



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

St Vincent de Paul Society

STORRINGTON CONFERENCE

ANNUAL REPORT 2023–24



1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need.

The local team here in Storrington has been doing this for many years.

In 2023-24 we have supported 27 'beneficiaries' around the parish through a total of 442 contacts. Together with administration, meetings, and projects this came to 909 volunteer hours for the year. Overall, we have seen a considerable increase compared to 2022-23 for the number of people supported, number of contacts made to help and total volunteer hours.

Throughout the last year we have had 11 members – people who volunteer to help others and who are vetted, trained, DBS checked for visiting and supported by experienced volunteers in district and central councils as well as at the National office in London and the Finance office in Bradford. Two of those members are of auxiliary status and non-visiting and operate in support roles.

We recruited three new members this year but lost one who moved away from the parish. We also had two more members confirmed as Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to the frail, sick and elderly in the parish. We now have 7 Eucharistic Ministers in total and they delivered communion 87 times between them.

A total of 61 lifts were given to mass, hospitals, nursing homes and to parish lunches and there were 78 hours of shopping for housebound beneficiaries as well as the provision of equipment including furniture, various repair jobs and help with house clearances at times.

We have established a strong connection with Storrington Primary School and provided practical help to staff and parents which included help with uniform purchase.

The team also helped with funeral arrangements for deceased parishioners.

We also provided financial support to a challenged parishioner's daughter to help with bills at college in the north of the country, we sponsored a low paid student nurse in the diocese to go to Lourdes as a helper and helped a twin parish in Kerala India as we do each year.

Next year we plan to run several fundraising social events, recruit more members, and help more people whilst developing a relationship with our Arundel counterparts.

John Bell (Acting President)



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2. TREASURERS REPORT

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

OUR LADY OF ENGLAND STORRINGTON

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

INCOME

DONATIONS	1570.47
RAFFLE COMMISSION	20.96
	<u>1591.43</u>

EXPENDITURE

ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED	1955.00
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	96.48
CONTRIBUTION TO HEAD OFFICE COSTS	163.68
TWINNAGE	150.00
	<u>2365.16</u>

NET EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR	<u><u>-773.73</u></u>
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Adrian Radford (Treasurer)