

How to become a Street Pastor

Our comprehensive training programme is designed to fully equip new Street Pastors to respond to the needs of all the people with which they engage on the streets. The training is mainly delivered in evening sessions during the Spring and Autumn. Our training will give you a full awareness of today's social problems including drugs and youth culture.

Step 1—Request, complete and submit an application form including referees

Step 2—Invited to begin training

Step 3—Attend and complete essential training sessions

Step 4—DBS (CRB) clearance received

Step 5— Pay contribution to training, uniform & equipment

Step 6—Newly trained Street Pastor is appointed by Evesham Street Pastors management team.

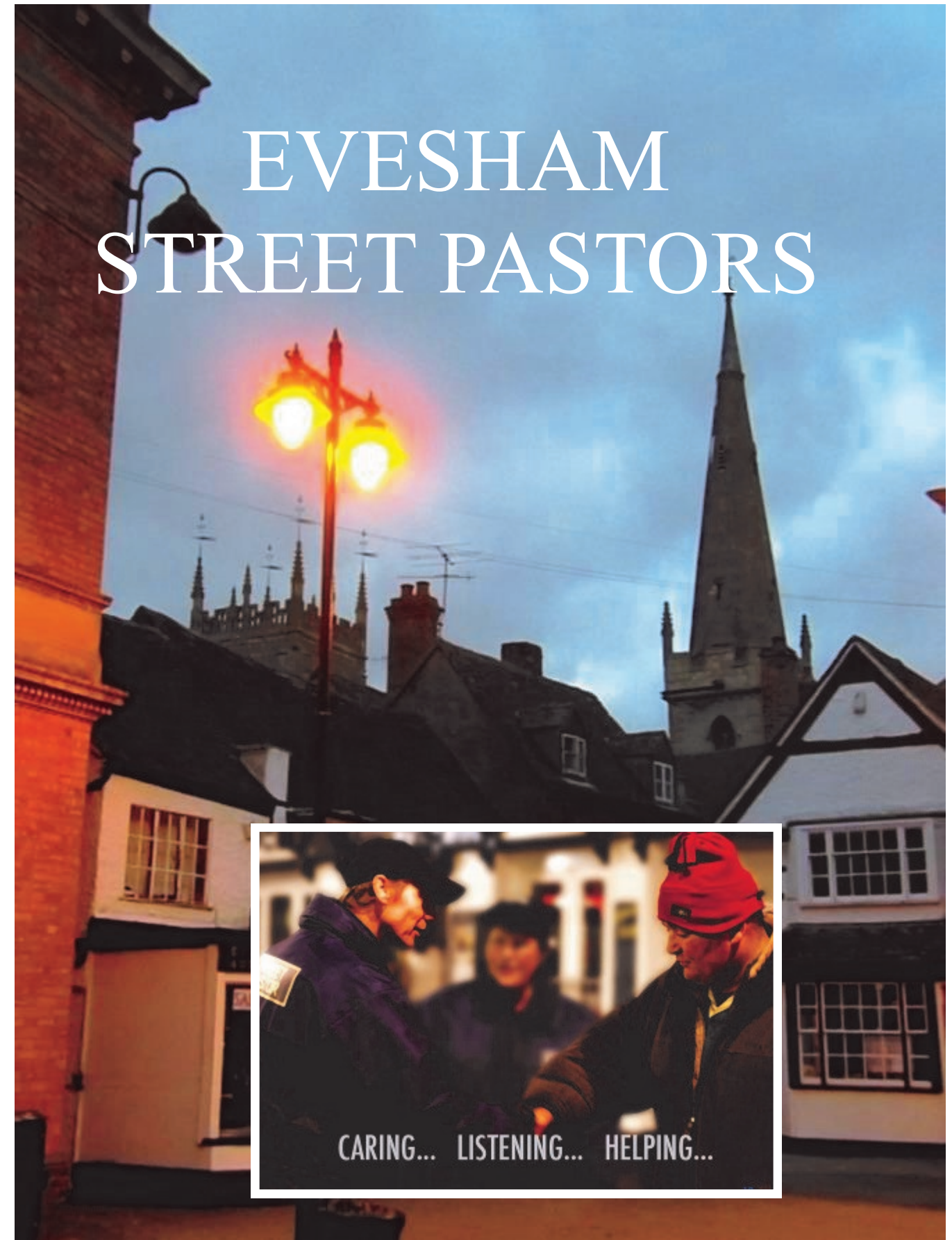
Step 7—Uniform and equipment issued

Step 8—Commence operational duties

Step 9—Complete training sessions

Step 10— Commissioned at annual commissioning celebration service

For more information and/or to request an application form, please contact John Darby on 07747 842192



Who are Street Pastors?

Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to urban problems, engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and dialogue.

Street Pastors was pioneered in London in January 2003 by Rev Les Isaac, Director of the Ascension Trust, and has seen some remarkable drops in crime in areas where teams have been working. There are now some 9000 trained volunteers nearly 250 teams around the United Kingdom.

Each city project is set up by the Ascension Trust and run by a local coordinator with support from Ascension Trust and other local churches and community groups in partnership with Police, Council and other statutory agencies.

In a typical year, Street Pastors will:

- Help bring calm to aggressive situations
- Support vulnerable people on over 100 occasions
- Give out 250 pairs of flip-flops to young women who are unable to walk in their high heels to prevent injury to their feet from broken glass
- Give out bottles of water
- Give blankets to people at risk of exposure/hypothermia
- Clear away 1000 broken or discarded bottles or glass to remove potential weapons or sources of injury
- Attend anti-social incidents

Police figures indicate that there will have been a statistically significant drop in the number of reported incidents on a Saturday night during the time that Street Pastors have been on the streets.

Prayer Partners are also an essential part of the work both by praying on the night whilst the Street Pastors are out on the streets, but also sharing in prayer for the work of Street Pastors, Evesham town, its leaders and community.

What does a Street Pastor do?

A Street Pastor is someone from the Christian community who is willing to care, listen and help, particularly young people who have found themselves disenfranchised and/or marginalised from society and who are willing to engage people where they are, in terms of their thinking (their perspective on life) and location (where they hang out, be it on the streets, in the pubs and clubs or at parties).

The Street Pastor is there to get to know people in the community and to build relationships in order to find out their needs and what can be done to help. Street Pastors must gain the credibility of the community, so that the community knows that the Church has come to them.

A Street Pastor's main role is to make themselves available to care, listen, support and help vulnerable people especially young individuals to move into positive endeavours. They should be able to commit to working one Saturday night a month between 10 pm until 2.40 am.

Street Pastors come from right across the Christian Community and can be anyone who:

- Has been committed to a Christian church for more than a year
- Has obtained a positive reference from their Church Leader/Minister
- Has undergone a DBS (CRB) check
- Has completed a 12-session Street Pastor's training course
- Is 18 years or over (no upper age limit)

How can I help?

Be a Street Pastor – being out on the Streets

Be a Prayer Partner – being part of the back up team at night

Be a prayer supporter – receiving a Newsletter, praying and encouraging