



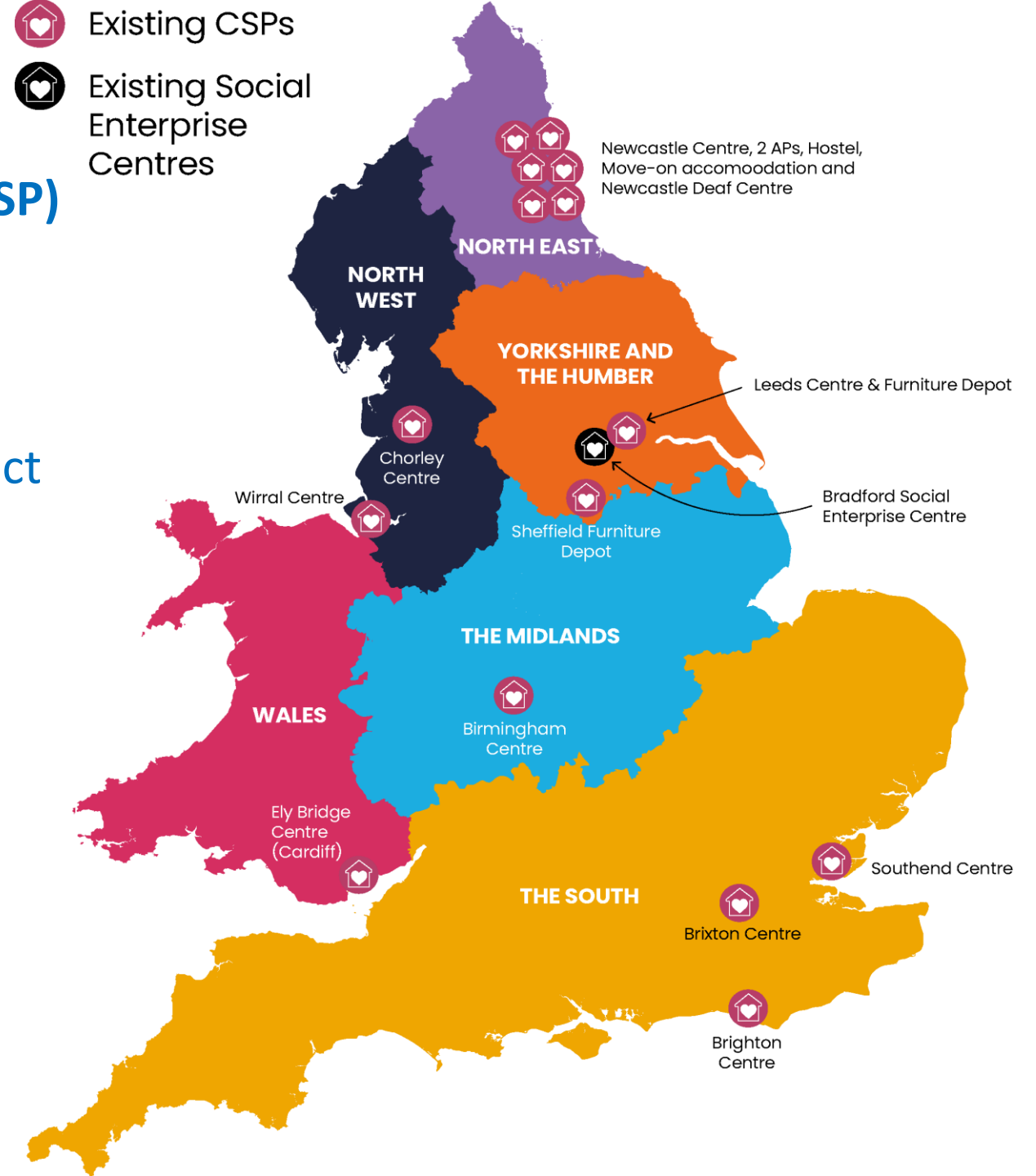
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Community Support Projects: Reaching those on the periphery

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Current Community Support Projects(CSP)

- Newcastle
- Deaf Centre- Newcastle
- Leeds Centre and Furniture Project
- Sheffield Furniture Project
- Chorley
- Wirral
- Druids Heath(Birmingham)
- Ely Bridge(Cardiff)
- Southend on Sea
- Brixton
- Brighton(Tower House)





Mobile Support
Unit(Cumbria)

“Vinnie Van”

Coming soon.....



