

Company no. 3174679
Charity no. 1053992

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

**Report and Consolidated Financial
Statements**

31 March 2007

St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales)

Legal and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2007

Status	The St Vincent de Paul Society is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 13 March 1996 and registered as a charity on 25 March 1996.	
Governing document	The St Vincent de Paul Society was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the organisation and is governed under its articles of association dated 13 March 1996.	
Company number	3174679	
Charity number	1053992	
Registered office and operational address	5th Floor 291-299 Borough High Street London SE1 1JG	
Honorary officers	James McDaid (Vacant post) Richard Massey Alan Vincent	National President National Vice President National Treasurer Company Secretary
Chief Executive	Elizabeth Palmer	
Principal bankers	HSBC City Branch 4 Dale Street Liverpool L69 2BZ	
Auditors	Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP 2 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3ST	
Solicitors	Lupton Fawcett Yorkshire House Greek Street Leeds LS1 5SX	
Investment advisers	Rensburg Sheppards 2 Castlefield Court Church Street Reigate Surrey RH2 0AH	

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2007

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2007.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005) (SORP).

Ever faithful to the spirit of its founders, the Society renews itself and adapts to the changing conditions of the world. To this end, and to comply with the laws of England and Wales, in particular the laws governing charities in the United Kingdom, in 1996, the Society adopted the form of a company limited by guarantee.

Structure, Governance and Management

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international Catholic organisation of lay people formed in Paris in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam and his companions. Placed under the patronage of St Vincent de Paul, it is inspired by his thinking and works. It seeks, in the spirit of justice and charity, to help those who are suffering poverty in whatever form, irrespective of race, colour, creed, ideology or gender. It does this primarily through person-to-person involvement of its members and through Special Projects.

Structure

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a voluntary membership organisation which follows an International Rule, with each member Country or Countries having a derivative National Rule and operating in accordance with that Rule. For legal purposes the St Vincent de Paul Society in England and Wales also operates under a memorandum of association.

Individuals who wish to become members of the Society join a local group known as a "Conference". In England and Wales there are 1244 Conferences which are grouped into 168 District Councils. The Districts, in turn, are grouped into 23 Central Councils. Each Conference, District Council and Central Council has an elected President who appoints a Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. All terms of office with the Society are for 5 years.

The Presidents of the 23 Central Councils form the National Council, which elects a National President from within the membership of the Society every five years. At this time Central Council Presidents may nominate any member of the Society to stand as National President. Any nominees must then produce a CV and an accompanying statement outlining their priorities for the next five years which is circulated to all Central Council presidents prior to the election. Once elected, the National President forms a national Board of Trustees, consisting of a Vice President, a National Treasurer, a non-voting National Secretary and then up to 7 other voting members from within the current membership of the National Council. Three of these voting members are selected half way through the President's 5 year term to act as continuation trustees. They will serve into the mid point of the next President's term of office. In addition non voting members with specific areas of expertise required by the Board may be brought in either from within the membership or externally, again for a five year term.

All new Trustees are personally inducted by the National President who outlines their responsibilities to the Society and their legal obligations. In addition each new Trustee is given the latest charity commission booklets on Trusteeship. All trustees are expected to attend a minimum of one day's training per year on externally run training days.

The National President of England and Wales is a member of the International Council General which oversees the Society in over 145 countries.

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The Society held a controlling interest in the Catholic Fund for Homeless and Destitute People up to 1st April 2007 when the fund transferred its net assets to a new charity following a dissociation from the Society. The disposal of these net assets will be shown in the Society's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008.

The Society also has control of two separately registered organisations, the David Young charity (registration number 238877) and the Pen-y-Pound House Fund (registration number 501485). The David Young charity was set up in 1860 to aid poor relatives of the Young family. By 1970, there being no more applicants the trustees sought advice from the Charity Commission who suggested that the St Vincent de Paul Society might administer the charity. In 1978 a new scheme was agreed and the National Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society appointed four trustees. The David Young charity aims to assist those in need by providing financial assistance and support by way of grants or paying for specific items or services. Preference is given to relations of the original founder and Roman Catholics. As such the charity is able to support individual members of the Society who may be in financial distress who are unable to seek support from the Society itself.

The Pen-Y-Pound House Fund was formed in 1973 to alleviate poverty in the Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff. Under a charity commission scheme of October 2004, the trustees of the Society were appointed as trustees of the Fund, as the Fund's former trustees were unable to continue in office. Accordingly, the Fund became a subsidiary charity of the Society from that date.

Governance

Members of the National Council and the National Board of Trustees constitute the corporate members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (England and Wales) for the purposes of the Companies Act 1985. They have no financial interest in the reserves or assets of the Society and receive no remuneration for their work. The National Council elects the board of trustees upon the nomination of the president and also has the power to deselect the Trustees, either at the AGM or an EGM.

The National Board of Trustees is legally responsible for the affairs of the Society. As such the Board has the final decision on any policy or matter affecting the Society. Whenever possible and appropriate, the representative National Council is consulted prior to decisions being taken.

The National Secretary is responsible for ensuring the compliance with both Company Law and the Rules of the Society.

The National Board of Trustees meets no less than four times a year, while the National Council meets three times a year.

Management

The Society employs a Chief Executive Officer whose role is to oversee the administration of the Society and who reports directly to the National President. The Chief Executive is accountable to the Board.

In addition the Board is assisted in the discharge of its duties by Board committees, each of which is operated under terms of reference approved by the Board.

Strategic policy and funding decisions are made by the Board. Day to day operational decisions are delegated to the Chief Executive and senior staff, who provide regular reports to the Board.

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Risk statement

A risk assessment exercise considering financial, strategic, reputational, compliance and operational risk is undertaken and reviewed regularly. Key risks are identified by the trustees and a plan for mitigating risk established.

The key business risks are: volatility of income levels, although the Society aims to operate expenditure within these levels; the diverse nature of the operations; and investment risks.

Key controls in operation to mitigate these risks include: investment in social enterprise and trading to generate further unrestricted funds, the setting and approval of budgets by the trustees; a policy of supervision and oversight; robust procedures for conference returns; centralised payroll function and frequent finance meetings.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable objectives

Placed under the patronage of St Vincent de Paul, the Society takes its inspiration from his thinking and words. It seeks, in the spirit of justice and charity, to help those who are suffering poverty in whatever form. It does this through the involvement of its voluntary members in person to person contact.

The object of the charity as per its governing document is the relief of poverty, both material and emotional, in England and Wales and abroad, without differentiation on the grounds of race, colour, creed, ideology or gender. The Society seeks to achieve this objective in three main ways:

- Through the person to person involvement of its members at Conference level who visit and provide assistance to those in need.
- Through its "Special Works", which are projects established to meet a specific local need and which are run by local committees accountable to the appropriate Central Council. Policy decisions and major investments relating to Special Works must be approved by the Board of Trustees and National Council.
- With the prior approval of the Trustees, members may pursue the Objectives of the Society by helping and supporting "Special Activities", which are projects that are not managed or controlled within the Society, but which share a common aim with the Society and members are directly involved in the management or operation of the project, while not having a controlling interest.

