

Behind the scenes activities

Each Street Pastor initiative is a Scottish registered charity and has its own Trustees and Management team, including a Co-ordinator, for all its activities. You may well be able to become a Trustee or a member of the management team to help your local Street Pastor initiative to develop and grow. The need for good people to oversee each initiative is highly valued.

Street Pastors operate with Ascension Trust Scotland, there to encourage and enable all the initiatives to carry out their roles. Neither Street Pastors or Ascension Trust Scotland are financed by government and need to raise regular funding to enable them to operate. You may have a fundraising background or like the idea of being able to help in that way.

Similarly, we need to be able to rely on good legal advice, operate safeguarding to the highest standard, and also deal effectively with the national and local media. We also are keen to develop our social media presence and communicate effectively that way. If you have skills in these important areas, you could well make a positive contribution.

And there is always a need for admin help.



We would love to hear from you!

The Street Pastor family love what they do and find it a real privilege to serve God in this way.

If you would like to explore being a Street or other Pastor, or help behind the scenes in any way, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

In the first instance please email scotland@ascensiontrust.org.uk or telephone 01475 783000 and we will be delighted to chat with you or respond in other ways to suit you.

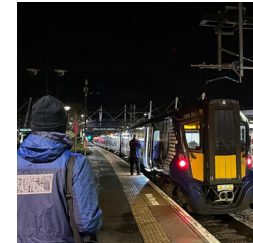
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This leaflet outlines the various ways you can help show and share Jesus' love within your local community. If you are 18 and over (there is no upper age limit), a Christian and a churchgoer for at least a year, there are various ways you can be involved, be it on the streets, on trains, in schools or ready to respond to national emergencies, or praying and helping behind the scenes.

Many of us are called in different ways to be useful in the Kingdom of God and some people undertake more than one role at the same time. Others switch roles from time to time as their personal circumstances change and they are perhaps no longer able to be on regular patrols. The message is that there is always a role you can undertake, whatever your age and circumstances.

Street Pastors



Street Pastors are out most weekends in cities and towns across Scotland, with shorter day patrols in some areas, A list of current locations where Scottish Street Pastors operate are on the Ascension Trust Scotland's website at scotland.ascensiontrust.org.uk/locations

Street Pastors come from many denominations who come together to be out on the streets caring, listening and helping people we meet who might want to chat and share difficulties they have in their lives. While not counsellors, Street Pastors are highly trained across

a wide range of topics and able to respond to all the situations they meet. Out in uniform and in teams of three or four, usually from 10pm until well into the night when pubs and nightclubs close, they offer help of many kinds. Street Pastors come alongside people simply to help and often to pray when asked to do so.

Our Street Pastor teams are trained in first aid and provide a number of items including flip flops where people have resorted to walking barefoot, and thermal outfits for keeping people warm.



Prayer Pastors



We firmly believe that everything we do should be backed by prayer and answers to prayers come our way. Prayer Pastors can be praying at the time Street and other Pastors are on patrol, or at the end of a phone during patrols, while others pray at home when the various Pastors are out and about, and at other times of the week.

This is a vital role and can suit folks who cannot physically be out as other Pastors but want to be a part of this work through praying for what we do and for all the people involved.

Or you could become a Prayer Partner agreeing to pray specifically for one of our Street Pastors.

Rail Pastors



Rail Pastors largely carry out the same roles as Street Pastors but this time in stations, platforms and on the trains. With the same training as Street Pastors, plus an additional session covering looking out for those who might be feeling suicidal, Rail Pastors are very ready to

chat to whoever they meet. Many people who travel on the trains, particularly later in the evenings, can feel unsafe and Rail Pastors are a reassuring presence.

In Scotland, Rail Pastors have their own uniform and are currently on trains in Inverclyde, Paisley and in Fife and we are looking to increase the number of areas we serve in this way.



School Pastors



Engaging with local schools, School Pastors can be a real help to pupils in a number of ways, through chatting through lunch breaks and operating safe spaces in schools to being of help at the end of school days keeping everyone safe.

We also offer our 'Safer on the Streets' presentation to S5/6 pupils.

Response Pastors



Response Pastors are Street Pastors who undergo additional training and are available at very short notice to be a part of a national team of Response Pastors attending and helping at major incidents and emergencies across Scotland. Fortunately, these have been few and far between in Scotland over recent years, but should there come an urgent need, Response Pastors are alerted and are ready to act.