



Oxford City
Angels

PROGRESS REPORT

- 2022 to 2025 -

ABOUT US

Oxford City Angels was established in May 2022 with Home Office funding through the Safer Streets 3 initiative. We are a volunteer-run, female-focused support team working in partnership with Thames Valley Police, Oxford City Council, and Nightsafe Oxford to enhance safety during Oxford's night-time economy.

Our primary mission is to support the safety and security of women and girls at night. We achieve this through proactive, high-visibility patrols and meaningful engagement on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings between 22:00 and 04:00.



During each shift, our teams are deployed either on foot or in a vehicle, patrolling key areas such as Cowley Road and Oxford City Centre. Volunteers proactively engage with individuals who may be vulnerable and offer immediate, practical support to reduce the risk of harm.

Our interventions may include:

- Helping reconnect a person with friends or family
- Escorting individuals to registered safe places
- Safely and appropriately challenging incidents of sexual harassment
- Reporting and escalating potential threats
- Assisting vulnerable individuals in returning home safely
- Liaising with emergency services when required
- Providing basic first aid

Since our establishment, Oxford City Angels have delivered **over 1,188 volunteer hours** across **66 shifts, completing more than 300 interventions** to support vulnerable individuals and help keep Oxford's nightlife safe, inclusive, and welcoming for all. We currently have **11 committed volunteers** who generously give up their time and weekends to help keep women safe and ensure Oxford remains a welcoming and secure place for everyone to enjoy.



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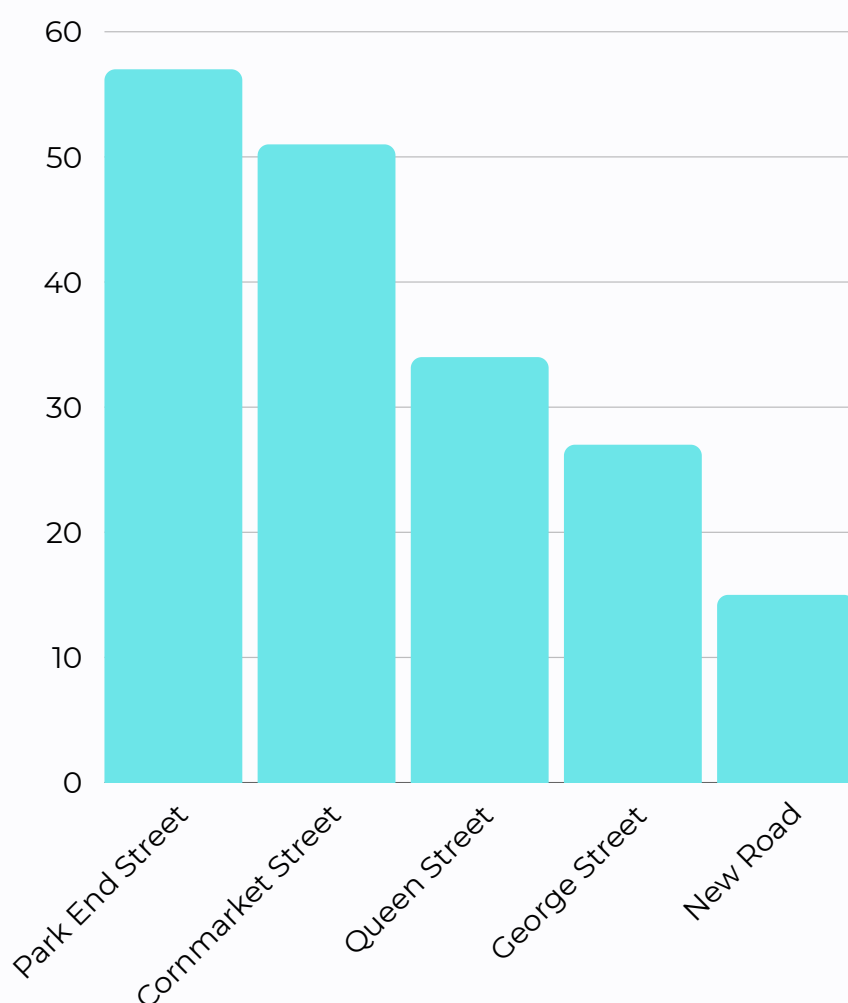
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"As I hope you know, we fully support the work you do to keep people safe and love working with you" - Licensed Venue

