

# Town Pastor (Stowmarket) Application Form

Please read the attached notes before filling in this form.

A short interview will be held prior to enrolment.

## 1. Personal Details

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel (day): \_\_\_\_\_ (eve): \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (minimum age 18)

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ ..Church attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Their relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Why do you want to be a Town Pastor?

Please give a short statement as to why you wish to be a Town Pastor. Just a BRIEF statement is required so please only use the space provided:

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**2b. (Optional) I would also like to join the Prayer (Base) Team**  Yes or **Prayer (Home) Team**  Yes

If so, you do not need to complete a separate Prayer Team Application Form.

## 3. Please give details of any relevant qualifications you have (e.g. First Aid).

## 4. Do you have any health/medical problems that it may be helpful for us to know about?

## 5. Details of any criminal record

Have you ever had a criminal conviction, caution, reprimand or final warning?

No

Yes

Do you have a police enquiry or prosecution pending?

No

Yes (Please give dates and details on reverse)

*(This role is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, and you are required to disclose all convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings, including those that have been spent).*

I agree to Town Pastors (Stowmarket) doing a check with the Criminal Records Bureau:

N.B. All Town Pastors must agree to a new CRB check. I already have been CRB checked   
(please attach photocopy)

*(A criminal record does not necessarily bar you from becoming a Town Pastor and cases will be assessed on an individual basis.)*

## 6. References

Please supply the details of two referees. One should be your current church leader or minister whilst the other should be a personal referee.

### Reference 1 – Church leader or minister

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel (day): \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (eve): \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reference 2 – Personal Referee

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel (day): \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (eve): \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

On the attached Reference Forms, **please complete your personal details in box 1 and then pass them ASAP** to your first and second referee.

## 7. Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the information given in this form is true and accurate and I consent to this information being retained by Town Pastors (Stowmarket) and being disclosed to the referees named in this application.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Minister's/Church Leader's Signature

I confirm that the applicant attends the church stated above and I am aware that they are applying to be a Town Pastor

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please pass the attached referee forms to your first and second referees and return your completed application form to The Secretary, Stowmarket Town Pastors, c/o St Peter and St Mary's Church, Station Road West, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1ES.***

# Town Pastor (Stowmarket) Reference Form

To help with our selection process please can you provide a reference for the applicant:

<p><b>1. Applicants Details</b></p> <p>Full Name: _____ Title .....</p> <p>Address: _____ _____</p> <p>Tel (day): _____ (eve): _____ Mobile: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>
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To help you in completing this reference please read the following notes. These are intended to explain the task of a Town Pastor and help you assess the suitability of the applicant wishing to apply for this role.

## What is a Town Pastor?

A Town Pastor, working as part of a team and in collaboration with the police and local council, seeks to be a positive influence principally on the streets of the town centre and other night-life areas. Town Pastors would typically be out at the weekends in these places, in shifts, from around 8.00pm until the early hours (in Stowmarket, the need has been initially identified as below).

The role of a Town Pastor is not primarily evangelistic but rather about listening, caring and helping young people. It is about showing concern and offering assistance where appropriate, in a non-judgmental and unconditional way.

Town Pastors seek to be a positive presence on the streets available to offer support to vulnerable people, to de-escalate potential trouble and generally assist the police and others.

For reasons of personal safety and to make the most effective use of the Town Pastors, they are monitored by CCTV in the town centre area (where available) and are in radio contact with the CCTV control room.

The police and local council support Town Pastors on the streets of Stowmarket.

## Expectations and Commitment

Town Pastors will operate in teams of two. More than one team may be out on the streets at any one time. The desire and ability to work as part of a team is therefore essential.

Town Pastors must be over 18, Christian and part of a local church.

Town Pastor teams are initially out on the streets on Friday nights. The teams patrol from 8.00pm to around 11.00pm. Very occasionally, they will patrol on other nights if requested by the police.

On average, each Town Pastor is expected to be out one night a month.

<p><b>2. Personal details of referee:</b></p> <p>Title: _____ Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ _____</p> <p>Tel no: _____ Email: _____</p>
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**3. Relationship to the applicant and suitability of the applicant:**

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any reason why the applicant may be unable to fulfil the role of a Town Pastor (as stated above)?

No

Yes

If yes, please give brief details:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Further comments you would like to add:**

Include here why you would recommend the applicant to be a Town Pastor

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\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Personal Declaration:**

To the best of my knowledge, the information I have given on this form is current and accurate.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to *The Secretary, Stowmarket Town Pastors, c/o St Peter and St Mary's Church, Station Road West, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1ES.*