

# Borders Street Pastors



## Listening Caring Helping

'Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others'

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Dear Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles.

The spring and summer months have once again proved to be a very busy time for Borders Street Pastors. Extra patrols were mounted for the Melrose and Earlston 7s and also for Hawick Common Riding and the Braw Lads Gathering in Galashiels.

The team have risen to the challenge of these extra patrols, whilst maintaining the regular weekly patrol in Galashiels and monthly patrol in Hawick. September saw the 150<sup>th</sup> patrol in the Borders!

But 'maintenance' isn't good enough. The team are passionate about this Ministry and forwarding Christ's work on the streets of our towns.

Our constant prayer has been to increase the number of patrols in Hawick from once a month. The dynamics of Hawick are different to Galashiels, and one of the beauties of Street Pastors is that we can tailor the patrol to the needs of each individual location. It is recognised that much of the work in Hawick is centred on the Howegate, and this normally disperses at 1am when the pubs close in that area. We are therefore looking to create teams who would be willing to patrol until 1am instead of the normal 3.30am. There have been some encouraging developments in this area and we pray that God will guide us here.

Another development under work is that of Rail Pastors. Whilst still in the development stage, a number of the team have undergone training, and two have been out to observe Rail Pastors in action on the Fife Circle. Watch this space!

Hopefully you are receiving our monthly Prayer Newsletter. If you aren't and would like to receive it, please contact Maria Sprott, her email is: [mariaatseaside@btinternet.com](mailto:mariaatseaside@btinternet.com). Please feel free to pass on Maria's details to anyone you may feel would be interested in receiving our prayer communication...thank you.

As always, our continued thanks to Trinity Church in Galashiels for the use of their premises on Saturday nights, and St. Johns for the use of their halls for training. Also to the many people who support and pray for us.

Finally, a story from the streets: The patrol in Galashiels tries to meet the late night trains coming in from Edinburgh. Recently, a couple disembarked and were heading towards the Interchange. The lady doubled back to speak to the Street Pastors. She said she had been brought up in the Church but as an adult had fallen away and become the 'black sheep of the family', using drink and Valium. The Pastors assured her that God still loved her, "...whether she liked it or not" and an offer of prayer was eagerly accepted....the lady and the team prayed there and then outside the Interchange at 1am. The team leader gave the lady a copy of 'The Father's Love Letter' and told her not to look at it just now, but in the morning. The team prayed for the lady at the end of the night during the debrief, and we trust that this brief encounter will be the first step to this lady turning her life around.

Yours in Christ

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## June 2016 – Sept 22 2018

### STATISTICS

Number of Patrols	154
No. of volunteer hours	2340
Flipflops given out (pairs)	1268
Bottled water given out	463
First Aid given	55
Assisted with transport issues (taxis and at the station)	76
Bottles and glasses lifted off the street	3702
Foil blankets issued	79
Lollypops given out	7386
'Spikies' given out	469
Woolly Hats given out	238
Gloves (pairs)	1
Ambulance called	21
Poncho	8

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