Top 5 intervention locations

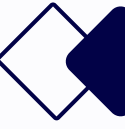
Park End Street is the most popular for OCA interventions, with 57 interventions recorded on this street alone. This is followed closely by Cornmarket Street.

Other roads with more than 10 recorded interventions that are not listed here include Cowley Road, Gloucester Green, and Hythe Bridge Street.

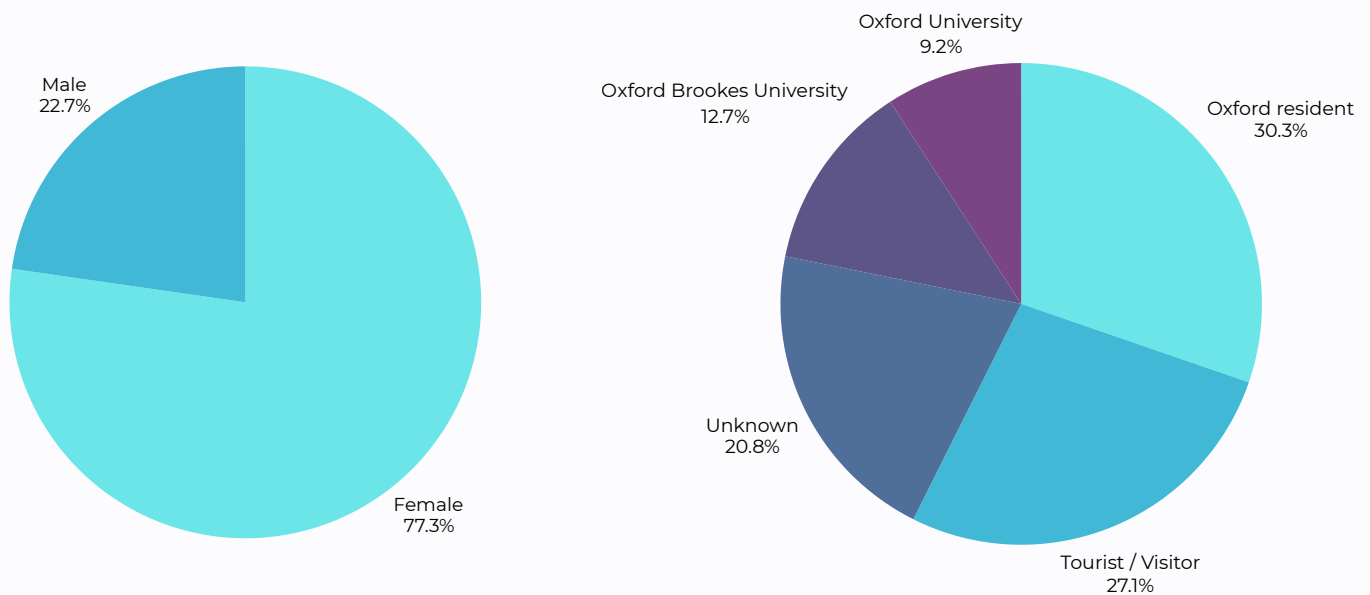


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SERVICE USERS



Our service users are predominantly female (77%), which is likely due to our proactive nature and primary focus on female vulnerability.

Just over half of service users live in Oxfordshire, with at least 27.1% being tourists to the area.

