



# AUTUMN 2019



A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Prov 11:25

## Update on our AGM



At our AGM, Terry Golding decided to stand down from the Management Committee and the post of Honorary Secretary, though still continuing as a Street Pastor. In recognition of his dedication to Ashford Street Pastors (ASP) since 2010 and for his exemplary conduct, loyalty to ASP and leadership, Terry was presented with a glass plaque.

Also at the AGM, we voted in a new Chair and Secretary - welcome **Anwar Bourazza** as Chair and **Susan Boulden** as Secretary. May God bless you as you contribute and lead us in the coming years. Anwar comes with great depth of experience as a Street Pastor, coordinator and employee of Ascension Trust, working alongside Rev Les Isaac and the rest of the team at Headquarters. Susan has supported ASP by being a Street Pastor for several years and the trustee coordinating training for 2 years.

## Meeting new friends and old



month as the Council's representative on our Management Committee.

We've had several people out as observers with us recently. Among them were Mayor Jenny Webb, a familiar friend from the Community Safety Unit meetings, who joined us on patrol in August and Cllr Heather Hayward, who has joined us this



We have also had the pleasure of showing Pastor Ian Fowkes from Bright City Church (formerly ACF) what we do on Friday nights/Saturday mornings. We are very excited at working alongside him as part of the new Beacon Centre in Bank St.

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## Care in caps

It is a warm August evening. It's early in the patrol so there are still significant numbers of people walking around in t-shirts and shorts. The team are enjoying the banter and the happy environment. A call comes through from one of the pubs on the High St - there's an elderly woman who is rather confused and anxious as she can't remember where she lives. Can we help? The team popped in and one of the team sat with the woman while the others remained nearby talking to other customers and door staff. 15 minutes later, the woman is settled and comfortably enjoying a soft drink. We know her name but not where she lives so the police are contacted via Town Control. The door staff are now happy to keep an eye on the woman until the police resolve the situation so the team move off to comfort someone else who is in tears outside. A couple of hours later, the police have driven the woman home and another vulnerable person is safe after a troubling adventure.

**This is the joy of working collaboratively with Christians from around Ashford, the police, Town Control and the door staff of our night economy establishments. We are recruiting now for our training schedule that starts in March 2020. Wouldn't you love to join us? Contact Lita on [ashford@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:ashford@streetpastors.org.uk) and start changing your Friday nights for the better.**

## A few statistics...

**Thanks to your support and donations, since January we have:**

- completed 41 patrols, over 900 hours with Street Pastors on patrol supported by over 550 hours of prayer from Prayer Pastors;
- engaged with over 1700 people and assisted more than 176 people in vulnerable situations;
- removed 262 bottles and 37 glasses from the streets;
- handed out 214 bottles of water, 29 foil blankets, 72 pairs of flip flops and 1096 lollipops.

## Friends of Ashford Street Pastors

We can only keep help people in vulnerable situations through your kind donations. Becoming part of 'Friends of Ashford Street Pastors' is a simple way to partner us, but it is also a very effective way of keeping the streets of Ashford safer on the nights we are out by setting up a standing order for a set monthly donation.

We are looking for 92 more people to give £5 to £10 each month.

- £5 = 400 lollipops
- £5 = 30 bottles of water
- £5 = 5 pairs of flip-flops

If you would like a form, please email Lita on [ashford@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:ashford@streetpastors.org.uk) or ring 07511 816 621.