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Charitable objectives for 2006/2007

- The maintenance of membership visits and assistance to individuals and families
- The continued expansion of the national shop programme and the maintaining of furniture provision
- The maintenance of holiday provision to disadvantaged children and families
- Increase support overseas through the Twinnage programme
- Continue to expand the SVP Youth programme
- Further develop the services available to beneficiaries through SVP Support Centres
- Continue the withdrawal from residential care Special Works in line with the strategic plan

The main strategies for achieving the above were as follows:

The maintenance of membership visits and assistance to individuals and families

- Review recruitment strategy for membership with a view to launching new strategy in 2007/2008
- Continue the programme of CRB checks in line with Diocesan timetables

The continued expansion of the national shop programme and the maintenance of furniture provision

- Increase the number of shops in the shop strategy in established areas
- Open shops in at least two further Central Council areas
- Bring isolated SVP shops into the national Community shop programme
- Produce a standardized operations manual for furniture stores across England and Wales

The maintenance of holiday provision to disadvantaged children and families

- Strengthen partnerships with external organisations in the provision of holidays for those in need.

Increase support overseas through the Twinnage programme

- Increase the number of twins supported through Twinnage
- Develop further special projects
- Raise profile of Twinnage outside of the Society

Continue to develop the SVP Youth programme

- Recruit 18 -29 Youth Development Officer
- Maintain the number of active Youth SVP groups (11 – 18 years)

Maintain the services available to beneficiaries through SVP support centres

- Further develop the services to beneficiaries in the Newcastle and Leeds areas
- Develop a debt outreach service in Newcastle

Initiate a withdrawal from residential care Special Works in line with the strategic plan

- Transfer out two residential care projects

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Grant making Policy

The St Vincent de Paul Society makes grants to other organisations with objects similar to those of the Society as set out in the Society's Memorandum of Association. All such grants have to be approved, in advance, by the Trustees of the Society.

During the year the charity provided grants to fellow St Vincent de Paul Societies operating in overseas countries ("Twinning"), as is explained in more detail below.

Use of Volunteers

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an organisation dependant on the work of its voluntary membership. In the year 9,653 members recorded 23,926 hours of voluntary service. This excludes volunteers who are not members who provide further time at many of the Society's Special Works and National Office.

Achievements and Performance

Charitable Objectives

Overall the 2006/2007 was a satisfactory year for the St Vincent de Paul Society in its key areas of charitable activity. The general level of services was maintained in spite of the reduction in the number of projects providing services in some areas.

Membership visits and assistance to individuals and families

Once again, the number of visits made year on year has increased slightly in 2006/2007. Over 660,000 visits were made to more than 122,600 individuals and families across England and Wales. In addition material assistance was provided to those visited where appropriate. Such material assistance ranged from the provision of furniture, food, appliances, clothes, fuel and small financial disbursements to the provision of transport.

A national recruitment strategy review was commenced with each region being asked to establish local recruitment plans.

In order to ensure maximum client security CRB checks of the membership continued in 2006/2007 in line with Diocesan timetables.

The SVP Community Shop Programme and the maintenance of furniture provision

The Community Shop programme continued to expand with 2 new shops opening in established regions (Newcastle and Leeds). No further regions of activity were added to the portfolio due to difficulties securing appropriate properties at reasonable rents.

A standard operations manual was produced for use by all furniture stores across England and Wales, ensuring consistency and best operational practice.

The number of furniture projects declined in 2006/2007 from 16 to 14, while the number of beneficiaries decreased only very slightly from 10,862 to 10,804.

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Holiday provision for disadvantaged children and families

In 2006/2007 1,463 children attended the Society's 6 summer holiday camps, which was a slight decrease on the previous year. In addition the number of caravans in service dropped from 12 to 9, while the number of low income families benefiting from a caravan holiday reduced from 195 to 177. 1,181 clients benefited from a break at the Ozanam Centre in North Wales.

Partnerships with external organisations were strengthened in order to provide further holiday opportunities for those most in need at the Ozanam Centre North Wales.

Overseas aid provision through the SVP Twinnage programme

The profile of twinnage was raised in 2006/2007 through presentations in the wider Church community and articles in the Catholic press.

Overseas aid increased in 2006/2007 with the number of twins supported by Twinnage increasing from 1690 to 1704.

A new project established in 2006/2007 was the Sudan sponsorship project. 1050 sponsorships were received, providing a committed income worth £288,000 over the period of their sponsorship.

The SVP Youth programme

The SVP Youth programme performed well in 2006/2007 with the number of Youth SVP groups remaining constant overall.

The SVP undertook to recruit 18-33 Youth Development Officer in 2006/2007. The recruitment process took place in that financial year but the new appointee's start date was in April 2007.

SVP Support Centres

In 2006/2007 the SVP Support Centres continued to offer a wide range of services to 3857 beneficiaries.

New initiatives included the launch of a healthy eating cafe in the Leeds centre, providing nutritious food at a reasonable price as well as facilitating further training opportunities for the unemployed and youth offenders, and the extension of the debt counselling service in Newcastle to include an outreach element as well as support centre based counselling/advice.

Residential care and approved premises

In 2006/2007 the SVP transferred out one of its residential projects to another provider in line with the strategic plan.

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Fundraising Objectives for 2006-2007

- To increase the number of opportunities for fundraising for members and non members alike
- To increase the promotion and publicity for the Society's income generating projects
- To develop Social Enterprise proposals and establish such projects if appropriate
- To increase public awareness about the Society and its works
- To increase the revenue generated through the sale of new goods through the furniture stores

The main strategies for achieving the above were as follows:

To increase the amount of money received from external funders for regional and national SVP projects

A full page advert for the SVP friends scheme was taken out in a Catholic broadsheet in May 06

The Sudan sponsorship scheme was launched in April 2006 and in 2006 - 2007 the number of sponsorships received was 1050, worth £288,000 over their committed period of sponsorship.

Friends was widely promoted and 143 people subscribed generating income of almost £7K in 2006 - 2007

To increase the promotion and publicity for the Society's income generating projects

A promotional booklet for the Bar and Ballroom facility in Newcastle was produced and circulated. In addition adverts for the facility were taken out in various publications in 2006 - 2007.

A sales website was designed targeted at agencies wishing to purchase new goods to fit out accommodation in the Leeds area.

New marketing material was produced towards the end of the financial year for the Ozanam Centre North Wales, including promotional material regarding the newly established bed and breakfast facility which opened for business in February 2007.

To develop Social Enterprise proposals and establish such projects if appropriate

In 2006 - 2007 the following projects were piloted in the Leeds area: a pilot PAT testing service for other charities, a white goods recycling project and a partnership project with the probation service.

To increase public awareness about the Society and its works

A review of the public website was undertaken and work commenced on its redesign in 2006 - 2007.

The Friends magazine was launched, targeting non members who had subscribed as Friends. Increased press activity was generated, particularly in relation to twinnage and youth activities.

To increase the revenue generated through the sale of new goods through the furniture stores

Income generated through the trading of new goods increased by 26% year on year.

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Financial Review

Results

The movement in funds for 2006/2007 compare with those of 2005/2006 as follows:

	2007	2006
	£	£
Surplus for the year before investment gains and property revaluation:	172,388	213,455
Investment gains	85,385	162,026
Surplus on revaluation of fixed assets	<u>955,950</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds for the year	<u><u>1,213,723</u></u>	<u><u>375,481</u></u>

Incoming resources were £7,521,716, compared to £7,415,318 in 2006, a net increase of £106,398 (1.4%). This arose principally in shop and furniture income (up £219,988).