“Thank you so much City Angels! You lovely people are the reason I can go out and about in Oxford again and feel a lot safer at night!” - service user



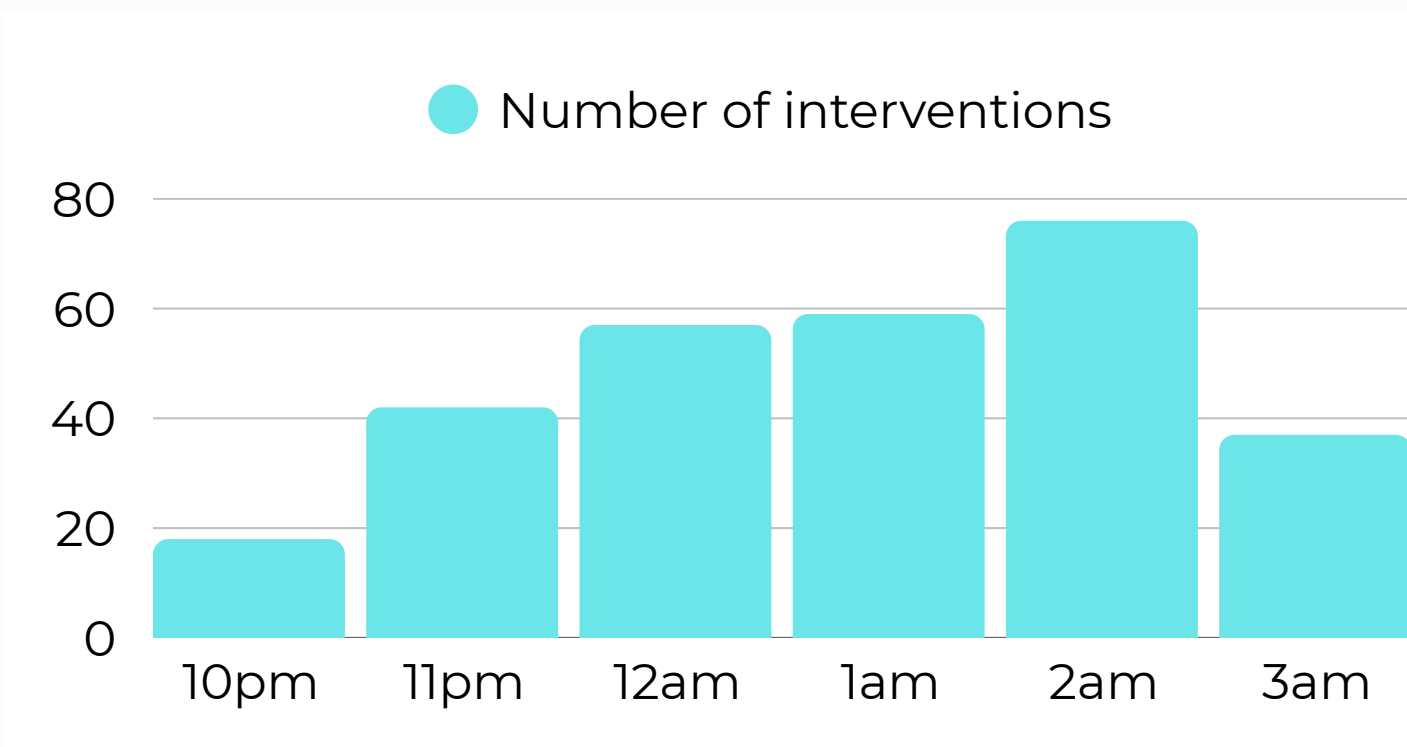
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"With both my daughters in Oxford, I am proud to support your amazing team in keeping our girls safe. Thank-you!!" - parent

