

Borders Street Pastors



Listening Caring Helping

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Dear Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles.

As we start to see the lighter nights and winter slowly giving way to spring, Borders Street Pastors are looking forward to a busy time ahead.

In February, we welcomed two new members, one in Hawick and one in Galashiels. Both ladies are currently undergoing training and will be a welcome addition to the team.

Of course training continues to play an important role for us. As well as tapping into training in Edinburgh, we will also be holding a training session on the Criminal Justice System in the Borders at the end of March.

An important date for your diary is Friday 20th April. We will be holding a Commissioning Service at Earlston Parish Church at 7pm. Six Street Pastors and four Response Pastors will be Commissioned, followed by tea and cakes! Please come along and show your support for the team. Our thanks to Earlston for the use of their Church.

We are currently talking to Ascension Trust (Scotland) about bringing Rail Pastor training to the Borders. Whilst we don't have the numbers to have a regular patrol on the Borders Railway, this training will give us the flexibility to do this when it is feasible and at strategic times, like during the Edinburgh Festival, Melrose 7s etc. Training is done in conjunction with British Transport Police.

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. 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.

Yours in Christ

Duncan Cameron
(Coordinator, Borders Street Pastors)

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June 2016 – Feb. 24 2018

STATISTICS

Number of Patrols	115
No. of volunteer hours	1747
Flipflops given out (pairs)	1013
Bottled water given out	385
First Aid given	38
Assisted with transport issues (taxis and at the station)	74
Bottles and glasses lifted off the street	2914
Foil blankets issued	62
Lollypops given out	5245
'Spikies' given out	454
Woolly Hats given out	206
Gloves (pairs)	1
Ambulance called	17
Poncho	4

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