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STREET PASTORS, WORKING FOR YOU

STREET PASTORS, WHO ARE they, what do they do?

The Pastors are made up of groups of inter-denominational church members who promote a safer environment for all by talking, caring, listening and offering advice.

The borough has groups out on Friday evenings in Hedge End, Fair Oak, Chandler's Ford and Eastleigh. Each group is briefed by the local police before every session giving them guidance on which areas to concentrate on and any particular issues of concern.

Chandler's Ford, the newest group in the borough, has 15 pastors covering areas such as Hiltigbury and Fryern recreation grounds, Freespace skate park and the Knightwood leisure centre. The reaction from the youngsters they meet ranges from "Can I have a lolly?" to a conversation about college, school worries and any problems they are going through.

The Pastors covering the communities of Hedge End, West End and Botley started last July and have 17 trained volunteers ranging in age from 18 to a lady of 78!

Colin Mann one of their team leaders commented: "The areas around Botley Recreation Ground and the various parks in Hedge End are popular gathering points where we can engage with youngsters. They don't see us as an intrusion but welcome the chance to have a chat. We



Youngsters having fun with their Street Pastors

know when they want to be left alone and are not over-protective but are there when they need us."

Eastleigh Street Pastors have been patrolling the town centre and surrounding areas since July 2009. Originally out until 12:30am they now do shifts covering the late night economy until 3:00am handing out flip flops to girls who have been wearing uncomfortable high

heels to save them walking bare-foot.

The Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath Pastors feel they have made their community a safer, more friendly place since they started their Friday night patrols. "We find little ways of making people's evening better – even if it's just having a chat. Some of us are inspired by the idea of ordinary people making towns safer,

thinking about their own children who may be out late at night and making local areas better for all." said Sheena Graham

The Pastors not only give help and advice first hand they also provide feedback around young persons issues and concerns which shape how the Council and the Community Safety Partnership respond to the local community.



National hotel chain chooses Eastleigh

NATIONAL HOTEL CHAIN TRAVELODGE is to develop a new hotel scheme in Eastleigh town centre.

The hotel will be built on land owned by the Council between Southampton Road and Upper Market Street with a planned opening by the end of 2011.

The hotel will consist of a sixty bed hotel together with

retail space on the ground floor.

Council Leader Keith House says "This is an exciting proposal that will make a significant contribution to the Council's vision to further improve Eastleigh town centre.

"It's great news that another major national brand is looking to invest in our town."