Resources expended rose from £7,201,863 to £7,349,328, a net increase of £147,465 (2%). Expenditure increased for shops and furniture stores in line with the increased income (up £206,809). Although Twinnage appeals for Sudan raised considerable sums in 2006/2007, the overall expenditure on Twinnage decreased (down £180,785) against the sums raised for the Tsunami relief in 2005/2006.

The surplus for the year of £1,213,723 comprises a surplus of £729,165 on unrestricted funds, a surplus of £473,104 on restricted funds and £11,454 on endowment funds. It needs to be emphasised that the surplus of £1,213,723 includes the unrealised surplus of £955,950 on the revaluation of our properties. We cannot spend any of the £955,950 unless we sell property and this is unlikely in the near future.

The Board is keen to maintain an adequate level of reserves for the future and to be able to invest in future developments as required, particularly the establishment of social enterprise initiatives and the further development of services such as the debt programme. While legacies remain an important part of the Society's income it is the Board's intention to become less reliant on them over time in relation to core costs.

Financial management

The trustees are assisted with the financial management of the Society by the finance committee, established in 2004, who review the Society's finances from budget setting to expenditure and consider the funding options for the Society in the short, medium and long-term. The Chief Executive and the Finance Manager sit on the committee, as well as a minimum of two Board members, including the National Treasurer.

Reserves policy

The Society's reserves at 31 March break down as follows:

	2007	2006
	£	£
Total reserves at the end of the year	8,070,960	6,857,237
Less: Endowment funds and restricted reserves	(2,327,113)	(1,842,555)
Revaluation reserve	(1,387,540)	(502,957)
Fixed asset funds	<u>(1,252,561)</u>	<u>(2,086,536)</u>
Free unrestricted reserves	<u><u>3,103,746</u></u>	<u><u>2,425,189</u></u>

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The Trustees consider their free reserves to be those that do not have a legitimate designation and are not restricted by the donor.

During the year, the Trustees have reviewed the Society's reserves to determine the appropriate level that should be held. This has involved analysing existing and potential future funding streams together with an assessment of their reliability. In addition committed expenditure has been taken into account, together with the Society's risk assessment.

Due to the organisational structure of the Society, the reserves of the organisation are complex. The Society feels that it is appropriate to hold reserves equal to three months' expenditure. This will allow the Society to cope with any variability in income. In addition the Society needs to hold reserves to cover specific identified risks, as well as funding for new initiatives and to allow it to respond to urgent requests for assistance. There is no need to provide cover for risks that can be covered by insurance or in other ways. Taking all these factors into account, the total unrestricted free reserves required by the Society are therefore in the region of £3m. The current unrestricted free reserves of the charity, excluding the amounts invested in fixed assets, are just over £3.1m. The Society is therefore content with the level of free unrestricted reserves shown on its balance sheet. The level of desired reserves will be reviewed each year.

Investment policy & objectives

The Society's investment advisors invest the funds available, approximately one third in fixed interest investments to provide the best current yield possible and the remaining two thirds in a broad range of medium risk equities to provide growth of both income and capital. An exception to this balance could be made if the investment advisors think that the fixed interest sector should be increased for tactical reasons.

The performance of the investments are monitored on a quarterly basis. The trustees compare the performance of the portfolio with the FTSE100 and the Government All Stock index. Performance of the portfolio is considered acceptable if it matches or exceeds the performance of the FTSE100 and All Stock index.

The market value of the portfolio has risen by approximately 5% in total in the year, whereas the FTSE 100 index rose in the year by 5.8%. The unrealised gain on the investments in the year is £64,279. The Trustees will review the handling of investments in 2007/2008 as well as the choice of benchmark with the aim of increasing total investment returns as far as possible.

The Society has an ethical investment policy in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church. After taking into account the inevitable interaction in the global economy the Society aims to avoid investing in any company which after reasonable enquiry clearly has significant profits from an activity which is contrary to the objectives of the Christian Church and the objectives of the Society.

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Plans for the Future

Charitable Objectives for 2007/2008

- The maintenance of membership visits and assistance to individuals and families
- The continued expansion of the national shop programme and the maintenance of furniture provision
- The maintenance of holiday provision to disadvantaged children and families
- Maintain support overseas through the Twinnage programme
- Continue to develop the SVP Youth programme
- Further develop the services available to beneficiaries through SVP Support Centres
- Review existing residential projects with a view to relaunching residential support in specific areas of need.

The main strategies for achieving the above will be as follows:

The maintenance of membership visits and assistance to individuals and families

- Launch recruitment drive in 2007/2008
- Continue the programme of CRB checks in line with Diocesan timetables

The continued expansion of the national shop programme and the maintenance of furniture provision

- Increase the number of shops in the shop strategy in established areas
- Open shops in at least two further Central Council areas

The maintenance of holiday provision to disadvantaged children and families

- Review and update all camp procedures
- Improve the marketing of the North Wales holiday facility
- Become involved at sector level in the promotion of social tourism

Maintain support overseas through the Twinnage programme

- Maintain the number of twins supported through Twinnage
- Attract new external funding to support special projects

Continue to develop the SVP Youth programme

- Secure funding for youth administrative support
- Increase the number of University SVP groups

Maintain the services available to beneficiaries through SVP support centres

- Further develop the services to beneficiaries in the Newcastle and Leeds areas

Review existing residential projects with a view to relaunching residential support in specific areas of need.

- Undertake review and launch revised plans in 2007 - 2008

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Fundraising Objectives for 2006-2007

- To increase social enterprise revenue
- To increase trading revenue
- To increase public awareness about the Society and its works

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the group for the year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Information to auditors

- There is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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The trustees

The trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

James McDaid
Daniel Cormack (deceased 21 February 2007)
Siobhan Garibaldi
Richard Massey
Monica Mitchell
Kevin McDermott
Gregory Pelham
Monica Phillips
Michael Worthington
Joe Gilfillan

Adrian Abel remains a co-opted non-voting member of the Board of Trustees.

Corporate members of the charity (who are the members of the National Council and honorary national officers) guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 March 2007 was 26 (2006 - 26).

The trustees have no beneficial interest in the group or charity.

Auditors

The directors, having been notified of the cessation of the partnership known as Baker Tilly, resolved that Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP be appointed as successor auditor with effect from 1 April 2007, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1989, s26(5). Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP has indicated its willingness to continue in office.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 September 2007 and signed on its behalf by

James McDaid - National President

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales)

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, the Group and Charitable Company Balance Sheets, the Group Cash Flow Statement, and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The responsibilities of the trustees (who are also the directors of The St Vincent de Paul Society (England and Wales) for the purposes of company law) for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charitable company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Trustees' Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

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to the members of St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales)**

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Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the charitable company and group as at 31 March 2007 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

BAKER TILLY UK Audit LLP

Registered Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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17 December 2007

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Consolidated statement of financial activities

(incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the Year Ended 31 March 2007

