

Bedford Street Angels operates from:

- Currently St John's Church hall serves as our base on Saturday nights. But other venues, within walking distance of the town centre will also be used.

Who's who at BSA?

A Board of 10 Trustees, all from different local churches and other Christian bodies, heads up the legal and policy-making side of BSA with Stephen Elphick as Chairman.

A Management Committee, under the Chairmanship of Stephen Elphick meet monthly, responsible for the day to day running of the project.

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***Friends of
Bedford Street Angels***



By going out into the town centre every Saturday night
BSA aims to:
Serve those needing support or a listening ear....

(a practical expression of Christ's love to all people)

Who are Bedford Street Angels?

Volunteers from various Churches seeking to demonstrate the love of Christ: to be 'salt and light' in the community when many other Christians are tucked up warm in their beds! They go out in teams of 3 onto the streets of our town centre each Saturday night between the hours of 10.30pm and 3.00am. They supplement the work of the paid emergency services and are part of the wider team of 'official professionals' whose role it is to help keep the town safe at night.

Each volunteer wears a red jacket bearing the distinctive logo, thus they are easily identified as 'safe' people to approach if help is needed. Since going on the streets in February 2009, the project has been able to assist an amazing number of people, out to enjoy the clubs and bars around the town centre. Many have expressed their appreciation of the support offered and we have developed good relationships with the other bodies also 'on duty'.

Out on the street, what might the team get involved in?

- Give directions, or accompany folk to the nearest safe taxi or hire car rank
- Hand out bottled water to those suffering from too much alcohol. Sometimes wait with them until they are more in control
- Supply flip flops where stilettos have caused blisters and girls are walking bare foot
- Offer simple first aid, or call an ambulance
- Wait with vulnerable individuals until their lift home arrives
- Listen if folk want to off load or share their story
- Respond to NiteNet radio calls, asking for BSA's assistance, or conversely bring a concerning situation to the attention of Police and CCTV
- Give encouragement to other 'officials' on duty

Who are Friends of Bedford Street Angels?

This scheme, launched in the Summer of 2011, supports the project and its volunteers. There are a variety of ways by which you can serve as a 'Friend' (see below). We'd certainly appreciate your standing with us as we seek to live out the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10, so do please consider it and then complete the enclosed form. Thank you.

How might you be able to help?

- Adopt an individual street angel – inquire how they got on when out on the street, promise to pray specifically for them.
- Receive the weekly Prayer/Report by e-mail and follow what happens each week. For those with no access to a computer we can arrange for somebody in your Church to pass it onto you.
- Use the bi-monthly prayer sheet sent to BSA Church representatives, to pass on to those interested in praying for us.
- Many 'Friends' will pray each Saturday night at home, but we also try to have a small team at the base. They send the street walkers out with prayer and continue to pray, also preparing the midnight refreshments for the street team.
- Financial gifts – as a Registered Charity, BSA is dependent on donations for its work, both from churches and individuals. Such things as training, CRBs, red jackets, flip-flops, refreshments all cost money, which, as a charity, we need to find. So no matter how small your gift is, it really will be put to good use.
- Should you wish to see at first hand what the teams get up to you are welcome to go out one night as an observer.