

Democracy and General Purposes Committee

03/07/19

External Board/Outside Body

External Board/Outside Body	Maidstone Street Pastors
Councillor(s) represented on the Outside Body/External Board	Cllr Denise Joy
Report Author	Cllr Denise Joy
Date of External Board/Outside Body Meeting Attended	20/05/19

Purpose of the External Board/Outside Body:

Maidstone Street Pastors initiative was launched in Jan 2008 with the first set of Pastors out on the streets in Oct 2008.

Chairman, Revd Arthur Houston, Coordinator Nigel Downes and members of the management team continue to work together to provide emotional, spiritual, and practical support to all those in need.

Update:

The recent A.G.M. gave the opportunity for testimonies and reports to be shared as well as the Independent Examined Finances to be agreed. This highlighted the need for further funding to be sought to allow this much needed service to continue in Maidstone.

As an integral part of the night time economy we have built up excellent relationships with door staff, police, Paramedics and the Urban Bus project.

In October this year we celebrated our 10th anniversary and were honoured to have Jane Ashton, High Sherriff of Kent join us and present us with an award for our contribution to the community.

More volunteer Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors are needed and are recruited from members of our local church congregations in Maidstone.