



WHO ARE THE SVP?

- We are a nationwide front-line charity, dedicated to tackling poverty and supporting individuals and families facing loneliness, hardship, and the many challenges that life can bring.
- Our approach is practical and non-judgemental, supporting those in need, whether they require a second chance or just a friendly helping hand.
- The backbone of the organisation is our 8,900 volunteer members (encompassing all faiths or none), operating in 800 communities across England and Wales.
- We also have approximately 8,500 volunteers aged from as young as 7 up to 35, actively participating in our Young Vincentians programmes. They come from schools, youth hubs, universities and communities across England and Wales. They bring a special energy to our volunteering activities, making an impact with dedication and enthusiasm. [Mini Vinnies (7-11), Youth SVP (11-18) Young Adults -SVP 1833 (18-35)].
- We have approximately 300 dedicated members of staff.
- Our range of work is wide and varied and open to all.
- We are part of a larger international Catholic network that strives to find and help those in need, regardless of belief or background.

Members' Work

- Each year we reach over 80,000 people in communities across England and Wales. This support includes material and practical assistance, as well as visiting and befriending.
- SVP volunteer members are also involved with the running of local soup runs and food banks, supporting asylum seekers and refugees, visiting older or isolated people and other community outreach.

St Vincent's Shops

- We also have St Vincent's community shops, furniture stores, and supported accommodation and we support several projects specifically working for people with disabilities.

Camps

- Our children's camps are run by staff and volunteers in the summer, providing a holiday for children who might not otherwise get one. We also run holiday and play schemes in our local centres for families and children.



Community Support Projects

- We have 11 regional centres – known as Community Support Projects – placed in communities where need is greatest, working to break the barriers to inequality and diversity in a non-judgmental environment. (Cardiff, West Yorkshire (Bradford and Leeds), Sheffield, Newcastle, Wirral, Brighton, London (Brixton) and Southend-On-Sea).
- These are thriving community hubs that offer support and services such as debt advice, warm spaces, free hot meals, food parcels, ESOL classes and counselling.
- People do not require referrals, or appointments – our doors are open to anyone who needs help.

Advocacy Work

- Our geographic spread and reach enable us to gain insight into the issues creating poverty and hardship. We use this to campaign into Government at all levels to change policy, providing a strong informed voice for those we help.