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	2007 Total £	2006 Total £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	2	2,307,935	607,282	-	2,915,217	2,940,134
Activities for generating funds	3	675,117	10,005	-	685,122	647,912
Investment income		148,420	57,929	-	206,349	140,590
Incoming resources from charitable						
Shops & furniture stores		975,500	121,989	-	1,097,489	877,501
Holidays & camps		241,602	-	-	241,602	291,542
Residential care & approved premises		1,937,854	-	-	1,937,854	2,247,212
Twinnage		28,384	-	-	28,384	41,382
Youth development programme		9,952	-	-	9,952	19,065
Support centres		349,247	50,500	-	399,747	209,980
Total incoming resources	4	6,674,011	847,705	-	7,521,716	7,415,318
Resources expended						
Costs of generating funds						
	5	467,895	1,745	3,481	473,121	421,757
Charitable activities						
Visits & assistance to individuals & families		1,336,345	208,426	-	1,544,771	1,630,266
Shops & furniture stores		1,213,967	146,534	-	1,360,501	1,153,692
Holidays & camps		454,871	12,458	-	467,329	436,675
Residential care & approved premises		2,169,254	6,921	-	2,176,175	2,120,213
Twinnage		694,884	2,802	-	697,686	886,665
Youth development programme		116,128	-	-	116,128	161,995
Support centres		352,983	55,214	-	408,197	274,042
Governance costs		105,420	-	-	105,420	116,558
Total resources expended	6	6,911,747	434,100	3,481	7,349,328	7,201,863
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains/(losses) & transfers						
	7	(237,736)	413,605	(3,481)	172,388	213,455
Transfers between funds						
	20	23,491	(23,491)	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before revaluations and investment asset disposals						
		(214,245)	390,114	(3,481)	172,388	213,455
Realised gains						
		11,272	220	9,614	21,106	4,764
Net income/(expenditure) for the year						
		(202,973)	390,334	6,133	193,494	218,219
Unrealised gains						
		47,555	11,403	5,321	64,279	157,262
Surplus on revaluation of fixed assets						
		884,583	71,367	-	955,950	-
Net movement in funds						
	20	729,165	473,104	11,454	1,213,723	375,481
Funds at the start of the year						
		5,014,682	1,447,513	395,042	6,857,237	6,481,756
Funds at the end of the year						
		5,743,847	1,920,617	406,496	8,070,960	6,857,237

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 20 to the financial statements.

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Balance sheet

31 March 2007

	Note	The group		The charity	
		2007	2006	2007	2006
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	12	2,996,212	2,086,536	2,946,867	2,033,381
Investments	13	1,511,450	1,439,431	1,134,678	1,075,728
Housing associations	14	10	10	10	10
Investments in subsidiaries	15	-	-	-	-
		4,507,672	3,525,977	4,081,555	3,109,119
Current assets					
Stock		41,518	30,381	11,479	10,312
Debtors	17	214,056	410,360	284,935	415,199
Short term deposits		3,201,152	2,006,000	3,201,152	2,006,000
Cash at bank and in hand		812,830	1,546,636	612,879	1,460,786
		4,269,556	3,993,377	4,110,445	3,892,297
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	18	706,268	662,117	670,632	601,892
Net current assets		3,563,288	3,331,260	3,439,813	3,290,405
Total assets less current liabilities		8,070,960	6,857,237	7,521,368	6,399,524
Net assets	19	8,070,960	6,857,237	7,521,368	6,399,524
Funds					
Endowment funds	20	406,496	395,042	126,223	126,538
Restricted funds		1,920,617	1,447,513	1,742,710	1,293,248
Unrestricted funds					
Revaluation reserve		1,387,540	502,957	1,387,540	502,957
Designated funds		1,889,727	2,403,295	1,889,727	2,403,295
General funds		2,466,580	2,108,430	2,375,168	2,073,486
Total funds		8,070,960	6,857,237	7,521,368	6,399,524

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 22 September 2007 and signed on their behalf by:

James McDaid - National President

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Consolidated cashflow statement

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	Note	2007 £	2007 £	2006 £	2006 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	a		413,842		273,092
Returns on investment			206,349		140,590
Capital expenditure:					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(172,211)		(119,863)	
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure			<u>(172,211)</u>		<u>(119,863)</u>
Net cash outflow before use of liquid resources and financing			447,980		293,819
Management of liquid resources	b		<u>13,366</u>		<u>76,073</u>
Increase in cash for the year			<u>461,346</u>		<u>369,892</u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds					
Increase in cash for the year			461,346		369,892
Cash outflow/(inflow) from increase/(decrease) in liquid resources			(13,366)		(76,073)
Gains on revaluation and disposal of investments			<u>85,385</u>		<u>162,025</u>
Movement in net funds for the year			533,365		455,844
Net funds at beginning of year			<u>4,992,067</u>		<u>4,536,223</u>
Net funds at end of year	c		<u>5,525,432</u>		<u>4,992,067</u>

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Consolidated cashflow statement

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Notes to the Cashflow Statement

a. Reconciliation of net outgoing resources to net cash outflow from operating activities

	2007 £	2006 £
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before revaluations	172,388	213,455
Investment income	(206,349)	(140,590)
Depreciation	216,269	148,886
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	2,216	-
Increase in creditors	77,943	106,495
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	(33,792)	(26,183)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	196,304	(25,237)
Increase in stocks	(11,137)	(3,734)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	413,842	273,092

b. Management of liquid resources

	2007 £	2006 £
Proceeds from sale of listed investments	285,636	190,419
Purchase of investments	(380,536)	(113,831)
(Decrease)/increase in cash held	108,266	(515)
Net cash inflow	13,366	76,073

c. Analysis of Net funds

	As at 1 April 2006 £	Cash flows £	Investment gains £	As at 31 March 2007 £
Listed investments at market value	1,439,431	(13,366)	85,385	1,511,450
Cash at bank and in hand	1,546,636	(733,806)	-	812,830
Short term deposits	2,006,000	1,195,152	-	3,201,152
	<u>4,992,067</u>	<u>447,980</u>	<u>85,385</u>	<u>5,525,432</u>

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1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 1985. They follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).

These financial statements consolidate the results of the Society and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, The Friends of St. Vincent de Paul Limited, Society of St Vincent de Paul (England and Wales) Trading Limited and the David Young's Charity on a line by line basis. The Society also holds a controlling interest in the Catholic Fund for Homeless and Destitute People and the Pen Y Pound House Fund, which are included within the group accounts. The results of the charity comprise the results of the National Office, Conferences and Special Works of the Society. A separate statement of financial activities, or income and expenditure account, for the Society itself is not presented because it has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985 and paragraph 397 of SORP 2005.

Incoming resources

- b) Voluntary income received by way of donations to the Society is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Proceeds from the sale of donated goods are recognised in the accounts in the period in which they are realised. Volunteer time is not included in the financial statements.
- c) Grants are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- d) Income from legacies is accounted for on a receivable basis, and is recognised in full in the financial statements in the period in which probate is granted, where the amount can be reliably ascertained.

Resources expended

- e) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are recognised when authorised for payment.

Allocation of support costs incurred at the Society's administrative centres

- f) Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, where relevant, the salary, office and premises costs of the administrative centres which represent the charity's support costs, are apportioned on the following basis which are an estimate, based on staff time, of the amount attributable to each activity.

Visits & assistance to individuals & families	50%
Shops & furniture stores	8%
Holidays & camps	1%
Residential care & approved premises	8%
Twinnage	2%
Youth development programme	4%
Support centres	3%
Governance	12%
Cost of generating funds	<u>12%</u>
	100%

- g) Governance costs relate to compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- h) The costs of generating funds relate to the costs incurred by the group and Society in raising funds for the charitable work.