BUSIEST HOURS



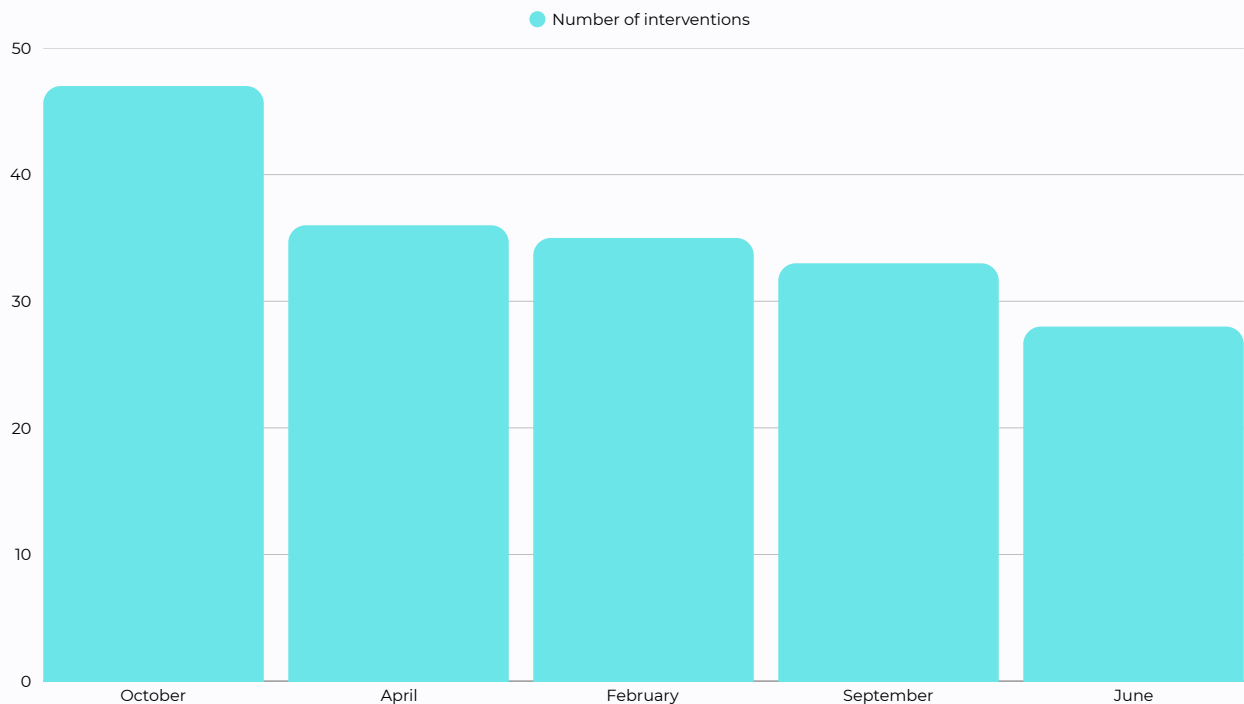
The highest density of interventions occurs between midnight and 2am, with a significant number of these being safeguarding / welfare concerns, and first aid / medical events. This timing underscores the Angels' strategic presence when and where they are most needed.

Volunteers prioritise patrols in areas where they are most likely to be needed. This includes around Park End Street towards the early hours of the morning, and Cornmarket Street from around 1am to 3am.



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BUSIEST MONTHS

October is consistently OCA's busiest month, with 47 recorded interventions. April, February and September follow with 36, 35, and 33 interventions respectively.

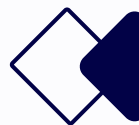
As is to expected due to the universities' being on summer break or students sitting exams, July, August, and May are some of the more quiet months. July is the quietest, with 14 recorded interventions.

"Thank you so much for staying with my daughter until I could come and get her, true heroes" - parent



