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TACKLING POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS

WE ARE THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We are an anti-poverty charity part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need.

We are a network of over 8,000 volunteer members, motivated by faith, who visit vulnerable or isolated people across England and Wales and offer them friendship and practical support. The essence of our work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift.

We joyfully extend our hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need support.



OUR WORK IN NUMBERS

- Our network includes **eleven regional centres** located in areas of high deprivation.
- In 2022/23 we made more than **300,000 visits and calls** to people who were isolated or in need of support.
- We provided over **80,000 meals** through our St Vincent's centres.

OUR HISTORY

Founded in Britain in 1844, we foster diverse and inclusive connections, as a Society that is welcoming of people of all faiths and none.

Since the charity's foundation we have lived by the Christian principles of our founder Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, who said we should "embrace the whole world in a network of charity."



Who is Frédéric Ozanam?

Born in Milan, Italy, Frédéric was a French scholar and lawyer best known for founding the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in 1833, an international Catholic charitable organization dedicated to serving the poor. He was beatified by the Catholic Church in 1997.

OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Our vision: Inspired by Christ's message to love our neighbour as ourselves, every person in need is inspired by hope together with a sense of dignity, worth, well-being and peace of mind

Our mission: United, we seek and find those in need, providing practical support and fellowship in a spirit of justice, while tackling the causes of poverty.

Our values: Remind us of what is important and who we strive to be. By embedding our values into evaluations and decisions, we can take action with confidence.

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CHRIST CENTRED

The St Vincent de Paul Society acknowledges the presence of Christ everywhere.

ACCOUNTABLE

We recognise our accountability to those we seek to help, whilst acting within the limits of our own knowledge and skills

COMPASSIONATE

We aim to show a compassion that is non-judgemental towards those with whom we work.

CONFIDENTIAL

We respect the confidentiality of those we help, always prioritising physical and mental wellbeing.

GENEROUS

We aim to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves in service of others.

RESPECTFUL

We respect the dignity of all in the knowledge that we are all equal.

RESPONSIVE

We aim to be alert to the everchanging needs in the communities we work in and respond to alleviate poverty.

Useful links

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