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Fixed assets

- i) Assets are capitalised at cost, except properties which are stated at valuation as detailed in note 12.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Leasehold buildings	over the period of the lease
Computer equipment	33% straight line
Furniture and equipment	20% straight line
Minibuses and caravans	20% straight line

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. Assets are reviewed for impairment if circumstances indicate their carrying value may exceed their net realisable value and value in use.

Funds

- j) Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.
- k) Designated funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the Trustees of the Society.
- l) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes.

Operating leases

- m) Rentals payable under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they fall due.

Investments

- n) Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date. The gains or losses on revaluation or disposal for the period are taken to the statement of financial activities.

Stocks

- o) Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In general, cost is determined on a first in first out basis and includes transport and handling costs. Net realisable value is the price at which stocks can be sold in the normal course of business after allowing for the costs of realisation. Provision is made where necessary for obsolete, slow moving and defective stocks.

Pensions

- p) The Society operates a stakeholder group personal pension plan. In addition, the Society contributes to the personal pension schemes of a number of employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Society in independently administered funds. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable under the schemes by the Society to the funds. The Society has no liability under the schemes other than for the payment of those contributions.

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2 Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2007	2006
	£	£	£	Total	Total
				£	£
Members contributions	224,633	-	-	224,633	223,083
Church collections	956,437	-	-	956,437	968,214
Legacies	232,200	373,004	-	605,204	580,470
Other donations and voluntary grants	894,665	234,278	-	1,128,943	1,168,367
	<u>2,307,935</u>	<u>607,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,915,217</u>	<u>2,940,134</u>

Voluntary income received covers a number of different charitable activities.

3 Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2007	2006
	£	£	£	Total	Total
				£	£
Trading activities	391,570	-	-	391,570	326,118
Income from national raffle	64,546	-	-	64,546	51,439
Other fundraising activities	147,525	-	-	147,525	187,074
Rental and other income	71,476	10,005	-	81,481	83,281
	<u>675,117</u>	<u>10,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>685,122</u>	<u>647,912</u>

Fundraising income received covers a number of different charitable activities.

4 Total incoming resources for the year

This is stated after including the following grants:

	2007	2006
	£	£
Community Fund Grant for Twinnage	28,384	28,384
Big Lottery Fund grants		
St Vincent's Support Centre	96,155	46,186
Purchase of mini bus	124	41,780
	<u>124,663</u>	<u>116,350</u>

5 Costs of generating funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2007	2006
	£	£	£	Total	Total
				£	£
Trading activities	329,944	-	-	329,944	293,743
Investment manager's fees	6,613	1,745	3,481	11,839	3,087
Fundraising expenses	53,469	-	-	53,469	50,715
Support costs (note 6)	77,869	-	-	77,869	74,182
	<u>467,895</u>	<u>1,745</u>	<u>3,481</u>	<u>473,121</u>	<u>421,727</u>

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7 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2007	2006
	£	£
Depreciation	216,269	148,886
Trustees' indemnity insurance	275	275
Trustees' remuneration	nil	nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	5,036	4,174
Auditors' remuneration:		
▪ Statutory audit	35,012	35,012
Operating lease rentals:		
▪ Property	154,728	154,728
	<u>154,728</u>	<u>154,728</u>

During the year 8 trustees were reimbursed expenses (2006:10). This totalled £5,036 (2006: £4,174). In addition, £6,831 (2006: £6,093) was paid on behalf of trustees directly to third parties. Expenses related to reimbursement for travel and accommodation, subsistence, telephone, postage and stationery.

In accordance with the memorandum and articles of association, the Society paid a premium of £275 (2006: £275) for trustee indemnity insurance to the value of £5 million (2006: £5 million).

8 Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2007	2006
	£	£
Salaries and wages	2,559,781	2,430,052
Social security costs	197,027	192,599
Pension contributions	93,558	83,780
	<u>2,850,366</u>	<u>2,706,431</u>

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8 Staff costs and numbers (continued)

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The average weekly number of employees (full-time equivalent) during the year was as follows:

	2007 No.	2006 No.
Visits & assistance to individuals & families	4	4
Shops & furniture stores	49	38
Holidays & camps	4	4
Residential care & approved premises	75	75
Youth programme	1	2
Support centres	9	7
Twinnage	1	1
Fundraising & publicity	5	2
Support staff	8	8
Governance	1	1
	<u>157</u>	<u>142</u>

The Society relies substantially on voluntary services provided by its members across the country. It is not possible to quantify the value of these services to the Society.

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9 Grants programme

During the year, the Society paid out grants to a number of organisations. The majority of the grants were paid to SVP societies in other countries.

	2007 £	2006 £
SVP Grenada	5,440	5,440
SVP Guyana	1,710	1,080
SVP Sudan	16,440	22,420
SVP India	180,793	182,145
SVP Romania	6,125	5,125
SVP Lebanon	4,000	1,000
Eastern Europe fund	2,471	6,500
Student scholarships programme	34,940	33,024
Payments from disaster fund:		
▪ New Orleans (USA)	-	10,000
▪ India	13,440	78,440
▪ Uganda	4,300	17,000
▪ Pakistan	-	18,706
▪ Palestine	2,895	-
▪ Sudan	18,500	2,500
▪ Romania	-	12,088
▪ CGI	-	16,840
▪ Lebanon	10,000	-
Tsunami Orphans Appeal	99,080	185,521
Darfur project, Sudan	161,216	141,130
Community fund Sudan	-	39,233
Jubiloan	-	9,250
Twinnage projects	75,089	76,788
Costs associated with Twinnage grants programme	-	5,438
Gebel Awlia	30,669	-
Prisons Week	500	-
Vincentian Volunteers	2,000	-
Vincentian Millennium Partnership	2,000	2,000
Other grants	46,531	53,428
	<u>718,139</u>	<u>925,096</u>

10 Support Costs

	2007 £	2006 £
Office Costs	77,465	89,270
Premises Costs	50,604	74,621
Legal and professional fees	125,832	10,092
Bank charges	40,581	18,608
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	2,216	-
Other	39,935	80,901
	<u>336,633</u>	<u>273,492</u>

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11 Taxation

The Society is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

The group	Freehold properties £	Leasehold property & improvements £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles and caravans £	Totals £
Cost or valuation					
At the start of the year	1,205,927	1,172,139	575,149	329,538	3,282,753
Additions in year	17,732	-	104,613	49,866	172,211
Disposals in year	-	-	(13,340)	-	(13,340)
Revaluation adjustment	589,771	108,205	-	-	697,976
At the end of the year	<u>1,813,430</u>	<u>1,280,344</u>	<u>666,422</u>	<u>379,404</u>	<u>4,139,600</u>
Depreciation					
At the start of the year	152,496	479,768	323,898	240,055	1,196,217
Charge for the year	23,166	24,843	127,851	40,409	216,269
Disposals in year	-	-	(11,124)	-	(11,124)
Revaluation adjustment	(156,007)	(101,967)	-	-	(257,974)
At the end of the year	<u>19,655</u>	<u>402,644</u>	<u>440,625</u>	<u>280,464</u>	<u>1,143,388</u>
Net book value					
At 31 March 2007	<u>1,793,775</u>	<u>877,700</u>	<u>225,797</u>	<u>98,940</u>	<u>2,996,212</u>
Long Leasehold		494,828			
Short Leasehold		382,872			
		<u>877,700</u>			
At 31 March 2006	<u>1,053,431</u>	<u>692,371</u>	<u>251,251</u>	<u>89,483</u>	<u>2,086,536</u>
Long Leasehold		509,218			
Short Leasehold		183,153			
		<u>692,371</u>			

The Society's properties were valued on an existing use basis as at 31 March 2007 by independent chartered surveyors, Edwin Thompson. The properties are included at 31 March 2007 at their revalued amount. The previous full valuation was in March 2002.

