



St Vincent  
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

# **St Vincent de Paul Society**

## **STORRINGTON CONFERENCE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2025–26**



## **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 in Storrington has been active for many years.

In 2025-26 we supported 30 local people around the parish and the local community through a total of 458 visits. Together with administration, meetings, and projects this came to 1033 volunteer hours for the year. Although very slightly lower than last year's total we have provided a high level of support helped by an increase in the number of volunteers to 14 with 11 of them active. All visiting members are DBS cleared and appropriately trained.

A total of 205 visits to give out Holy Communion were made and over 20 lifts were given to mass, hospitals, dentists, nursing homes and to parish lunches. There were occasions of shopping for housebound beneficiaries as well as the provision of rescue funds, clothing, bicycles, school uniforms, and livestreaming technology. In addition, there were minor property repairs plus the provision of equipment including furniture and help with local house clearances donated to local and county wide support schemes including the Charles Borromeo Centre at Worthing.

We have continued our strong connection with Storrington Primary School and provided practical help to selected families including help with uniform purchase and Christmas gifts.

The team also regularly helped with funeral arrangements for deceased parishioners.

We provided financial support to Lourdes helpers last summer with help from Arundel SVP and the local Catenians. We aim to do the same this summer.

We established a supporting link to The Wholesome Warehouse, a Christian food bank in Storrington, and we deliver regular monthly shopping to help support their 27 struggling families in the Storrington area. With the valuable help of our parishioners, we also supply them with much needed toiletries on a weekly basis.

We were twinned with a parish in Grenada until they went into abeyance, but we have kept lines of communication open pending their recovery.

Jim Monaghan raised over £1500 via his Camino Walk for the second year running and despite him being overseas for lengthy periods he was our top visiting member with 172 hours for the year. A remarkable achievement that deserves some recognition.

Overall, we have had a good year and have maintained a healthy financial position thanks to our generous parishioners as we look for new projects in 2026-27. (See Part 2)

### **John Bell (President)**



## 2. TREASURER'S REPORT

### OUR LADY OF ENGLAND STORRINGTON

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

##### INCOME

DONATIONS	3246.44
RAFFLE COMMISSION	44.05
	<u>3290.49</u>

##### EXPENDITURE

ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED	1335.70
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	0.00
CONTRIBUTION TO HEAD OFFICE COSTS	602.16
TWINNAGE	100.00
	<u>2037.86</u>

<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u><u>1252.63</u></u>
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**Adrian Radford (Treasurer)**