St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

Be the reason someone smiles today

Small acts of kindness can change lives

1 in 4

children live in a low-income family in the UK.



Poverty can mean going without food, warm clothes, school trips or even a Christmas present.

7%

of adults in England often or always feel lonely.



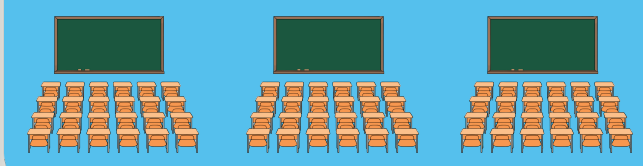
A visit, a conversation or simply being remembered can make a huge difference.

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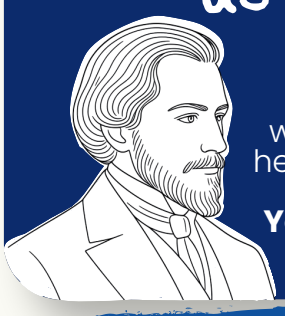
people slept rough on a single night in England and Wales in Autumn 2024*



That's enough people to fill more than **150 classrooms**



"Let us not be discouraged, let us be better."



Blessed Frédéric Ozanam was only 20 years old when he helped found the Society.

You are never too young to make a difference.

"Ending poverty is not an act of charity. It's an act of justice. And a duty that belongs to us all."

António Guterres,
Secretary General of the United Nations

Matthew 25:35-36

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, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me

What is the SVP doing?

38,761 people supported across England and Wales

301,254 visits and calls made

80,462 acts of practical help

On average, every **2 minutes** an SVP member visited or contacted someone in need.**

What can you do?

- Include someone who is left out
- Identify a community need and plan a response.
- Donate food or toys
- Write a card to a lonely person
- Pray for people in need
- Organise a fundraiser
- Stand up against injustice

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Visit: www.svp.org.uk/involve-young-people

If you or someone you know needs help from the SVP, email request@svp.org.uk

*This figure comes from an annual survey that was done separately in England and Wales in 2024. **Based on the total number of visits and calls recorded during 2025–26. All figures taken from 2025-26. Sources: DWP Children in Low Income Families (FY2025); Community Life Survey 2024/25 Loneliness and Support Networks. Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Rough Sleeping Snapshot in England: Autumn 2024 (published February 2025).