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12 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The Charity	Freehold properties £	Leasehold property & improvements £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles and caravans £	Totals £
Cost or valuation					
At the start of the year	1,159,997	1,172,139	533,108	326,825	3,192,069
Additions in year	17,732	-	103,046	46,066	166,844
Disposals in year	-	-	(13,340)	-	(13,340)
Revaluation adjustment	<u>589,771</u>	<u>108,205</u>	-	-	697,976
At the end of the year	<u>1,767,500</u>	<u>1,280,344</u>	<u>622,814</u>	<u>372,891</u>	4,043,549
Depreciation					
At the start of the year	139,841	479,768	300,741	238,338	1,158,688
Charge for the year	23,166	24,843	119,977	39,106	207,092
Disposals in year	-	-	(11,124)	-	(11,124)
Revaluation adjustment	<u>(156,007)</u>	<u>(101,967)</u>	-	-	(257,974)
At the end of the year	<u>7,000</u>	<u>402,644</u>	<u>409,594</u>	<u>277,444</u>	1,096,682
Net book value					
At 31 March 2007	<u>1,760,500</u>	<u>877,700</u>	<u>213,220</u>	<u>95,447</u>	<u>2,946,867</u>
Long Leasehold		494,828			
Short Leasehold		<u>382,872</u>			
		<u>877,700</u>			
At 31 March 2006	<u>1,020,156</u>	<u>692,371</u>	<u>232,367</u>	<u>88,487</u>	<u>2,033,381</u>
Long Leasehold		509,218			
Short Leasehold		<u>183,153</u>			
		<u>692,371</u>			

Comparable historical cost for land and buildings included at valuation:

	Freehold £	Leasehold £	Total £
Cost	<u>176,803</u>	<u>476,443</u>	<u>653,246</u>
Depreciation based on cost	<u>51,893</u>	<u>237,205</u>	<u>289,098</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2007	<u>124,910</u>	<u>239,238</u>	<u>364,148</u>
At 31 March 2006	<u>110,714</u>	<u>209,061</u>	<u>331,706</u>

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13 Investments

	Charity 2007 £	Group 2007 £	Charity 2006 £	Group 2006 £
Market value at the start of the year	942,835	1,287,487	895,184	1,202,050
Additions at historic cost	229,224	380,536	113,831	113,831
Disposals at market value	(121,271)	(264,530)	(183,604)	(185,655)
Unrealised gain	<u>59,752</u>	<u>64,279</u>	<u>117,424</u>	<u>157,261</u>
Market value at the end of the year	1,110,540	1,467,772	942,835	1,287,487
Cash held with investment managers	<u>24,138</u>	<u>43,678</u>	<u>132,893</u>	<u>151,944</u>
Total investment portfolio market value	<u>1,134,678</u>	<u>1,511,450</u>	<u>1,075,728</u>	<u>1,439,431</u>
Historic cost at the year end	<u>824,246</u>	<u>1,178,313</u>	<u>825,713</u>	<u>1,125,984</u>

All the investments are listed on the UK stock exchange.

Investments representing over 5% by value of the portfolio comprise:

	Charity 2007 £	Group 2007 £	Charity 2006 £	Group 2006 £
Charishare Common Investment Fund	-	62,744	49,172	-
Next 5.25% BDS	59,292	59,292	-	-
ITV 7.625% BDS	53,304	-	-	-
Royal Bank of Scotland GRP Ordinary	49,600	-	-	-
Tesco Ordinary	48,867	-	-	-
BP Ordinary	46,920	-	-	-
Schroders Charity Equity Income	<u>45,020</u>	-	-	-

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14 Housing Associations - Group & Charity

The Society, through its officers, has shareholdings in the following Housing Associations:

	Shareholding %	2007 £	2006 £
St. Vincent's Family Housing (London)	35	6	6
St. Vincent's Housing (Manchester)	17	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
		<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

The housing associations are governed by the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965-1978. Under the provisions of the Act, members cannot receive a distribution of either profit or assets. The extent of the Society's financial interest is restricted to the nominal value of the shares.

15 Investments in Subsidiaries - Charity

At 31 March 2007, the Charity held a controlling interest in the following entities registered in England and Wales:

- Friends of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Limited
- St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) Trading Limited
- Catholic Fund for Homeless and Destitute People
- David Young's Charity
- Pen Y Pound House Fund

These accounts do not include a Statement of Financial Activities for the parent Charity, as permitted under paragraph 397 of SORP 2005. The relevant figures for the year ended 31 March for the parent Charity were:

	Charity 2007 £	Charity 2006 £
Gross income	7,149,370	7,092,415
Surplus for the year, including £955,950 on property revaluation (2006 £ nil)	<u>1,209,470</u>	<u>361,067</u>

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16 Subsidiary Undertakings

The charitable company holds a controlling interest in the Friends of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Limited, St Vincent de Paul (England & Wales) Trading Limited, David Young's Charity, Catholic Fund for Homeless and Destitute People and Pen Y Pound House Fund. The Friends of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Limited has not traded during the year. All activities have been consolidated on a line by line basis in the statement of financial activities. Available profits are gift aided to the Society by St Vincent de Paul (England & Wales) Trading Limited. A summary of the results of the subsidiaries is shown below:

St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) Trading Ltd.

	2007 £	2006 £
Turnover	391,570	326,118
Cost of sales	<u>(270,856)</u>	<u>(216,981)</u>
Gross profit	<u>120,714</u>	<u>109,137</u>
Administrative expenses	116,402	79,251
Other operating income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Operating profit for the financial year	4,312	29,886
Interest payable	(4,441)	-
Gift aid to parent undertaking	<u>(2,124)</u>	<u>(29,886)</u>
(Loss) Profit for the financial year	<u>(2,253)</u>	<u>-</u>
The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:		
Tangible fixed assets	16,071	24,104
Current assets	164,949	113,847
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(180,170)</u>	<u>(134,848)</u>
Funds at 31 March 2007	<u>850</u>	<u>3,103</u>

The trading company began trading in July 2003 and is based at St Jude's Furniture Store in Leeds. Activity is centred around supplying new furniture to customers involved with Social Housing, refugees and asylum seekers.

