

STREET PASTORS BRIGHTON AND HOVE  
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Street Pastors is a project of the Ascension Trust which was formed in 2003 as the Churches response to the increase in gun and knife crime in London.

Since 2003 Street Pastor projects have been established in over 100 towns and cities throughout the UK and internationally. The reduction in crime rates wherever projects have been established has been phenomenal and this is attested to by the partnership between Police, Local Authorities and Churches in the running and management of the local Street Pastor projects. The Home Office supports the project at national level and local projects have gained widespread acclaim in the press.

Street Pastors is the *Church in Action on the Streets*, it is a response by local Churches to problems in our communities. Street Pastors seek to dialogue and engage with night time economy users, getting help and support for individuals where necessary. Street Pastors does not seek to convert or evangelise, rather the project seeks to be a silent witness to the love of Christ through social action. Street Pastors are vetted, trained and commissioned men and women who form a uniformed presence on the streets.

David Burrows MP has said:

*Street Pastors is about Christians rolling up their sleeves and getting involved in practically responding to the problems of crime and safety. They are like beacons on our streets and I want to see them shining in every constituency*

In association with Sussex Police, Brighton and Hove City Council and Churches Together in Sussex, this exciting project will be launched at the Brighton Centre East Wing, on Monday 15th February at 4pm, in the presence of the Worshipful Mayor of the City. There is an open invitation to this launch extended to all who would like to find out more, or who are interested in crime reduction and public safety in the City.

Presentations will be given by Sussex Police, Brighton and Hove City Council, the Church and representatives from Ascension Trust, following which questions will be taken. Refreshments will be available.

Training of prospective Street Pastors will begin in March 2010 following the national approved training course and incorporating localised training provided by community partners.

For further information please see: [www.streetpastors.co.uk](http://www.streetpastors.co.uk). Email: [brighton@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:brighton@streetpastors.org.uk) or call 01273 729888.  
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