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The first Saturday in February 2010. Ten years of Kirkcaldy Street pastors.

A mild night; not as cold as recent but still a wee bit cold.

# We spoke with a gas engineer who expressed his gratitude for the work of Street pastors. He has seen our colleagues in Aberdeen and in Edinburgh but did not know of the Kirkcaldy initiative.

- # We met a girl out celebrating her birthday, (yesterday), who met another girl who shared the same birthday. She was looking forward to moving to another position within the care industry.
- # A young girl who had been "happily" drinking all night had a rather unpleasant experience after drinking just one drink her friend gave to her. The SP gave her water and tissues and she described us as, "lifesavers!"
- # A passing lady was complaining of heartburn. A SP gave her a mint to remedy her situation.
- # A door staff was telling us of the lengths that young folk go to in order to try and gain entry into their establishment. It is ever becoming increasingly more difficult to keep on top of it.
- # A young man from Spain was slightly ill and was offered water by the SP. He refused the water but readily accepted a mint before smiling and thanking us.
- # A young girl sat on the pavement as she was unwell. We gave her water, mints, wrapped her in a foil blanket and supported her until the arrival of her friends. They duly produced their phones and took photos of her before all leaving happily, to get a taxi.

- # SP calmed a row between two males then as one was thankfully walking away, a female became aggressive towards the other male. Calm was restored soon after, as the idea of food was suggested by the SP.
- # A lone female was seen and offered our assistance. She refused all offers and as she appeared sober, we withdrew into the night.
- # A young male was concerned over our safety and insisted that he escort us back to base. He was picked up in the taxi of his friend and we were able to continue our journey.
- # A young girl remembers the assistance of a female SP from 7 years ago. She was then only 15 and is very grateful of the really nice SP who told her to, "go up the road."
- # SP met a young footballer who walks away from trouble. So far this method has served him well.
- # Sitting against a wall was a homeless man who told us his story. Every avenue of assistance was met with a negative. Homeless, pregnant girlfriend, sanctioned,...
  Please pray that his situation improves.

If anyone knows of anyone that would be interested in joining KSP, whether it be the committee, the prayer team, support team or indeed a Street pastor, then please do let us know.