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16 Subsidiary Undertakings (continued)

Catholic Fund for Homeless and Destitute People

	2007 £	2006 £
Incoming resources	<u>22,000</u>	<u>24,604</u>
<i>Resources expended</i>		
Direct charitable expenditure	<u>8,005</u>	<u>15,453</u>
Net outgoing resources for the year	13,995	9,151
Funds brought forward	<u>101,090</u>	<u>91,939</u>
Funds at 31 March 2007	<u>115,085</u>	<u>101,090</u>

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

Tangible fixed assets	33,275	33,275
Current assets	84,218	72,315
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(2,408)</u>	<u>(4,500)</u>
Funds at 31 March 2007	<u>115,085</u>	<u>101,090</u>

David Young's Charity

	31 December 2006 £	31 December 2005 £
Incoming resources	<u>7,837</u>	<u>6,090</u>
<i>Resources expended</i>		
Direct charitable expenditure	<u>8,031</u>	<u>6,257</u>
Net outgoing resources for the year	(194)	(167)
Funds brought forward	<u>94,777</u>	<u>94,944</u>
Funds at 31 December 2006	<u>94,583</u>	<u>94,777</u>

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

Investments	92,957	92,957
Current assets	<u>1,626</u>	<u>1,820</u>
Funds at 31 December 2006	<u>94,583</u>	<u>94,777</u>

Figures have been included for the year ended 31 December 2006 as these are the most recent audited accounts.

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16 Subsidiary undertakings (continued)

Pen Y Pound House Fund

	2007 £	2006 £
Incoming resources	<u>9,648</u>	<u>8,215</u>
<i>Resources expended</i>		
Costs of generating funds	<u>(2,372)</u>	<u>(1,735)</u>
Net incoming resources for the year	7,276	6,480
Realised gains	9,614	1,389
Unrealised gains	<u>4,527</u>	<u>39,837</u>
Net movement in funds	21,417	47,706
Funds brought forward	317,659	269,953
Funds on transfer of control	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Funds at 31 March 2007	<u><u>339,076</u></u>	<u><u>317,659</u></u>
The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:		
Investments	283,815	271,746
Current assets	<u>55,261</u>	<u>45,913</u>
Funds at 31 March 2007	<u><u>339,076</u></u>	<u><u>317,659</u></u>

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17 Debtors

	The group		The charity	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	£	£	£	£
Other debtors	176,597	354,384	100,941	269,369
Prepayments	37,459	55,976	37,052	54,197
Amounts due from subsidiaries	-	-	146,942	91,634
	<u>214,056</u>	<u>410,360</u>	<u>284,935</u>	<u>415,199</u>

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year

	The group		The charity	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	£	£	£	£
Bank overdrafts	2,859	7,790	2,859	7,790
Other creditors	485,646	399,984	458,930	397,060
Tax and social security	47,013	49,801	45,512	-
Accruals and deferred income	170,750	204,542	163,331	197,042
	<u>706,268</u>	<u>662,117</u>	<u>670,632</u>	<u>601,892</u>

19 Analysis of group net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,640,101	356,111	-	2,996,212
Investments	298,306	806,658	406,496	1,511,460
Net current assets	<u>2,805,440</u>	<u>757,848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,563,288</u>
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>5,743,847</u>	<u>1,920,617</u>	<u>406,496</u>	<u>8,070,960</u>

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20 Movements in funds

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Investment gains, losses & revaluation £	At the end of the year £
Endowment funds:						
Pen Y Pound House capital fund	268,504	-	(2,372)	-	14,141	280,273
The Estate of Francis Thompson	126,538	-	(1,109)	-	794	126,223
					-	
Total endowment funds	395,042	-	(3,481)	-	14,935	406,496

For descriptions of these funds, please see page 38

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20 Movement in funds (continued)

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Investment gains, losses & revaluation £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds:						
TB Hunt Trust	146,375	8,548	(7,985)	-	10,904	157,842
St Joseph's Hartlepool	32,435	-	(280)	-	719	32,874
Puttnam legacy	43,393	2,170	-	-	-	45,563
H Davie legacy	2,720	82	(2,802)	-	-	-
Unemployed in need	28,099	843	(28,942)	-	-	-
Restricted legacies	325,676	402,532	(186,951)	-	-	541,257
Blackburn bequest	71,494	5,392	(9,496)	-	-	67,390
Mary Rodgers legacy	114,763	4,391	(3,200)	-	-	115,954
Nash legacy	47,771	2,389	-	-	-	50,160
Furniture stores	261,853	159,451	(117,592)	-	71,367	375,079
Catholic Fund (Note 23)	101,090	22,000	(8,005)	-	-	115,085
Westminster Lourdes fund	64,145	2,437	(384)	-	-	66,198
George Blount trust fund	7,371	527	(2,250)	-	-	5,648
Lucy's fund	20,259	1,013	(550)	-	-	20,722
David Young's charity	4,020	-	-	-	-	4,020
Pen Y Pound House income fund	49,155	9,647	-	-	-	58,802
Francis Thompson income fund	-	4,554	(4,554)	-	-	-
Debt counselling project	24,873	92,541	(45,909)	-	-	71,505
SVP on the Move	45,000	16,793	-	-	-	61,793
Garfield Weston	10,000	500	-	-	-	10,500
J McLaughlin	15,000	750	(2,500)	-	-	13,250
Gilbert Cooper Fund	-	25,033	(250)	-	-	24,783
Young Mothers and Children Fund	-	17,779	(2,445)	-	-	15,334
Other restricted funds	32,021	68,333	(10,005)	(23,491)	-	66,858
Total restricted funds	1,447,513	847,705	(434,100)	(23,491)	82,990	1,920,617

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20 Movement in funds (continued)

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Investment gains, losses & revaluation £	At the end of the year £
Unrestricted funds:						
<i>Designated funds:</i>						
Twinnage	291,707	75,159	(693,632)	683,711	-	356,945
Holidays & Camps	1,240	1,270	(250)	-	-	2,260
Small furniture stores	350	100	-	-	-	450
Youth SVP development	800	4	-	-	-	804
Lourdes Fund	13,177	-	(1,400)	-	-	11,777
Offender Care	2,685	250	(500)	-	-	2,435
Asylum Seeker Care	2,200	700	-	-	-	2,900
Debt Counselling	400	-	-	-	-	400
Spiritual Formation	4,200	3,937	-	(4,200)	-	3,937
Weidner Holiday Fund	-	14,009	(3,770)	245,019	-	255,258
Fixed Asset Fund	2,086,536	-	-	(833,975)	-	1,252,561
Total designated funds	2,403,295	95,429	(699,552)	90,555	-	1,889,727
Revaluation reserve	502,957	-	-	-	884,583	1,387,540
General funds	2,108,430	6,578,582	(6,212,195)	(67,064)	58,827	2,466,580
Total unrestricted funds	5,014,682	6,674,011	(6,911,747)	23,491	943,410	5,743,847
Total funds	6,857,237	7,521,716	(7,349,328)	-	1,041,335	8,070,960

Details concerning the purposes of endowment, restricted and designated funds can be found on the following pages.

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20 Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of endowment funds

Pen Y Pound House fund

This is a separate charitable trust controlled by the Society. The trustees' main objective is to further the work of the Roman Catholic Church in relieving the poor of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff. The Society took control of the fund during the year. The fund comprises a permanent endowment fund which is invested on a recognised stock exchange to provide income for furthering the Trust's objectives.

The Estate of Francis Thompson

This is a permanent endowment fund arising from a legacy. The terms of the legacy are to invest the fund in quoted investments on a recognised stock exchange to provide an income for the Christ the King conference in Waverley, Liverpool.

Purposes of restricted funds

TB Hunt Trust

This is a separate charitable trust controlled by the Society. The trustees' main objective is to provide help to those in need in the Leicester and Market Harborough areas.

St Joseph's Hartlepool

This fund is restricted for use within the Hartlepool area.

