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# Newsletter April 2025



## An Update from our Management Committee



The last year has been a busy one for BSA and we are thrilled to have 4 new volunteers: June, Emma, Paula and Selina, welcome to the family.

Our last two training mornings have featured an ITV programme about anti-spiking and an update on basic first aid, including the use of our new portable defibrillator.

In March 2023 we presented Trevor Moisey, who had served BSA loyally in many roles since we started over 16 years ago, with a book of tributes from Street Angels past and present. Trevor was promoted to glory in October 2024. It would be fair to say that without Trevor, we would not have achieved what we have and the streets of Bedford on a Saturday night would not be as safe as they are now. We miss him deeply.

**Martin Denny**

## From a New Street Angel

### How did you come to faith, Selina?



I was raised in a Christian home and my grandad was a pastor. As a child I had a relationship with the Lord but when I hit my teens, I decided that church wasn't for me and off I went into the world for twenty years. Then I lost my father and in only 3 months, I lost other people too.

One evening I was in my room, grief-stricken. Glancing over, I saw a Bible and started to read. Different verses jumped out at me and I knew God was calling me to come back. I listened to the song *Come to the altar* and it was for me. That night I had some dreams and when I woke up it felt as if the scales had fallen from my eyes: I understood that what was missing in my life was God – the God I'd turned my back on for all of those years. One of my best friends introduced me to the church I'm at now. When I think

of the transformation in my life, it's pretty amazing. God is good all the time and when I look back at my life, even at those times when I wasn't walking with God, God was still walking with me.

### Why did you become a Street Angel?

I really feel that God has called me. As a teenager I was out a lot in the clubs, drinking and smoking, so I can relate to young people and now I've got teenagers myself I just want to give back. One night I helped a young lad who was drunk get home safely in a taxi. It occurred to me that that's what Street Angels do and so I applied.



### What have you seen on the streets so far?

On my last patrol we came across a lady who was very drunk. She didn't have any money and was stranded so we got her a taxi to get her home. There was also a young man who had bashed his head on the kerb. We waited with him, making sure that the ambulance was called and that the police came. Expect the unexpected – every patrol is different and has its different challenges, I think.



Last time a guy said how thankful he was for the Street Angels. A few years ago, he was homeless and out on the street drunk. The Street Angels helped him to get back on his feet. Now he had his own flat and had turned his life around.

Getting to know the other Street Angels and hearing their stories of what God has done in their lives has been memorable - they're an amazing bunch of people.

**Selina Tatham**

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