

## **“TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY TURNING OUR CONCERN INTO ACTION”**

**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.

**Social justice** is at the heart of the work of the SVP. Tackling poverty, homelessness, and isolation, to supporting refugees, asylum seekers and prisoners, members turn concern into action and address the root causes of poverty and inequality. [svp.org.uk/our-work](http://svp.org.uk/our-work)

The Society is present and actively working to this aim in 153 Territories across the world.

**Twinning** is the way in which SVP groups in developed countries provide support to SVP groups in developing countries. SVP England and Wales is currently 'twinned' with local groups in India, Sudan, South Sudan, Grenada, Guyana, and Romania. [svp.org.uk/our-work](http://svp.org.uk/our-work)

The Society welcomes people of all faiths, as do the **Young Vincentian programmes** available to our schools.

- **Mini Vinnies** (A Primary programme)
- **Youth SVP** (a High School and College programme)

**Mini Vinnies:** <https://www.svp.org.uk/mini-vinnies>

The youngest members of the St Vincent de Paul Society. They turn concern into action using the formula of “See Think, Do” to find people in need and help them in school, in their town, in this country, and across the world. Mini Vinnies stand up for what is right, and to make a difference.

There are currently close to 1000 Mini Vinnies in the Shrewsbury Diocese.

**Youth SVP:** <https://www.svp.org.uk/youth-svp>

Youth SVP members use their voices and abilities to engage in their communities and take part in social action. Through voluntary work they make a positive difference, develop their faith, and learn new skills, such as leadership and resilience to challenges. By engaging in charity, Youth SVP members get involved in causes they care about and make a positive change in their schools and communities.

### **Resources:**

Both programmes are fully resourced. Additional seasonal resources are provided free of charge throughout the year online or as hard copies. Young Vincentian and Mini Vinnie Development Officers (YVDO/MVDO) provide support and advice at any time through visits or other communication routes.

### **For more information or to start a group, contact:**

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