

## Orkney Street Pastors April 2025

We continue to patrol the streets of Kirkwall in a team of at least three people on Saturday nights between 10pm and 2am or until the crowd at the harbour end of Bridge Street disperses. A team will not be sent out if it does not consist of at least one female. We currently have 7 female and 7 male fully trained Street Pastors available for the rota. They are all volunteers and active members of local churches. However, we continue to experience problems in having sufficient volunteers to cover every Saturday night. Recently we have been averaging only 3 per month.

Our recent recruiting campaign has resulted in a number of people expressing an interest and it is intended to start the training course in September.

We are expecting a change in the demographic on the streets as the number of workers from the sub-station site steadily increases on a Saturday night. The proportion of males and the average age of the revellers is likely to increase and many of them will not have experienced Street Pastors previously.

We continue to pick up, on average, 30 dis-guarded bottles and glasses each night.

We have been approached about patrolling the streets of Kirkwall during the Island Games but I have had to inform the organisers that I only have sufficient volunteers to cover Saturday nights.

We will be reviewing our hours of patrolling once the Night Club opens and we determine what effect it will have on the activity on Bridge Street. Neil Stevenson has intimated that he wants us to work closely with his Door Security Team.

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