



## What do we do?

Around the country we are involved in a wide range of activities that help support the sick, the disabled, the housebound, the lonely and other disadvantaged people.

We offer our help to all in need, irrespective of creed, colour, race or lifestyle. Our work includes:

- Befriending people in homes, hostels, hospitals and prisons
- Providing food and accommodation for the homeless
- Helping refugees
- Providing support and guidance for those in debt
- Running community shops, food banks and furniture and clothing stores
- Providing transport
- Supporting family holidays
- Supporting SVP members in developing countries

“The vocation of being a ‘protector’... means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about.”

*Pope Francis*

## What can you do?

- Join the SVP - whatever your age
- Become a Friend of the Society
- Make a one-off donation
- Include the SVP in your will
- Pray for the work of the SVP



“Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance.”

*St Vincent de Paul*

## Contact us

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## Visit our website

Visit our website to find out more about our work around the country - visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)  
Activities may vary between localities depending on local needs.



**St.Vincent de Paul Society**  
(England & Wales)



Concern is not enough

Join the SVP and  
Turn your concern  
into action





# Caring by itself isn't enough

In all of our communities there is poverty, loneliness and disadvantage. You care. Of course you do.

The gap between rich and poor is widening and the number of people trying to cope on their own with illness, old age, debt or disability is increasing. For many, these problems lead to depression and despair when there is no one to turn to.

People in these situations need help. Could you work with us to provide it? Caring by itself isn't enough. There are people suffering in this area who need your practical help. By joining the St Vincent de Paul Society you can turn your concern into action.



## We'll help you so you can help them

Don't worry, we won't throw you in at the deep end. The SVP will give you all the training and support you need to enable you to help those who need it. Every full member also receives a DBS check and induction as well as ongoing support from the SVP local and national network. Meeting regularly with fellow members you'll be working as part of a team, so you'll never be expected to cope on your own or handle anything that you can't manage.

## Who are we?

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in 1833 and has grown to become an international network of Christian volunteers. All over the world, people like you are working to help the disadvantaged in their local communities. In England and Wales we have around 10,000 members. It sounds a lot, but we need every one of them. In fact, we need many more. So join the SVP family and answer God's call to serve your neighbour.



## SVP members' checklist

- Are you **caring and compassionate**?
- Are you a **good listener** and able to keep confidences?
- Are you **respectful and non-judgemental** of others?
- Can you **spare some time** each week?

If you can say 'yes' to the above, there may be a role for you in the SVP.



“...in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:40

“Treat those in need with respect and humility; remembering that the services and honour you render them are directed to our Lord himself.”  
Bl. Frédéric Ozanam, principal founder of the SVP