

## **Organisational changes in Bedford Street Angels**

Below is the text of letters written to the Police and Council today:

"A new Board of Trustees of the Charity was appointed at its AGM on 15 October 2010; it held its first meeting on 4 November 2010 and reviewed its financial position.

Initial funding is being rapidly depleted and there is no prospect at present of significant amounts becoming available to cover its operating expenses.

Accordingly, and with great regret, the Trustees took the decision to give notice of termination of the consultancy contract of Adam May as Project Co-ordinator; in the circumstances Adam will cease his work immediately.

The Trustees record their appreciation of Adam's work in that role since September 2009, and wish him well for the future.

We should like to thank you for the support of yourself and your colleagues for the work of Bedford Street Angels, which will now seek to serve the people of Bedford entirely by means of unpaid volunteers. We would like to assure you that weekend patrols will continue to operate, which is our core function.

In turn, we stand ready and willing to continue to offer our support to the bodies involved in the night-time economy; we would appreciate details of any relevant meetings so that a representative can attend and contact maintained.

If you have any queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact Trevor Moisey or myself."

Despite this change Bedford Street Angels has a vital role to play in the town and that can only happen with your continued enthusiastic participation- thank you! Other volunteers have offered to take the places of Adam and others that have "stepped back", so your support will be greatly appreciated.

In view of the need to focus on weekly patrols and ensuring that arrangements run as smoothly as possible, we have decided to postpone the planned Christmas meal at Grand Tandoori on 1 December 2010; instead we suggest holding a social function in the New Year to which you will be invited.

Please pray that, despite these changes, the work of Bedford Street Angels in serving people in the town centre will still progress, and that we can be 'salt and light' whilst many Christians are tucked up warm in bed!

Yours in His service,

Stephen Elphick

Chair of Trustees