

# Across Town



Care and Compassion in the Night-Time Environment

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At the STP AGM Board Chairman David Humble announced that Steve Brock will be stepping down as Project Manager in order to focus on his national role with Street Angels as Deputy Chair on the Christian Nightlife Initiative and Regional responsibilities as chair of the Cleveland Street Angels Steering Group. Steve will remain an active member of Stockton Town Pastors and a Trustee.

We sincerely thank Steve for all his efforts over the past 7 years in establishing and growing STP. His warm personality and professional contacts have been instrumental in developing the organisation in to what it is today. His dedication and commitment to Street Angels CNI has been far reaching with support to other local initiatives. Steve is truly a blessing to the charity and the body of Christ. Our prayers are with Steve as he concentrates on strategic issues Regionally and Nationally. We look forward to seeing our friend out on patrol in Stockton with us!



**Cleveland Street Angels Steering Group** held its inaugural meeting in June 2016. Under the chairmanship of Steve Brock representatives of local Christian Nightlife Initiatives, namely Stockton Town Pastors, Boro Angels, Hartlepool Town Pastors, Redcar Beacons and Guisborough Night Light, met with CNI Founder Paul Blakey to discuss ways to support one another/share resources going forward, apply for funds, & continue training together.

**Four new STP Coordinators** have been trained and are ready to take up their duties of guiding our patrolling activities in the town. Denise Waugh, Adam Randall, Jack Stokes and Matthew West will join the seven other coordinators and, alongside project manager Katharine Lam, they will ensure a single point of contact is maintained every time we are on duty, as well as encouraging continuity and consistency from week to week. Coordinators meet on the last Wednesday of each month to focus on issues pertaining to leading volunteers.



Sue Mulcaster & Katharine Lam



Denise Waugh & Jo Rayner



Adam Randall

**Responsibilities:**

- First-line Contact
- Vulnerabilities Contact
- Operational Control
- Feedback



Adam Newsham & Ken Stephens



Ian Bartle & Steve Brock



Jack Stokes & Matthew West



## A Message from the Retiring Project Manager.....

Well, not exactly 'retiring' as you will have already see on the front page! I do need to find more time though in order to help develop the national SA-CNI strategically, ensuring that it continues to support new and existing projects across the UK. I am also actively involved in the Stockton Independent Advisory Group (IAG), which acts as a critical friend to the police and aims to increase trust and confidence about policing issues across a range of minority groups within the local community.

I have become a trustee on the STP Board and will continue to offer myself for patrols once a month, so look forward to maintaining the close fellowship that has become a hallmark of and a blessing for our project.

As the night-time economy period within which we currently work continues to change it is essential that STP, as a group within the wider Christian community, changes to meet the existing (and in my view increasing) need within the town. We must retain our independence whilst working closely with the police and public services. This matter has provided a real focus as we have searched for a new project manager, and in Katharine Lam I am certain we have found the right person to lead the project into a new era. Katharine has a strong Christian faith, great administrative and communication skills and is experienced in partnership working. She has good local contacts and I encourage you to welcome her into the role.

May you continue to bless others, and be blessed yourselves, as you show and share God's love. *Steve*

**Fundraising challenge** Join us to raise £2, 000 to purchase and install a AED defibrillator in Stockton Town centre that will be available 24/7.

**STP AGM** was held at Don's Bar, on Thursday 30th June 2016. Board members (6), Volunteers (26), family, friends and STP supporters (13) were entertained by Connor Richards and enjoyed a free buffet courtesy of the bar owner Julia Cooper.

Joanne Rayner was voted as Volunteer Representative on the Board and Bernard Mugwendere (Destiny Centre) took up the role of Treasurer and Trustee.

### Reminder to all Volunteers

The extra mile that volunteers go to assist members of the community when on patrols is applauded. However, please be reminded that the insurance does not cover you to give members of the public lifts home. It is also important that you protect yourself first before helping others.

**Thank you to** Ann Barker and Margaret Rutter, who are stepping down as volunteers, God will reward your labour of love, we have all enjoyed serving with you. Thank you for your continued prayers.



**STP 7th Birthday Celebrations** will be held at Don's Bar, Calvert's Lane (overlooking the river at the bottom of Silver Street) from 7pm on Thursday 1st December 2016. All volunteers, family, friends and STP supporters are welcome, and there is a free buffet courtesy of the bar owner Julia Cooper—a longstanding supporter of STP.

If you would like to come to this event please let Katharine know the numbers attending so we can plan the catering.

*Katharine*



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