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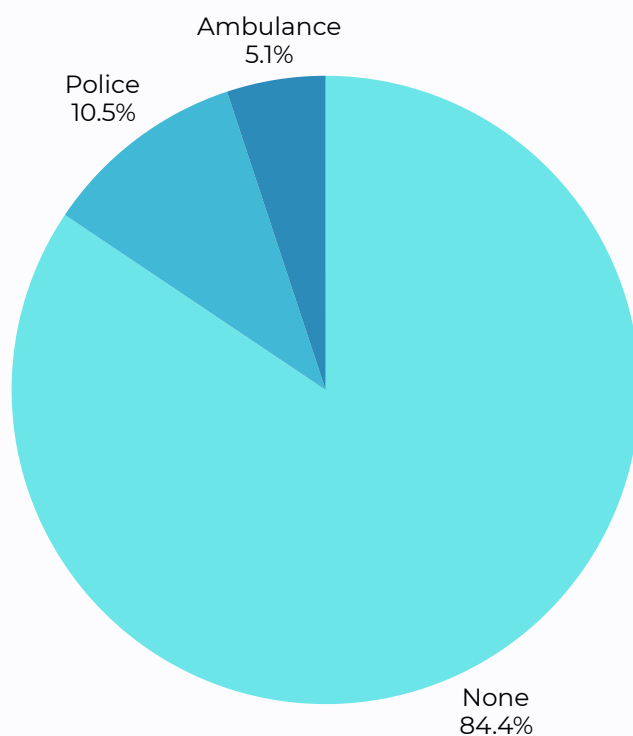
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

In 84.4% of cases, the Angels have been able to intervene, de-escalate or resolve a situation, or provide on-scene first aid, without requiring emergency services.

By doing so, we hope it has reduced demand on the emergency services in the nighttime economy and allowed them to allocate their resources to those incidents which are in greater need of them.



"They are highly regarded by the local community and licenced premises and their work to reduce demand on policing and safeguard the visitors to our city is something that everyone is incredibly grateful for" - Thames Valley Police Community Policing Awards 2023

