

Be a Street Angel

Camberley Street Angels has grown from Christian beliefs and a long Christian heritage of service and loving one's neighbour.



It stems from a desire on the part of the Christian Community in Camberley to show care and love to people in need in our town. Values of **selflessness** and being **non-judgmental, integrity, honesty, professionalism, collaboration** and **excellence** lie at the heart of everything a Street Angel does. Street Angels respect and learn from diversity by caring for anyone, regardless of who they are and whatever their circumstances. Safety of Street Angel volunteers and the people we seek to serve is essential.

WHO ARE STREET ANGELS?

Street Angels or similar programmes have been springing up across the UK over the last 6 years. Street Angels are adult volunteers from local churches who care and provide practical support for the people who use the night clubs and other leisure and entertainment venues in Camberley town centre on a Friday night, including helping them to access any further support they may need.

WHAT DO STREET ANGELS DO?

Street Angels believe that people in need, particularly young people, deserve care and support. The needs of these individuals may be the result of homelessness, drunkenness, drug abuse or any other issue, which has caused personal distress or the potential for physical harm.

They help people whoever they are and whatever their situation, for example by listening, caring, offering practical help and through simple acts of generosity and kindness. On occasion they can also help by referring people to other (specialist) agencies who can help them further.

Their calming presence on the streets late at night makes a really positive impact on crime and antisocial behaviour in town centres.

STREET ANGEL VALUES

Selfless and non-judgmental

Street Angels expect nothing in return for the help they provide and believe that people in need are best served by a non-judgmental approach.

Excellence and professionalism

We believe that people in need deserve nothing but the highest standards of service and professionalism. Street Angels receive regular, high quality training and ongoing support to help them perform their role safely and to a high standard.

Integrity and honesty

It is imperative to the success of Street Angels that their service is delivered with the highest ethical and legal standards. Honesty, fairness and integrity are principles that underpin all Street Angels' activities.

Collaboration and partnership

Camberley Street Angels works in partnership with a wide range of statutory, voluntary, community and faith organisations.

HOW STREET ANGELS WORKS?

Street Angels is managed by the Churches Together in Camberley (CTC). All volunteers have been recruited through a rigorous process (including Criminal Record Bureau checks) and agree to abide by the policies and procedures that apply to Camberley Street Angels.

Street Angels commit to volunteer for 1 night every four weeks and to an initial programme of approximately 6 training sessions. They are also be expected to attend ongoing training to support them in their role.

On any given Friday night there will be 4-8 Street Angels working in pairs providing on-street care and support for anyone in need during the hours the bars and clubs open. They will work closely with the Police and emergency services. Street Angels will patrol on foot and have direct contact by radio with each other, the team base, CCTV and the Police.