



NEWSLETTER

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Street Angels supports...



The **Charity Gala** went really well - a beautiful sunny day attracted 15,000 to the event! Street Angels took part in the procession as well as having face painting, drinks, a quiz and Christian literature at Manor Heath. Lot's of Street Angels took part and helped us raise **£176.88** for Street Angels. Well done and thank you....



Several StreetAngels received an **Oscar** at the Voluntary Action Calderdale Oscars ceremony - this is an annual event to recognise the wonderful work carried out by volunteers across the Borough...



Our younger Angels(17 - 25 years) are to become **Millennium Volunteers** in recognition for volunteering at Street Angels.



Christians Together Halifax also received **Charitable Status** - this means we can now Gift Aid donations (download form at www.streetangels.org.uk) as well many other benefits -



one of which being Jean running the 13.1miles of the **Great North Run** (on 30th September) to raise some money for Street Angels - sponsor forms out soon!



Are you on **MySpace**? If so add us as a friend - myspace.com/streetangelshalifax

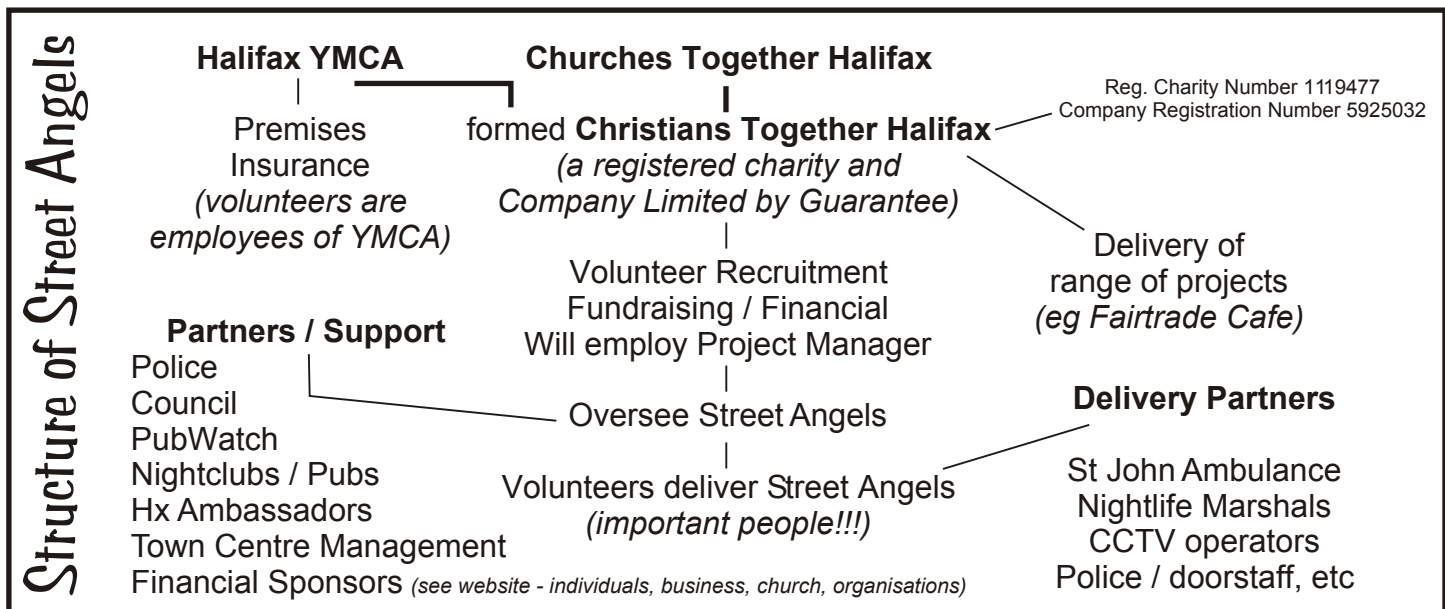
We recognise that Street Angeling can sometimes be stressful and issues may arise that you need to share and talk about. To help with this we have put together a network of people willing to offer support to Street Angels. These include:

- Jean and Paul Blakey - SA coordinators
- Christians Together Halifax (church leaders)
- Angus Henderson - CEO Halifax YMCA
- Andrew Sloman - CMBC Nightlife Coordinator
- Beth Ward / Town Centre Ambassadors
- Dave Apsee - Halifax Neighbourhood Police
- Jonathan Fenton - Acapulco Nightclub

As well as other Street Angels...

