

BEDFORD STREET ANGELS

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Bedford Street Angels is a group of 48 individuals from 13 churches who have committed to going out into Bedford Town Centre every Saturday from 10 pm to 3 am. Since the 27th February 2009 two teams of 3 Street Angels have been out each week and have offered support to those in the town centre. They work in partnership with Bedsafe, Bedfordshire Police and other agencies.

Bedford Street Angels are there to listen, offer a friendly smile and practical support. Each team carries a backpack of essentials such as bottles of water, flip flops, community resource leaflets and taxi information etc.

They have walked many individuals home who may not have arrived home safely. They have intervened in the early stages of escalating situations in order to avoid anyone being hurt or arrested and even on the first night called an ambulance for someone bleeding heavily.

Bedford Street Angels is not on the street to evangelise and will only offer spiritual support if requested. One individual stated, "I'm happy you're not here to tell me what to do."

Most people are in town on a Saturday night to have a good time and they arrive home safely. It is comforting however to know that Bedford Street Angels are available for any unexpected circumstances and just to chat with anyone.

For more information about what we do visit our website at www.bedfordstreetangels.org.uk or contact Major Ian Loxley at 01234 357 174.