

Chairman's Report

Revd Canon Andrew Blyth

During 2014 we welcomed a new trustee, David Pollard, to the Board; he kindly agreed to serve in this role for a period of 12 months.

We appointed 7 new volunteers, 2 Street Angels and 5 Chaplains, and have been placed Chaplains within organisations and increased the number of nights that Street Angels are out.

From 1st February we were able to increase the hours worked by both members of staff to 20 (Co-ordinator) & 18 (Administrator) each week, which has meant that our ongoing partnership work, volunteer support and communications strategy has been kept going. As we move into 2015 we have agreed to increase these further (to 28 & 21 hours a week, respectively) reflecting the levels of work carried out.

Partnerships we're really pleased to be involved with:

- Pubwatch
- Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership
- AVDC / TVP Independent Advisory Group
- Night-time Economy Forum
- SA-CNI network—Paul & Jean attended our Annual Celebration, Catherine & Mark attended a networking event at Lambeth Palace
- Stewarding at Town Centre Christmas Lights Switch-on
- Welcoming at Aylesbury Town Council's Carolfest

Communications

We issue regular newsletters to volunteers, Friends, church & other partners, and also use our website and Twitter to let people know when we're out and to share news

We also have been welcomed at speaking engagements by:

- Holy Trinity Church, Aylesbury
- Aylesbury Church Network Leaders' Meeting
- The Oaks Community Church, Aylesbury
- Southcourt Baptist Church, Aylesbury
- Ark Church, Aylesbury
- Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership
- Granville St Church, Aylesbury
- Church of the Holy Spirit, Bedgrove
- Something Better Group, Southcourt
- Aylesbury NHS Retirement Group
- Wingrave Churches Together
- Stone Parish Church
- Multi-cultural Centre AGM
- Aylesbury Deanery

We held our Annual Celebration Event in June at St. Mary's, Aylesbury.

We featured on BBC 3Counties Radio, talking about the work of Street Angels during their Big Tour day in Aylesbury

Chaplains

As the team grew during the year we have really been able to increase our presence in the town centre. By the end of the year we had town centre Chaplains on 'patrol' on Tuesdays to Fridays; either linked mainly with one area (e.g. Hale Leys Centre, Friars Square, the Market) or covering various shops along the High Street.

We said goodbye to one of our Chaplains (who moved away from the area).

From March, we have had a Chaplain at Aylesbury College, once a week. She is there each Tuesday during term-time acting as a listening ear to students or staff as and when required, and also was part of the Freshers' Fair in September

From June, Mark has been at Aylesbury Police Station as part of the Police Chaplaincy team, and is on hand to listen to and support officers and civilian staff based there.

From July, we've had a Chaplain at the Healthy Living Centre on Walton Court. She's there each Wednesday afternoon during the time that the baby clinic and café is on, and available to chat with mums, carers and staff.

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During the year we've increased the cover, so that at least once a month we have a team out on both a Friday & Saturday on the same weekend. In addition we had team out at Hallowe'en and on New Year's Eve.

The response continues to be really positive from people out and about as well as PCSOs, police officers, door staff and licensees. Great relationships are being built, and many people being helped.

One Street Angel stepped down and moved away from the area

Supporting our Volunteers

Training

- Thames Valley Police arranged a day's D:fuse training where 10 of our volunteers learnt about being safe on the streets and defusing potentially difficult situations.
- Two of us were able to join with Luton Town Centre Chaplaincy's training on listening skills, bereavement & stress.
- Catherine attended a course on Finance for Non-Finance Managers
- Mark attended Ethics Training with Thames Valley Police
- We also held a Training Day in Weedon Methodist Chapel featuring sessions on drugs awareness, listening skills, and befriending Muslims, to which 15 of our volunteers came.

Meetings

- All our volunteers are invited to attend an annual review meeting with Mark & Catherine; this gives them time & space to reflect on their work with us as well as the wider work of the organisation
- Once a month we aim to have an informal meeting with our volunteer Chaplains for encouragement and prayer
- This year in the spring we invited all our volunteers to a team fellowship meeting and
- In the summer we held a barbecue for our volunteers and their families to say thank you for all they do

Finances & other support

During 2014 we received funding from 16 church groups, Thames Valley Police's Proceeds of Crime Act Fund, AVDC, and BCC. Two church premises allow us to use office and /or meeting space, and we have a Friends scheme. Thank you to all of these supporters.

With this and using reserves, we are in a strong position going into 2015 but looking into 2016 will need to increase our funding base to maintain our current levels of work.

(detailed accounts are available on request)

2014 (<i>provisional figures</i>)	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
c/f from 2013	8,712.60	4,630.42	13,343.02
Income			
Churches	15,372.84	0.00	15,372.84
Donations (incl. Friends)	4,523.40	0.00	4,523.40
Gift Aid	647.75	0.00	647.75
Local authorities	0.00	3,508.00	3,508.00
Thames Valley Police	0.00	1,650.00	1,650.00
Total	20,543.99	5,158.00	25,701.99
Expenditure			
Communications	127.59	0.00	127.59
Equipment	463.38	588.48	1,051.86
Hospitality (incl. Annual Celebration)	267.37	0.00	267.37
Insurance	400.05	70.50	470.55
Office	803.65	0.00	803.65
Staff costs	16,742.36	4,020.51	20,762.87
Street Angels consumables	0.00	329.48	329.48
Volunteer costs	188.89	326.75	515.64
Total	18,993.29	5,335.72	24,329.01

About Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy

Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy was formed as a charitable trust in 2011, governed by a trust deed (dated 15/09/2011) and registered with the Charity Commission in July 2012.

Its main objects are:

a/ to bring the Christian ministry to people living, visiting and/or working in the centre of Aylesbury in the county of Buckinghamshire, by the provision of pastoral care, including but not limited by the formation of a chaplaincy service

b/ the relief of need and provision of good health in Aylesbury by the provision of advice and support.

It must have at least 3 trustees, who are usually appointed to serve for a period of 3 years at a time, by a resolution passed by the existing trustees at a special meeting.

It employs 2 part-time members of staff.

During 2014 there were 5 trustees meetings.

Trustees, as at 31st December 2014:

Revd Canon Andrew Blyth (chair),
David Pollard
Revd Keith Edwards,
Andrew Henderson,
Revd Martin Kuhrt,
Anne Smith

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