#### PRAYER PASTORS

Prayer Pastors support every patrol and mentoring session in Jesus' name. Will you join our team?

### **TRAINING**

The training log-jam is being unblocked, thanks be to God, and thank you for your prayers. While we exercise responsible flexibility, getting people fully trained using a credible programme is where we want to be.

#### FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Please give thanks for all **donations and grants**. Please also pray for more of the same so that we can increase this amazing Kingdom work. We also need to attract additional **gifted and experienced Trustees**, **please**.

#### MEET THE TEAM

We have over forty wonderful Volunteers. **Ella** (Administrator), **Sally** (School Coordinator) and **Suzanne** (Street Coordinator) are our lovely Staff members, caring and coordinating. **Bob** (Chair), **Georgie**, **Kevin**, **lan**, **Malc** (Treasurer) and **Tracey** (Vice Chair) make up our truly ecumenical Board of Trustees.

## **MORE INFO**

Check out our website and Facebook pages:

<u>http://iowstreetpastors.org.uk/</u>
<u>https://www.facebook.com/iowstreetpastors</u>
https://www.facebook.com/iowschoolpastors

for new videos aimed at recruiting new volunteers and keeping people informed

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## NEWSCARD





September 2025

#### STREET PASTORS

STREET PATROLS: Newport and Bus Station Safe Space: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> & Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December Ryde: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

#### What We Do

#### We ...

- ... care for people, supporting and listening to those we meet on the streets.
- ... respond to crime and safety issues as our training and partnerships allow.
- ... build relationships with agencies, businesses and people we meet.
- ... work with partners, including event organisers, for safer community life.

### Thanking God for a busy Summer

June to August has been really busy for Street Pastors with four days of patrolling at the Isle of Wight Festival (fifty-two volunteers resulting in forty-six teams on patrol and in the Safe Spaces) and patrols at Pride, Cowes Week, Newport Illuminated Carnival and the Bank Holiday weekend Scooter Rally. We have also attended events such as the County Show to raise awareness of our work and encourage appropriate volunteering.

In July, Wight West Member of Parliament, Richard Quigley, and his office manager joined us on a patrol in Newport so they could experience the vital work we do and see how it could be of benefit in other towns on the Island and at other events.

## Please pray for ...

- ... the **venues** that are struggling to stay open for various reasons and the **staff** whose jobs are at risk.
- ... more **volunteers** as we are turning work down because we cannot take on any more patrols with current numbers. We are being asked to patrol **other towns** on the Island and attend **other events**, such is the significance of our work.
- ... all our **current Street Pastors** as most of them have gone above and beyond over the Summer with extra foot patrols and safe spaces.
- ... more **volunteers** to come forward for the **Newport Bus Station Safe Space** as we would like to open this up on a more regular basis.

#### **SCHOOL PASTORS**

Please pray for the School Pastor team as we prepare to return to **Medina** and Carisbrooke Colleges, Ryde Academy and The Bay CofE Secondary this September.

We will be present to **listen to and support the students and staff** of these schools and to pray God's blessing and protection on our young people. It is a real privilege to be welcomed into these schools and we pray this may continue in these uncertain times.

We currently have a team of eleven active School Pastors and fourteen Prayer Pastors across the four schools and see over thirty different students each week on a one-to-one basis, as well as leading some group work. We also lead assemblies, serve refreshments at parent open evenings and attend celebration events and sports days.

We will **support a student** as long as they need it, sometimes over several years. Recently, a Year 11 student came to thank us after completing his final exams. He was a very anxious and frightened boy in Year 7 and remembered the kindness of one of our School Pastors. He said, "I wouldn't have got through school without you".

## Please pray that ...

- ... we will be **welcomed back** into the four schools and **build positive** relationships with the new leadership teams.
- ... we will be **led to the right students** to support and connect with.
- ... more Christians will come forward to **train as School and Prayer Pastors**.
- ... we will find God's way of **funding our ministry**, it being very difficult to attract grant funding for work in schools.

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

If, as we earnestly believe to be the case, the good works of Street Pastors and School Pastors have been "prepared (by God) in advance for us to do", the staffing and financial needs will be met from the Spirit-prompted generosity and involvement of His people, the Church on the Isle of Wight.