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Bideford & District StreetTalk

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The time has come:

Apply now to be a Street Pastor

Re-United!

Early results

Early Support

Look out, the funds are coming!

The Time Has Come.....

The time has come to get your application in!

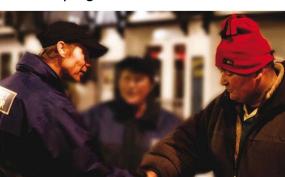
The streets of Bideford are waiting for your footsteps.

During the past few months, we have been setting up the necessary

infrastructure to enable us to operate on the streets of Bideford and neighbouring parishes.

Everything is ready and your application is

needed now so that we can process it and start planning the training programme.



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application because you feel that you may not be able to afford it. We have already received

generous support towards Set-up and Training costs.

No potential Street Pastor will be refused on financial grounds.

Whilst it is a principle of the Street Pastors' Guidelines that they should attempt to be self funding, please do not delay your

If you are the person God is prompting to care on our streets, we are waiting to hear from you, **very soon!**

Re-United!

Already our wonderful Lord is working before we are operational.

About 1.30 a.m. on a recent Sunday morning our coordinator, Duncan, went out to do some research and came upon a very distressed woman who

had 'mislaid' her Royal Marine boyfriend some hours earlier.

He had just returned from Afghanistan and having been partying all day he was very drunk and vulnerable. She was concerned for his safety.

After a quick prayer, Duncan and the young woman set off on a search.

Her Marine was quickly located and the reunited couple were seen safely back to their Bed & Breakfast accommodation.



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Bideford Street Pastors is an initiative of Christians Together in Bideford & District and run under licence from the Ascension Trust.

We need volunteers:
Street Pastors who actually patrol the streets

<u>Prayer Pastors</u> to look after the spiritual and physical needs of SPs whilst they work.

<u>Friends</u> who commit to pray and support the work from home <u>Sponsors</u> to help keep the funds flowing.

For more information please contact us.

Coordinator: Duncan Withall



Early Support

Setting up a new Street Pastors scheme does not come for free!

We are planning to train 20 or more Street Pastors, It costs about £300 to train and then equip each one with his/her uniform

In addition to this are the inevitable administration costs, the equipment needed by the coordinator and the supplies needed on the streets..

We are grateful to Torridge District Council, Bideford Town Council and Christians Together in Bideford & District for their early and generous financial support to get the scheme off the ground and subsidise the training costs.