Information on how to contact people is available from Paul or is in the Training Folder in Fairtrade Café. Many thanks to those who have offered to be part of this.

The **Investing in Volunteers (IIV)** award is going well. We are working our through the Self Assessment and this is helping us to professionalise a lot of what we are doing, particularly in regards to volunteers. These newsletters, regular get together's and a new volunteer commitment have come out of IIV. To help with one area of the IIV award a **Street Angels structure** is below which should help all Angels be clearer about how Street Angels is organised and run...



July / August events:

Mon 9th July - **Hope 08 meeting**, 7.30pm at Halifax Elim, Hall Street. Hope 08 is a massive nationwide initiative taking place throughout 2008 encouraging churches to partner with others to make a difference in communities (just like Street Angels!) See www.hope08.com for more details...

Tue 17th July - help is needed for a massive **Halifax Centre clean up** in preparation for the Halifax In Bloom judging on Wed 18th July. Halifax In Bloom is a competition aimed at making the town a better place through flowers, community involvement, national recognition, partnership working, etc... 10am meet at Manor Heath Park (Jungle Experience); 12noon meet

at top of Woolshops in town centre; 2pm meet at People's Park Information point - commit to as long as you like upto 2 hours - every little helps!!!

Tue 17th July - **Calderdale Community Forum AGM**, 4-7pm at Halifax Elim, Hall St - StreetAngels to have a stand if anyone can help with this...

Sat 11th August - **Halifax Agricultural Show**, can you be part of the StreetAngels stall - if so see Paul.

Sat 18th August - **Party in Piece Hall**, 7pm - 11pm. Home FM are organising this event with some top pop acts throughout the night. Street Angels have been asked to help with stewarding, please let Paul know if you are interested!

Good News from Wakefield...

A WOMAN who collapsed on a night out says Wakefield's Street Angels saved her life.

The 21-year-old, who does not want to be named, fears she may have had her drink spiked while in the city centre on Saturday night.

At about 1am she says she suddenly passed out while on Westgate. She said: "I was panicking, I do not know what happened. "I was vulnerable, there was no way I could protect or defend myself.

"I felt terrible and was in a real state - it was such a shock." "Anything could have happened to me. I could have been in an accident or attacked."

The 21-year-old, from Durkar, was led into the safe care of the Street Angels. She said: "I was rescued by two angels and will never forget the kindness they showed me.

"They probably saved my life. I cannot praise or thank them highly enough."

The StreetAngels took her to their base, a late-night cafe at the Westmorland Centre near to Wakefield Cathedral, kept her safe and made sure she got home safely

Ben Brown, Street Angels co-ordinator, said: "We are just glad we could help this young woman, but that is what we are here for and we are just doing what we said we would."

The volunteers became a permanent part of the city centre's weekend nightlife in March this year after successful trials during Christmas and New Year.

Mr Brown said: "We have helped a lot of people so far but we still need volunteers and we need first aiders - we are currently looking for funding for the St John Ambulance to join us."

Wakefield's Street Angels are based on the pioneering scheme set up in Halifax and made up of 45 volunteers.

Dedicated to offering an approachable face during busy weekend nights, they keep in touch with door staff, nightclub owners, the council's CCTV control room and police via radio.

During their first six months in Halifax, police reported a 40 per cent reduction in violent crime in the centre.

For more details, go to www.wakefieldstreetangels.org.uk or telephone 01924 380197.

From Wakefield Express



Street Angels Leah, Damian, Denise, Gail and Ana receive an **Oscar** on behalf of all Angels from the Deputy Mayor of Calderdale Geraldine Cater and Emmerdale, Bad Girls and The Chase star Paul Opacic.

On June 29th we had our friend **Dario Luiz** from Brazil join us again as a Street Angel. Dario preaches around the world and often tells people about the brilliant way the church in Halifax is making a difference on the streets! It is great to have the church in Brazil praying for us (as well as the church in Uganda through Deo who leads a daily prayer hour on national radio and regularly includes Street Angels...)



Coming soon - make money for Street Angels as you search the web... See streetangels.org.uk !!!!!!!

Street Angels is the Community Foundation for Calderdale Project of the Year 2007. We have had several visitors from CFC join us Street Angeling over the year and there is an open invitation to the Board and staff! This has helped raise our profile locally and is a great achievement for a project less than a year old (when we became Project of the Year November 06). At some stage HBOS are to give us some money towards a Project Manager for Street Angels and this will help us in expanding the work we do across the Borough as well with the week to week running of Halifax and the expansion of Street Angel type projects across the UK.

