

sixtyone **Sixty-One: “Helping offenders live free from crime”:**

Context:

SixtyOne is the founder of a Bristol city-wide partnership that supports prisoners before and after release. They enable individuals, churches, charities and businesses to provide the relational and community based support offenders need to live free from crime. This includes MentorMe (<https://www.sixty-one.org/mentorme>) which is SixtyOne’s biggest project.

The Trusted Executive Charitable Foundation (TTECF) has been supporting Sixty-One’s “MentorMe” programme in Bristol since March 2019 with a series of grants totalling £48,170 (@February 2023).

Easter ‘23 Update:

New life:

Just prior to Easter, Sixty-One delivered 400 Easter gift packs to Eastwood Park Women’s Prison to be handed out to the women over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. As well as the gifts, each of the women received information about the MentorMe mentoring programme and a booklet explaining the Easter message. Both of these things, in different ways, offer the opportunity of a new life.

When a new life comes into the world it isn’t an easy process. There can be pain and struggle involved as well as immeasurable joy and happiness. **Struggle doesn’t negate value, often it increases it.** For the men and women who Sixty-One support, starting a new life on release from prison isn’t always easy; there can be so many hurdles to overcome, but the value of that new life is immeasurable and so worth it. Having someone to walk alongside, and safe communities to be a part of, makes all the difference.

These are great examples of people giving their time and care to support and mentor people who often consider themselves outcasts from society. Kindness, evangelising (celebrating) successes, and being open, are some of “The Nine Habits of Trust” (<https://trustedexecutive.com/nine-habits-of-trust>).