

## Factfile

Preston Street Pastors began in December 2008 and are part of a national independent Christian initiative. Volunteers are ordinary men and women from churches of all traditions from across Preston.

15 new volunteers were recently commissioned, and a further 5 new volunteers are starting their training taking our volunteers to 59

## Breaking News

Street Pastors will be starting a new training course for volunteers in February 2012. For more details please contact us via the details below. Alternatively you can contact our co-ordinator directly on 07794 008767 or E-mail [jrbbuckler@aol.com](mailto:jrbbuckler@aol.com)

Why not visit our local website simply log onto [www.therisenlordpreston.org.uk](http://www.therisenlordpreston.org.uk) and follow the Street Pastors link. You will find newspaper articles, application forms training brochures plus lots more!

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# STREET PASTORS™

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4 years ago Street Pastors was an idea, a vision. Of the back of 'Hope 08' people started to make plans arrange meetings, fill out forms and dedicate their time and resources into starting a project called Street Pastors, the idea, to get the church out onto the streets.

Vision  
2012

3 years ago, on a very cold and wet Friday night, Street Pastors was launched with 23 volunteers and 11 churches involved.

Over the last three years we have seen Volunteers grow from 23 to 59 with the number of churches involved tripled!!! Street Pastors have spoke to over 15,000 people and walked for 11,000 plus hours. We have moved from walking 1 area to now walking in 5 different areas of Preston & South Ribble EVERY Friday night. Street Pastors have helped vulnerable people home, have provided young people within the city with personal safety alarms and drug deterrent spike's. Street Pastors have seen a light ignite in the eyes of the homeless when they take time to speak with them and have been a cushion for Street Workers that have literally broken down with tears when telling their stories to the Street Pastors.

We have seen people who originally said "Street Pastors? That'll never work!" approach us and ask if we can walk in their areas. We have seen the Police the Council and the local communities championing Street Pastors. We have seen crime and antisocial behaviour reduced in the areas we have walked. But most of all we have seen the church becoming more and more relevant within our city and as such Jesus becoming more and more relevant within our city.

To the street workers street pastors have become a person they can talk to in confidence and a person they can rely on for help if they need it. To the homeless Street Pastors have become someone who will talk to them, someone they know cares for them. To the City night time revellers we have become a person that they feel comfortable approaching and asking for advice and help.

As we enter 2012 and another Guild (time flies by doesn't it?) it's time to re-confirm the vision that was Street Pastors all along. We look towards the future and hope that we are continually blessed within this project. We hope for more volunteers over the next 12 months, we hope for more churches to be involved. But our greatest hope, our greatest vision as a team is one that we share with a man, a man who was around 2000 years ago and still is today, Jesus.

***Our greatest vision for 2012 is that through our actions the love of God explodes within our City.***

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