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- Leighton Buzzard- Riverside Project
- Westminster CC- Advice Project(tbc)
- Leamington Spa- Drop in centre and cafe

What makes a Community Support Project ?



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- **Member led**
- **Local need**
- A base – building, parish hall (s) van
- Start-up funds
- Paid staff **and** volunteers
- Income streams: Income generated, fundraising, grants and shop surpluses
- Local **Oversight** from our members
- Member : Staff **Partnership**
- **Linking** the work of CSP with the work of our members

How do we operate?



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- Our people (staff, members, volunteers) share Vincentian values
- Line management accountability & local oversight (LOG's/MC)
- Local identity & flexibility
- Supported by a national infrastructure
- Governed by our Trustees
- Professional but not corporate
- Supported by our members
- Embedded in the Christian ethos of compassion and kindness

The funding model – some principles



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- Every Community Support Project is required to be self-sustaining.
- Unlike shops, CSPs are not required to make a surplus, but any surplus made is carried over to the following year to build up local project reserves.
- Each year a budget is set for every CSP that identifies costs to run the centre and highlights the fundraising and income gaps for each centre manager. To date we have been blessed with a sustainable portfolio.
- **Funding streams broadly fall into 4 categories :**
 1. Trusts and Grants
 2. Donations via campaigns, digital fundraising and local PR drives, events, PR
 3. SVP members support
 4. Other income generated : eBay, on-site shop and café , shop surpluses, legacies, food markets

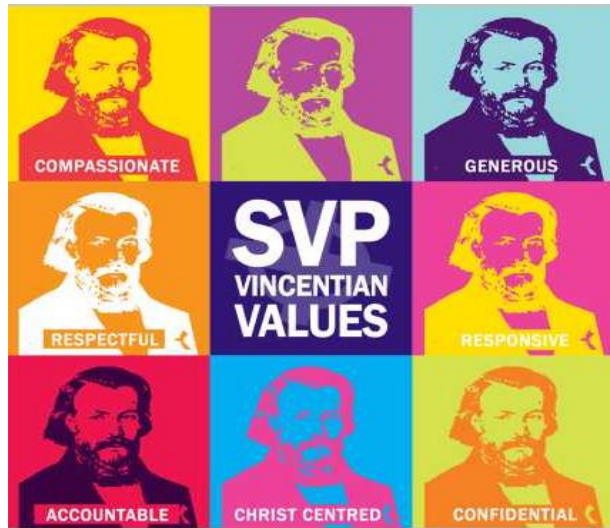
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Preparation

- Engage your CC President
- Set up a meeting
- Visit a CSP
- Be clear about the vision and the need – who are you helping and why are the SVP involved?
- How is the community engaged ?



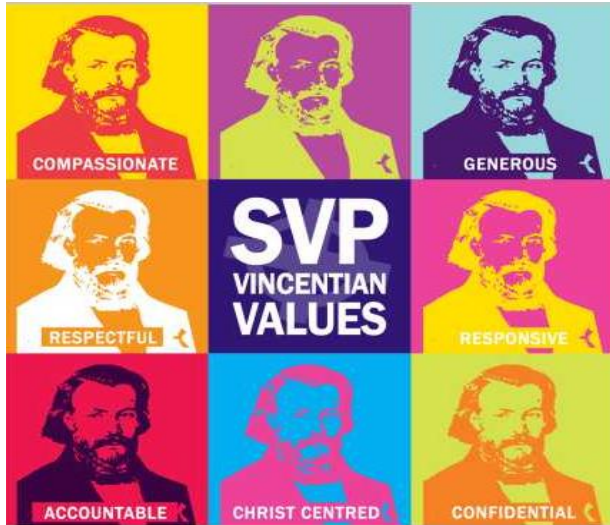
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Building Blocks

