



NEWSLETTER

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December was a busy month - thanks to all who volunteered to make Street Angels happen and our town a safer place....

Damian and Jeff helped with road closures so coaches with school children from across West Yorkshire could safely get to and from the Pantomime. Damian and Jeff met with Baroness Helen Newlove - the Government Champion for Active and Safer Communities. A team patrolled Sowerby Bridge one Saturday night with a plan to start regular patrols in 2011. Carols at Costa Coffee was a great evening with around 130 people enjoying Carols and the Christmas Story. Paul and Trevor spoke at a FGBMFI dinner in Liverpool on the theme of Angels (Christmas and Street!). Paul joined the celebrations as Roger Harvey was made Freeman of the Borough - well done Roger from all at Street Angels. Along with Operation Northdale and snowy nights of Street Angeling we helped make a massive difference in our town this Christmas!

Our fifth Birthday Bash at Circle Lounge was a great night to say thank you to the volunteers. Food, games and 2 hours of live music from Dan and Trevor made this a memorable night!



Operation Northdale was another big success - hundreds of goodie bags (containing spikeys, Stay Safe information leaflets and Love Hearts) were handed out on Friday and Saturday nights, Thursday late night shopping and Saturday and Christmas week afternoons. The campaign runs across West Yorkshire and involves Police, Police volunteers, Ambassadors, Marshals and Street Angels. With a message of "watch out for your friends, watch your drinks and make sure you know how you are going to get home" the campaign has successfully reduced the number of sexual assaults by over 50% in the region. Operation Northdale and the work of Street Angels in West Yorkshire also received much media coverage on TV, radio and in newspapers.

Thu 14th Jan - 6pm Halifax Festival launch at Square Chapel

Tue 18th Jan - 6pm SA-CNI Trustees Meeting at Fairtrade Café

Fri 28th Jan - 2.30pm Paul talking at Stones Methodist Church, Ripponden.

Wed 23rd Feb - Big Response event - volunteers needed between 9.30am and 9.30pm!

Happy Birthday in Jan to: Becky Coster (10th); Ian Park (12th); Sara Carberry (16th), Jean-Baptist (our French Street Angel - 18th) - hope you all have a great day!

Great to receive this on Facebook - "Hey its Lou from last night! Thank you soooo so much for helping me in my hour of need!"

The Great Yorkshire Duck Race is taking shape - Sat 9th July at Bolton Abbey. More details and how your charity can be involved is at www.yorkshireduckrace.org.uk



SA-CNI is now affiliated to Faithworks.



Well done to **Totally Locally** who won a Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber award for Outstanding Response to the Economic Downturn. Totally Locally is a campaign pioneered in Calderdale aiming to encourage people to use local shops and businesses as this is far better for the local economy. Totally Locally has helped many local businesses through the recession helping keep local independent retailers open. Street Angels has supported Totally Locally since its launch and we were highlighted as Totally Locally Heroes in the December Totally Locally Times (copies available at Fairtrade Café)- www.totally-locally.co.uk



lights will guide you home...



Update on CNI Development from Adam May....

I am delighted to have been appointed as National Development Officer for Christian Nightlife Initiatives in the early part of 2011. This is an exciting appointment and one I believe fully to be called by God to undertake. It was decided at a recent trustees meeting that there is a need to begin to develop CNI as its own more independent organisation. I will be resigning from Bedford Street Angels to take up this new appointment and will be based full time at YMCA Bedfordshire.

The nature of my new role will involve developing links with many of the major churches and Christian organisations to spread the word of night time economy projects such as Street Angels. I will also be seeking to develop links with local and national media to highlight and showcase much of the work that Christians achieve week upon week. The challenge of funding is a continued one for many Christian charities and so I will continue to source national funding pots. I would welcome anyone who would like to offer financial support the work of CNI, as either an individual or as an organisation.

One of the other main areas of my new role is to encourage and support projects across the Midlands and the South. I will be involved in the creation of new projects of which there is a number in planning stages at the moment. Further to this, I will be speaking at services and events in this vein. I very much look forward to this new role and seeing how I serve you in your projects as you seek to be salt and light in our country.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 01234 264107 (office) / email adam@cni-network.org.uk if I can be of any assistance! I can also be found on twitter too under @adamfromcni

Adam May - Development Officer, CNI Network

Well done **Street Angels York** celebrating one year on the streets. In a year 55 volunteers have been trained as Street Angels representing 10 different churches across York. The team have spent over 420 hours walking the York streets and given out 450 flip-flops and 800 bottles of water. Well done to the 55 volunteers and steering group who have made Street Angels York a massive success...

Well done also to **Stockton Town Pastors** celebrating one year on the streets. The team have made many friends and all they do can be summed up in the word "love". The group are now looking at becoming a Registered Charity and are working closely with "A Way Out" a Stockton group working with women and young people. The group have helped 498 people and invested over 3000 hours and picked up 1374 bottles off the streets. Well done Stockton Town Pastors!

Thanks to Shirley from Bognor Regis who suggested Street Angels as a great way to spend New Years Eve on **Graham Norton's BBC Radio 2** show on Saturday 6th December - listen on the Blog page of www.cni-network.org.uk

Guildford Street Angels was a winner in the Community Empowerment Awards which means the group will now represent the county in the South East England Empowerment Partnership

Awards programme. The group commissioned 40 new volunteers in October and continues to make a difference in Guildford.

Churches in Rhyl ran Street Angels again over the Christmas period.

Headingley Street Angels, Leeds, was launched in November and had the first night on the streets in December. Headingley is the student area of Leeds with thousands of young people out each weekend.

Dundee Street Chaplains have produced an exciting newsletter available on the CNI Blog page

2011 is the **European Year of Volunteering** - a great opportunity for CNI projects to honour all that volunteers invest into towns and cities week by week as well as to encourage others to get involved!

Halifax SA are organising a **Duck Race** on 9th July - if any Yorkshire projects want to buy a package of 1200 ducks see www.yorkshireduckrace.org.uk or contact Paul.

CNI are looking at ways our volunteers can be involved with the **2012 Olympics** through More Than Gold - more details on this next month.

In **January CNI is meeting** with staff at CARE, Brendan Fox, Jenny Whelan chaplain to Project 2030, the More Than Gold steering group and Bishop Paul Baynes...

The Big Response - The Church, the Kingdom of God and the Big Society - a one day conference - Wednesday 23rd February 2011 at The King's Centre, Park Road, Halifax. Presented by **Steve Chalke** of Oasis and Faithworks.

10.30am - 4.15pm (cost of £5 / concession £3);
 7.30pm - 9.15pm (cost of £3 / conc. £2) - joint ticket before 15th January of £7 adults / £4 concession. Contact Paul - 07725 501465 / paul@streetangels.org.uk