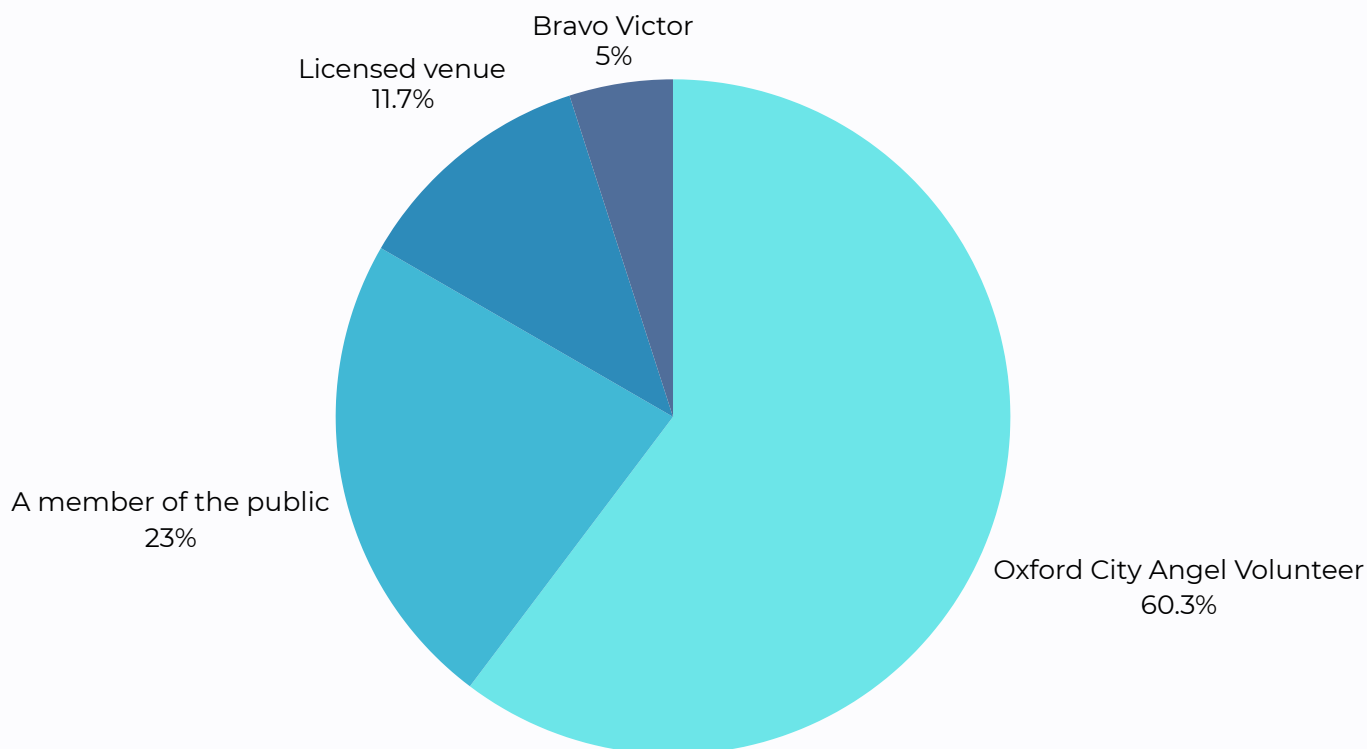


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INCIDENT ALERTS



The majority of incident alerts come from "Oxford City Angel Volunteers" themselves, highlighting their proactive approach to patrolling and identifying individuals in need, rather than solely reacting to calls.

We are then proud to note that members of the public are the second highest category. This comes from members of the public recognising Angels whilst out on patrol and approaching them directly for help or for help for someone around them.

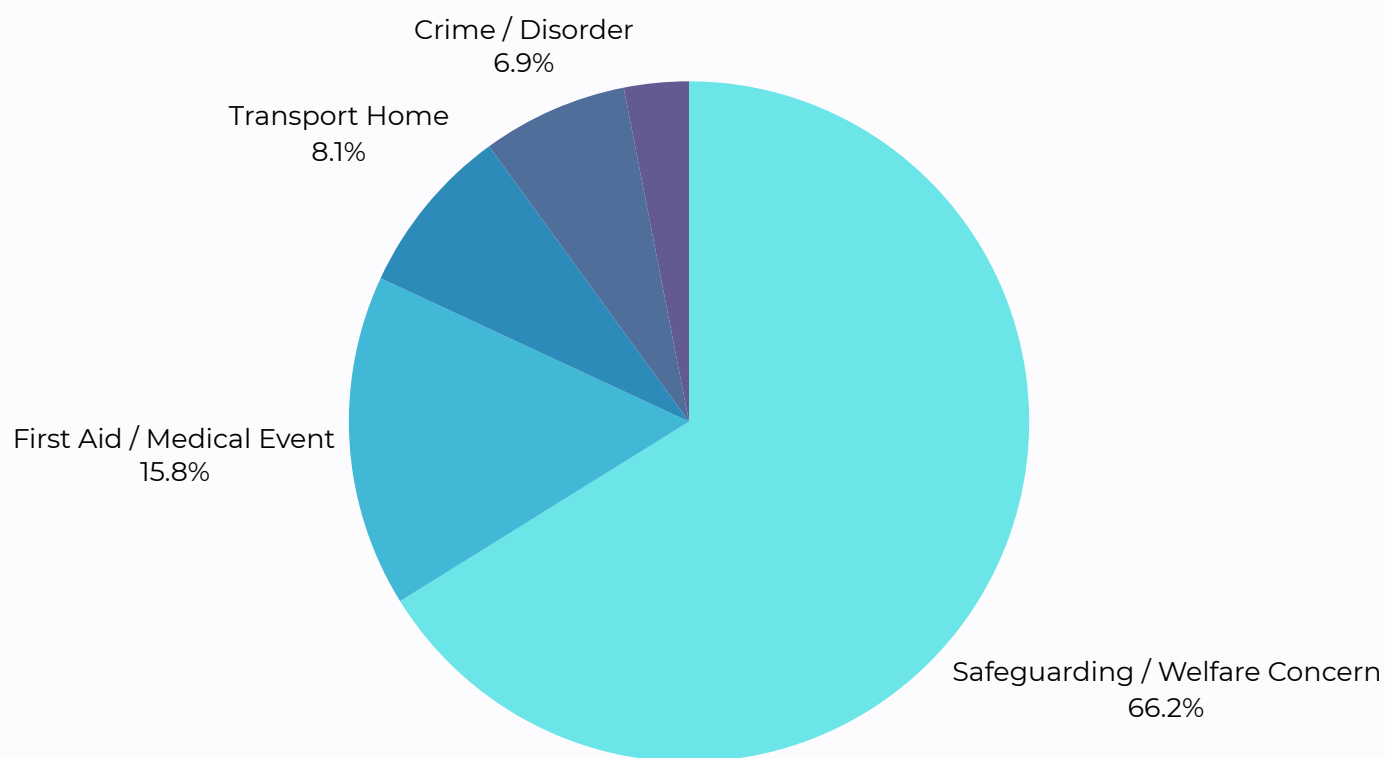
"Your compassion, care, and commitment make a real difference every single shift. Thank you for being a vital part of our community" - service user



