Kennedy) by either speaking with them personally (there will also be sponsorship forms in the STP Admin box) or online via: <https://mydonate.bt.com> and searching for Stockton Town Pastors. If you are a taxpayer, please also consider ticking the 'gift-aided donation' box.

## STP Volunteer in Middlesbrough Tees Pride 10K



Sheila Brown is taking the more sensible route to sponsorship and keeping her feet firmly on *terra firma* in running this event, which takes place on Sunday, 8th September 2013.

Sheila has run this and other similar events for charity in the past, and on this occasion would like monies raised to go in support of Stockton Town Pastors. If you would like to sponsor her, then please either contact her directly or use the sponsorship form in the STP Admin box. Again, if you are a tax-payer please consider a gift-aided donation, as this raises an additional 25% for the charity.

*Isn't it tremendous that, as well as giving time to training and patrols, these volunteers are prepared to raise money for STP so that it can continue to offer care and compassion to those in need—without judgement and regardless of circumstance?*

## STP News

**STP Leadership Training**—For those volunteers who are already or would like to be STP team leaders, please put the following date in your diary:

- **7pm on Thursday 22nd August 2013 at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle**

Stockton Borough Council's senior enforcement officer, Marc Stephenson, will be explaining use of the CCTV radio system and how we might work more closely with their staff; and there will also be an opportunity to discuss STP policies in respect of safeguarding and recording of information.

If you would like to come along then please contact Steve Brock in advance.

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**STP AGM & Fellowship Evening**—Another date for your diary:

- **7pm on Thursday 24th October 2013 (6pm for Board Members), at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle**

We will be reflecting upon all that we have achieved to date, for example more than 11,000 volunteer hours (not including training) in the service of others each Friday and Saturday evening; relationships we have built up by so many others who work in the Night-Time Economy and not forgetting all those we have helped, of course. Please invite family, friends and colleagues to what will be a wonderful evening of reflection and hope for the future in Stockton.

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**STP Summer Jackets**—During these recent hot sticky nights our summer jackets have proved invaluable, and the STP Board would like to thank volunteers Fran, Sue and Hazel for caring to launder them all; greatly appreciated by all, ladies—thankyou!

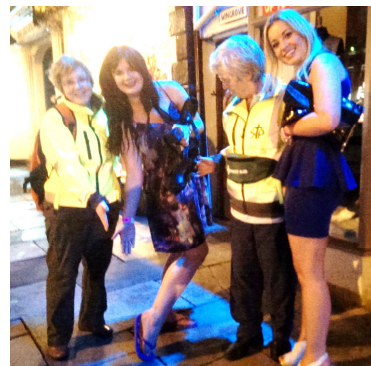
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## STP Patrols in Yarm



The student-focused Cannonball event at The Keys in Yarm started again in July, and runs twice-monthly through until the middle of September. STP volunteers Fran Wood and Beryl Nadin continue to provide a regular presence, and are seen here fitting out a young lady with the latest in evening wear—purple flip-flops!

On our most recent patrols in Yarm we helped a young man who was in difficulty and received the following message from his friend: *"Thank you so much to the people who helped us in Yarm tonight! (Steve, Fran and Beryl). We found ourselves in the unfortunate situation of being thrown out of The Keys because one of my friends was mistaken for being sick. Soon afterwards he was actually ill but the street angels were there to help. They didn't judge and gave my friend water, a sick bag, and, the rest of us lollies! Thanks again, much appreciation! X"*



## Christian Nightlife Initiative News

**CNI Conference**—Takes place on 30th August—1st September 2013 at the De Vere hotel in Daventry. This is the first of its kind and will bring together volunteers from all over the UK (including 12 from the Tees Valley area). Places may still be available—please contact Steve Brock if you have not yet booked and would like to attend.

**Guisborough Nightlight Project**—Street Angels are starting in Guisborough in September, working on Friday evenings to cover the Westgate area of the town between 8pm and 12am. Local churches are currently working with the police and council so that the project is well supported. Their volunteers have been sharing training with STP and other local projects over recent weeks, and we are hopeful of a commissioning or dedication service taking place at the time of launch—more details when available.

**Street Angels Book**—*"The Amazing Story From Binge to Better."* Paul Blakey MBE, founder and Chief Executive of the Street Angels—Christian Nightlife Initiative—has written a book about the wonderful growth of projects across the UK and abroad. This will be launched at the national conference and available online—more details when available.