

Town centre news from Bid4Bury

Bid4Bury is committed to enhancing the safety and security of our town centre and has recently agreed to support a team of volunteers who help to make Bury St Edmunds a safer place on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Town Pastors, who are all volunteers from local churches, aim to bring a positive influence to the streets by supporting vulnerable people and helping to de-escalate any potential trouble. They work in pairs between 10pm and 4am and operate alongside the police, emergency services and the local council.

Bid4Bury has donated a laptop computer to the Town Pastors to enable them to train new volunteers and raise awareness of their work in their local communities. As the night time economy is a vital part of the success of the town, an additional presence on the streets giving support is a huge asset.

Chairman of the Town Pastors, The Reverend Rob Hufton, commented: "We are very grateful to Bid4Bury for supporting our work in this way. We ensure our volunteers undergo a full training programme which covers issues such as core values, personal safety, drug and alcohol awareness and basic first aid and the new laptop will enable us to do this far more effectively."