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NATURE OF INCIDENT



The Angels primarily deal with "Safeguarding/Welfare Concern" incidents, demonstrating their direct impact on protecting vulnerable individuals and providing immediate support in potentially dangerous situations.

"First Aid/Medical Event" is the second most common incident category, indicating the Angels' critical role in offering immediate medical attention, often preventing situations from worsening or requiring professional emergency medical intervention.

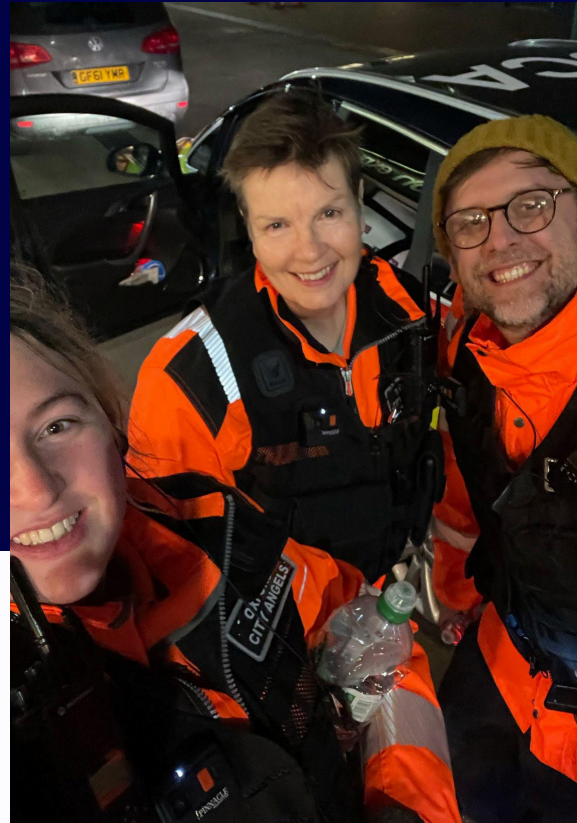


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In essence, the Oxford City Angels act as a crucial frontline support system, actively contributing to a safer night-time economy by addressing welfare concerns, providing immediate assistance, and reducing the burden on statutory emergency services.



Sponsorship and grants

Oxford City Angels is a completely volunteer-run organisation. To sustain our operations, we rely on sponsorships and grants to cover essential costs, including insurance, equipment, uniforms, volunteer training, fuel, and first aid supplies. All funding received goes directly into our operational costs. Sponsorships, grants and donations are the only way we can continue to operate.

If you would like to donate to, or sponsor, the Oxford City Angels, you can visit our webpage <https://oxfordcityangels.org.uk/sponsors>, or contact us at contact@oxfordcityangels.org.uk.

We have a variety of options available, including one-off donations, tiered sponsorship packages, and community champions. Your contributions help us to keep supporting the night-time economy for years to come.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley** for their continued financial grant support, which has been instrumental in sustaining and developing the work of Oxford City Angels.



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