

## 3 years on the road!

Here we are, reflecting once again on the past few month of life at Wheels in motion - God is Good! We have seen several changes including the venues of the bus, and God has been faithful in guiding, directing and providing for us every step of the way.

The ministry has now been running for three years, and has been incredibly worthwhile thanks to our volunteers, supporters and various organisations.

## What does a typical week now involve?

The bus is cleaned, stocked and organised every Thursday, before it sets off for the first stop of the night, outside the Court at Wellington Square, Ayr. It is parked there from around 7.45pm – 8.40pm, and there is usually a crowd gathering by the time we arrive. This reinforces the need for the reliability of this work – people expect us to be there, so not showing up, or having a week off because it's too cold or wet, is just not an option.



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We welcome the clients in to the bus, although often it is too busy to have everyone in at once, so we have some volunteers who stand outside and mingle until the bus quietsens down.

## 'We use the Starbucks approach!'

We then get the kettles filled and start taking the orders! We've recently adopted the 'Starbucks approach' of taking clients names and orders. This helps the kitchen staff to keep track of who wants what, and also gives greater opportunity to get to know and remember the names of clients. It makes it slightly more personal and the clients seem to be responding well to it, although they still chance their arm by trying to order alcohol from week to week! The relaxed atmosphere means they are comfortable with a bit of banter, but it doesn't take away from the real reason we are there – to show them Gods love in action.

## "Have you forgotten the prayer?"

Before we leave the court we have a time of prayer, which our clients have now come to expect. If we are running slightly late or appear at all distracted, there is always someone asking 'Have you forgotten the prayer?' or 'Are we still going to pray?'. This is really encouraging, as is when they request prayer for their friends, family or circumstances. People are really starting to acknowledge Gods existence and we just pray that this will lead to them each developing a personal relationship with him.

## Lidl's car park

We then pack up the bus and head to our second stop, Lidl's car park from 8.45pm – 9.30pm. This is situated right next to the Police station, so we hope that will act as deterrent for those looking to cause trouble!

It took a few weeks for people to remember about the Lidl stop, but it is now picking up and both stops are now generally busy. It runs in exactly the same way, but with the large number of clients now being split between two stops, the volunteers have more opportunities to speak with clients and actually get to know them.

## Police presence

We have been in touch with the local police who try and pay us a visit when they can. The clients are not always impressed by this, but they have become more receptive to it as they realise they are not there to hunt people out, but just to show support for the work we are doing in the community.

## Increased number of volunteers

We have been delighted to see an increase in our number of volunteers. We have a wide range of people from various backgrounds, occupations and Churches, and together they do an amazing job at reaching out to our clients, getting to know them, listening to them and helping in any way they can.

## Provisions!

Every week our clients are privileged to not only enjoy soup, rolls, hot drinks and biscuits, but they also get a goody bag to take home! The contents of this are provided by Greggs the Bakers, and Lorraine and Hugh from the Station Café, Prestwick, who faithfully donate rolls, bananas and other treats. We are very grateful for this support, and know that our clients are too as we see them dive in excitedly to see what they are being given.



## Christmas support

This Christmas we had a group of women who were friends and relatives of Wheels in motion making food packages for each of our clients. This helped provide the basics they would need over the festive period, but also included some luxuries – like hot chocolate and marshmallows! We really appreciate the kindness of all these women, and want to thank them on behalf of all of our clients.

As always, just before Christmas we had some fun and games going on in the bus – we are only out for a short time, but aim in that time to provide a release from the challenges they are facing daily.

## Prayer requests

Continued guidance and provision for the future

Safety for both volunteers and clients

Progress for clients, both practically and spiritually

## Suzanne Holden

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*“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”*



