



Sutton Community Works

Faith in action

IMPACT REPORT 2018

A YEAR IN WORDS, PICTURES AND FIGURES



"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you... Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you will prosper."

Jeremiah 29:7

DOING THINGS **BETTER TOGETHER**



With some funding from:



SUTTON STREET PASTORS



SUTTON SCHOOL PASTORS



Rike's story
 (School counselor at Glenthorne)
 The Pastors listening support has been invaluable to Glenthorne

HOW TO GET INVOLVED...

- 8 Saturdays in September and November, or 8 Saturdays in March and May
- Cost: £150
- Uniform provided and DBS check
- ▶ **Application forms from:** sutton@streetpastors.org.uk

Street Pastors are out every Friday & Saturday afternoon and night providing practical pastoral care through caring, helping and listening. This can involve giving lollies, flip flops, water, spikey's, sleeping bags, food and at other times safety tips to avoid dipping in bags. We have seen fear of crime decrease significantly over the last 13 years and are pleased to work with Safer Sutton Partnership and Successful Sutton. Our Street Pastors are committed Christians drawn from local churches.

- ▶ Sign up to pray for Sutton Street and School Pastors and receive weekly updates email: sutton@streetpastors.org.uk

HOW TO GET INVOLVED...

- Cost £150
- Full Uniform and training provided
- Training is in March and September over 5 Saturdays

To apply to become a School Pastor, email for an application form:

- ▶ **Email:** sutton@streetpastors.org.uk
- ▶ **Tel/Text:** 07525 838640

students. They have run Resilience Groups for Year 7's settling in; Year 7/8's in equipping with resilience skills and for Year 9/10's to cope with exam pressures. The team have provided an exceptional one-to-one listening support for many vulnerable students through the year. Young people often need a space to be listened to and understood non-judgementally. This has given them a voice too. I can't thank the pastors enough for the service they have provided to many vulnerable students which has supported me in my role too!

We are in Glenthorne, Greenshaw, Overton & Stanely Park High schools and are starting in Cheam High in October 2018. School Pastors are committed Christians drawn from local churches and provide one-to-one listening support and group work helping students transition into secondary school and build emotional resilience skills.

Statistics, Sutton Street Pastors:

Night time:
1586
 volunteer hours

Day time:
1096
 volunteer hours

Night time:
317
 people directly assisted

Day time:
300
 people directly assisted

Statistics, Sutton School Pastors:

In 4 schools we helped **122** students
 with **253** one-to-one sessions
 and **82** students in resilience groups

Figures to 30th Sept 2018

Helping with issues of:

Self-esteem... anxiety... friendship... school work... behavioural problems... family circumstances... body image... social media...



Since 2009 people who find themselves in food crisis have been referred by local agencies to Sutton Foodbank where they have received three days of emergency food provision.

Statistics, Sutton Foodbank:



Figures to 30th Sept. 2018

▶ To get involved, email:
admin@suttoncommunityworks.org



John's story
 I became involved in Sutton Food Bank because I wanted to put my faith in to action. Initially, I volunteered to be involved with the "re-stocking" Team and quickly ended up running the team! Our responsibility is to ensure that there is enough food in the stock room for each Food Bank session. Each team member commits to one re-stocking session per month that takes about an hour - it's very "behind-the-scenes" but is also very important. I have a great team and there is always room for one or two more!

Sutton Linking Lives was established in 2017 as a response to the growing number of isolated people over the age of 65 in the Borough. Through the project we are seeking to build confidence in our link friends and gently encourage them into local groups and activities in their communities. Building belonging and enhance physical and emotional wellbeing and reduce loneliness.

We have volunteers from 4 churches who are befriending 9 Link Friends. Activities might include an outing, playing games and just simply chatting!

Sutton Linking Lives receives funding from Sutton Community Fund.




Julia's story
 Having heard Mark Tomlinson speak at The Church of the Good Shepherd about Sutton Linking Lives befriending scheme, I felt drawn to answer the call for volunteers. I am so glad to have been matched with a lovely lady, who shares my passion for classical music and love of gardens. I have been visiting her since last summer, and I am really pleased to know her. Not only does she truly appreciate my fortnightly visits, but I, in turn, feel very blessed in having come to know her, and in being able to spend time with her.

LATEST NEWS...

New foodbank centre opened in October 2018 at St. Michaels and All Angels Church in Wallington and was officially opened by the Mayor of Sutton.

▶ Can you help with listening to someone who is living in social isolation?
 If you are interested please get in touch. Full training will be given.
Email: linkinglives@suttoncommunityworks.org

PRAYER FOR SUTTON AND JOB CLUB



HISTORY, OUR VISION & MISSION



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Matthew 25:35-36



**Mark Tomlinson,
Projects Director**

"Get involved and make a difference!"

September was the perfect time for inviting the Church in Sutton to pray for our Borough. The event was hosted at The Church of the Good Shepherd, and used a variety of creative ways to pray. Local artist Hazel Manley interpreted the biblical story of the mustard seed, and we invited local support agencies to advise us on prayer needs in the Borough. Over 80 people came some for 10 minutes some for the whole day to set aside time to invite God into the circumstances we face in the Borough of Sutton, and the church.

Viv's story

I enjoy the job club as it is lovely to see people who initially are a bit nervous and cautious then get to know one another and find support from the group and each other. It is great to be able to offer practical help advice and information that will help them and to see the progress they can make even in a few weeks.



Statistics, Job Club:

40 people attended
over **5** Job Clubs during 2017

Figures to 30th Sept 2018

▶ For more information, email: team@prayerforsutton.org

▶ For more information, email: admin@suttoncommunityworks.org

The Job Club receives funding from:



VISION

A safe, fair, healthy, flourishing community in Sutton where people are connected and able to know and enjoy fullness of life.

MISSION

To be a thriving, diverse and active Christian community, partnering together, bringing positive transformation to the London Borough of Sutton, linking local churches, the local community and key decision makers, identifying needs, mobilising people of Christian faith to serve the community through our projects.

WINTER SHELTER PILOT...

Due to an increase in roughsleeping in our borough we have decided to pilot a winter shelter early in 2019. **See: suttoncommunityworks.org** for more information.

Volunteers training will be either two evening sessions on Tues 8th & Tues 22nd Jan 7.30-10pm or a daytime session on Saturday 12th January 9.30-2.30pm. **To register your interest, contact:** suttonshelter@gmail.com



LEADERS MEETINGS...

Church leaders meet 3 times a year in an "Engine Room" to discuss such ideas and plans. To participate email: info@suttoncommunityworks.org

VOLUNTEERING

HOW MANY HOURS CAN YOU GIVE A WEEK?



GIVING TO SUTTON COMMUNITY WORKS

Sutton Community Works relies on donations from individuals, Churches and grants.

▶ BY BACS/CHEQUE

For further details please email: admin@suttoncommunityworks.org

▶ ONLINE

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