- Considerations for funding
- Considerations for a building
- Business case and budget for review (CSP) and approval (Board)



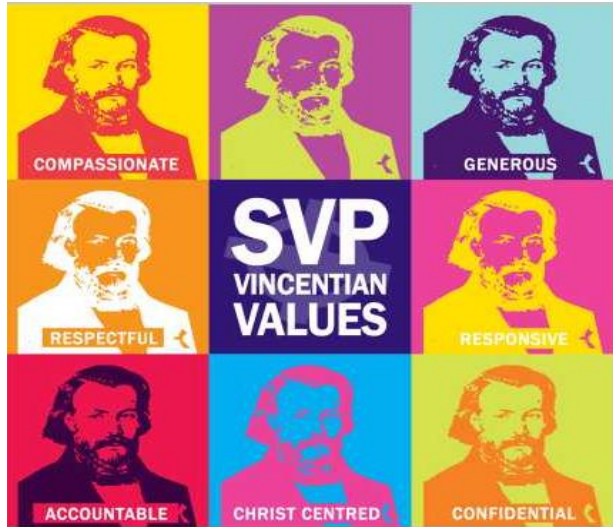
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Set Up

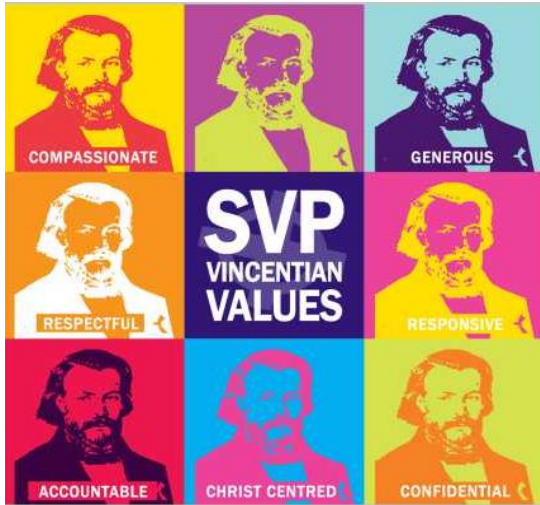
- Building prepared
- Funding streams in place
- Centre manager recruited
- Support staff identified
- LOG created



Members who aren't yet involved...



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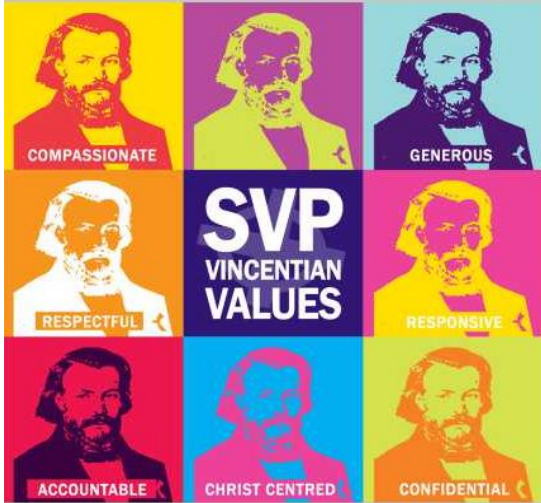
- Come and visit
- Come and volunteer
- Help strengthen our links with the community and with each other
- Join a Local Oversight Group
- Talk about us and to us
- Support us financially
- Identify a local need for new projects

Members who are involved...



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Thank you



- Visiting us
- Volunteering
- Strengthening our links
- Working on the LOG
- Talking about us and to us
- Supporting us financially