Puttnam legacy

This fund originates from a legacy received a number of years ago to be spent on furniture stores in the Sheffield area

H Davie legacy

The H Davie legacy was received in 1999 with the restriction that it be used for "the assistance and succour of children in underdeveloped countries in such a manner as the Society may decide". This fund was spent in 2006/2007.

Unemployed in need

The fund originated in March 2000 from the Advent Trust balance of funds. Remaining funds are to be spent on projects relating to the unemployed. This fund was spent in 2006/2007.

Restricted legacies

This fund is an amalgamation of legacies held by Conferences, and at National Office on behalf of conferences. The legacies held in the fund are all restricted for use in a particular Conference or area of the country.

Blackburn bequest

The Blackburn bequest is a legacy received in 1982. The legacy is being held by the National Office and the interest on the amount is used in the Exeter and Plymouth areas.

Mary Rodger's legacy

This fund originates from a legacy received in 2004/2005 to be spent in North Wales.

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Nash legacy

£45,029 was received in 2002/2003 to be spent in the North East of England.

Furniture stores

This fund is represented by properties acquired with the assistance of Community Fund grants used for providing low cost furniture to those in need. In addition a grant from the Henry Smiths charity was received and spent in the year to fund the salary of a van driver at St Jude's Furniture Store in Leeds.

Catholic Fund for Homeless and Destitute People

This is a separately registered charity which provides hostels and accommodation for homeless and destitute people and assists these people to re-establish themselves spiritually and socially.

Westminster Lourdes fund

£60,000 was received in 2002/2003 to set up a fund to send individuals from the Westminster area to Lourdes.

George Blount trust fund

The aim of the fund is to offer financial assistance to young people up to the age of 20 to enable them to achieve an aim, hope or ambition, which will give direction to their life.

Lucy's fund

Lucy's fund was established from a grant made in memory of the late Lucy Doreen Rope. The fund has been established for SVP Conferences to apply to for individuals in need of financial help with travel and equipment costs to return to work.

David Young's Charity

This is a separate charitable trust controlled by the Society. The trustee's main objective is to alleviate poverty amongst Catholics. SVP members are eligible to apply to this fund.

Pen-Y-Pound Income fund

This fund is to be spent in relieving the poor of Cardiff.

Francis Thompson Income fund

This fund is to be spent in the Christ the King conference in Waverley, Liverpool.

Debt Counselling project

This fund comprises grant funding received from H.B.O.S. Foundation to operate a debt counselling service in Newcastle upon Tyne. The service commenced in April 2005.

SVP on the Move

This fund represents grants given for the new youth 18-33 programme.

Garfield Weston

These funds are for Rhyl Furniture store and Blackfriars support centre

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J McLaughlin

This fund comprises £5,000 for the Ozanam Centre and £10,000 for Blackfriars support centre.

Gilbert Cooper fund

This fund originates from a legacy received in 2006/2007. It will be used to award scholarships tenable to any educational establishment for persons under 25 years of age who are in the care of or guardianship of the SVP.

Young Mothers and Children fund

This fund was set up in 2006/2007 and exists to support young mothers and their children who are experiencing difficulties.

Weidner Holiday fund

This Fund is to be spent on the poor and needy both in Newcastle and the other areas covered by Tyne Central Council.

Other restricted funds

Other restricted funds include £4,546 for holiday camps; £40,695 for the upkeep of the Newcastle Deaf Centre; and £21,617 covers funds for the Tyne Central Council area. £23,491 was transferred to general funds in the year representing a change in classification from restricted to general funds on the Matt Talbot and Leo Edgar projects.

Designated funds

Generally designated funds are spent and replenished in a year. Members are encouraged to apply for use of these funds.

Twinnage

This represents funds contributed mainly by Conferences specifically to support the activities of the Society's sister organisations overseas. The transfer to the fund of £683,711 represents the transfer of funds collected by Conferences which has been allocated to Twinnage activities.

During the year, a number of funds have been established to which local Conferences can contribute. Applications for grants can be made by Conferences to any of the funds with the exception of the Spiritual Formation fund.

Holidays and Camps

The fund will be used to provide grants to Conferences and Councils needing to purchase new equipment for the caravans or camps, as well as to Conferences/Councils wishing to send people on such a break.

Small Furniture Stores

Money in this fund will be used to provide grants to SVP furniture stores to improve their service or to kick start the founding of new furniture stores where appropriate.

Youth SVP development

This fund will be used to help fund the Society's youth development programme and to fund local youth activities which would otherwise not be able to take place.

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20 Movements in funds (continued)

Lourdes Fund

The Lourdes Fund has been established to provide grants to Conferences and Councils wishing to send people to Lourdes.

Offender Care

This fund will be used to help fund the Society's National Offender Care programme, which is yet to be established. In the meantime, funds may be used to provide grants to Conferences and Councils requiring funds for particular Offender needs.

Asylum Seeker Care

This fund will be used to help fund the Society's National Asylum Seeker Care programme, which is yet to be established. In the meantime, funds may be used to provide grants to Conferences and Councils requiring funds for particular Asylum Seeker Care needs.

Debt Counselling

The fund is available to help support and develop debt counselling provision at the Society's Support Centres.

Spiritual Formation

This fund is being used to support the work of the Society's Spiritual Development Co-ordinator, who assists Conferences with the Spiritual aspect of their work. £4,200 was transferred in the year to cover costs of spiritual formation paid from general funds.

Weidner Holiday fund

This Fund is to be spent on the poor and needy both in Newcastle and the other areas covered by Tyne Central Council. It arises from the sale of a property in October 2000. £245,019 has been transferred from general funds in the year to set up this fund.

Fixed Asset Fund

As part of the Society's review of its reserves, the Trustees feel that showing the funds relating to fixed assets as a designated fund would be more appropriate. The fund now excludes property revaluation and those fixed assets covered by restricted reserves and £833,975 was transferred from this fund in the year to cover this exclusion. Depreciation relating to fixed assets will be charged to the fund on an annual basis.

21 Operating lease commitments

The group had annual commitments at the year end under operating leases expiring as follows:

	2007	2006
	Land and buildings £	Land and buildings £
1 year	107,740	89,248
2 - 5 years	39,500	26,280
over 5 years	52,500	25,000
	<u>199,740</u>	<u>140,528</u>

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22 Connected organisations

- The Vincentian Millennium Partnership (VMP) is a separately registered charity (number: 1103443) and is an umbrella organisation set up to foster collaboration among those organisations, groups, trusts, charities and Religious Congregations in Great Britain which are influenced by the spirit of St Vincent de Paul. The Society is a member of the VMP and during the year, gave a grant of £2,000 (2006: £2,000). Daniel Cormack, the National Vice-President of the Society was a trustee of the VMP, and did not participate in the decision to give the charity the grant.
- One of St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) Trading Limited's suppliers, Hillside Furniture Centre, is owned by Paul Goundry who is the Operations Manager at the Society's St Jude's Furniture Store in Leeds. Regular price comparisons are made with other suppliers to ensure that Hillside Furniture remains a competitive supplier.

23 Post Balance Sheet events - Catholic Fund

The Catholic Fund is a separately registered charity which provides hostels and accommodation for homeless and destitute people and assists these people to re-establish themselves spiritually and socially. The Society held a controlling interest in this fund up to 1st April 2007 when the fund transferred its net assets to a new charity following a dissociation from the Society. The disposal of these net assets will be shown in the Society's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008.