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Page 5 - Membership and Visits by CC

Please note that there is an error relating to the Manchester figures for number of visits made.

The figure is overstated due to a significant error in a secretarial return.

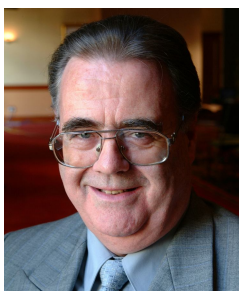
Unfortunately the conference in question is now in abeyance and therefore it is not possible to rectify this error.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (ENGLAND & WALES)



MEMBERS' ANNUAL REVIEW 2006-2007

National President's Report



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to be able to present a summary of the work undertaken by the Society in 2006 - 2007. As ever, you the members of the SVP, have continued to give generously of your selves and your time to meet the needs of other people. Over 600,600 visits have been made to approximately 122,00 people in need. These visits were supplemented with material assistance on 112,000 occasions. St Vincent noted that 'the poor are always with us' and certainly the need for the Society is as great as ever:

- 2.5 million people over 50 have little social or family contact (Age Concern)
- 14% of older people over 65 in the UK are malnourished (Age Concern)
- 25% of the population does not take a holiday due to disadvantage (Policy Research Bureau)
- A child in the UK is twice more likely to live in a household with relatively low income than a generation ago (Joseph Rowntree Foundation)
- 31% of children have parents who cannot afford to replace furniture and 22% cannot afford to repair or replace broken electrical goods (Furniture Recycling Network)
- 5% of UK asylum seekers experience hunger, 95% cannot afford to buy shoes or clothes and 80% are unable to maintain good health (Oxfam)

This is the first year that the number of members has fallen below 10,000 and it is vital that we continue our effort to recruit others to help in our work. The need is great and for the sake of those we serve each and every one of us must take personal responsibility for encouraging others to enter into the rich life of the Society. Remember a few hours of your time recruiting may mean a lifetime of visits for a needy person.

Yours in St Vincent and Blessed Frederic,

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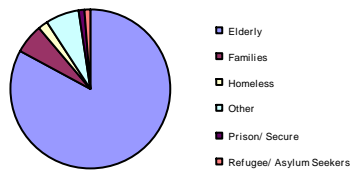
James McDaid, National President

Who Conferences helped last year

People Visited/Assisted by members in 2007

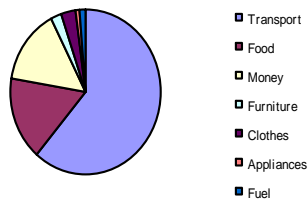
Elderly	101,825	83%
Families	7,131	6%
Homeless	2,474	2%
Other	8,274	7%
Prison/ Secure	1,550	1%
Refugee/ Asylum Seekers	1,377	1%
Total Visits	122,631	

People Visited/Assisted by members in 2007



An total of 122,631 visits were carried out by SVP members during 2007. The majority of these visits were to the elderly, but members made thousands of visits to homeless people, prisoners, asylum seekers, families and others in need during the year.

Types of Material Assistance Given in 2007



Material assistance was also given in a variety of ways. The largest portion of assistance was help with transportation but assistance was provided to those in need of financial help, as well as with food, clothing appliances, furniture and fuel.

Material Assistance Given in 2007

Transport	67,831	61%
Food	18,004	16%
Money	15,900	14%
Furniture	2,805	3%
Clothes	3,274	3%
Appliances	1,184	1%
Fuel	1,360	1%
Total Assistance	110,358	

Membership & visits by CC

<i>Central Council</i>	<i>Number of Members</i>	<i>Visits Made</i>
Arundel & Brighton	423 (363 full, 60 auxiliaries)	30,071
Birmingham	854 (701 full, 153 auxiliaries)	55,981
Brentwood	512 (435 full, 77 auxiliaries)	21,605
Bristol	269 (220 full, 49 auxiliaries)	13,679
Cardiff	281 (224 full, 57 auxiliaries)	16,702
East Anglia	214 (178 full, 36 auxiliaries)	11,395
Hallam	194 (160 full, 34 auxiliaries)	11,668
Lancaster	359 (317 full, 42 auxiliaries)	24,222
Leeds	595 (452 full, 143 auxiliaries)	28,239
Liverpool	460 (397 full, 63 auxiliaries)	16,393
Manchester	569 (479 full, 90 auxiliaries)	103,531
Menevia	197 (156 full, 41 auxiliaries)	7,466
Middlesbrough	373 (322 full, 51 auxiliaries)	22,815
Northampton	454 (338 full, 116 auxiliaries)	29,076
Nottingham	304 (256 full, 48 auxiliaries)	21,376
Plymouth	152 (133 full, 19 auxiliaries)	8,744
Portsmouth	335 (263 full, 72 auxiliaries)	22,120
Shrewsbury	886 (720 full, 166 auxiliaries)	64,559
Southwark	530 (435 full, 95 auxiliaries)	33,885
SW Lancs	249 (222 full, 27 auxiliaries)	15,488
Tyne	694 (587 full, 107 auxiliaries)	63,488
Westminster	554 (422 full, 132 auxiliaries)	28,125
Wrexham	154 (113 full, 41 auxiliaries)	8,481
TOTAL FOR 2007	9,612 (7893 full, 1719 auxiliaries)	659,109

The statistics in this report have been extracted from Conference Secretarial and Special Works returns for 2006-2007 received by October 2007.

Special Works 2006/2007

Community Transport

"Poor transport services mean that many older people are not able to get out to shops, to hospital, or to see friends and family." Help the Aged

SVP community minibuses in Rushden and Jarrow provided essential transportation to 4,095 elderly, housebound or disabled people.



Support Centres & Debt Counselling



The SVP ran four Support Centres in Manchester, Leeds, London and Newcastle through which it could serve communities in some of the most deprived areas in the UK. Last year, over 3,857 individuals visited the centres for basic numeracy and literacy skills training, help with job-seeking and form-filling, information and

advice, access to affordable hot food, clothes and household items. Alongside professional staff, a total of 38 volunteers gave an average of 208 hours each week to ensure a high-quality service.

In addition, in Leeds and Newcastle the debt counselling service helped many individuals to deal not only with the practical side of debt, but also with the wide spectrum of psychological issues associated with it.



Special Works Services 2006/2007

Holiday Provision

The SVP's 9 holiday caravans gave 177 families the opportunity for a one week break at a seaside location around the country that they would otherwise not be able to afford. The SVP also ran six summer camps for disadvantaged children, providing a much needed holiday for 1,463 young people. These were supported by 560 volunteers giving around 5,400 hours of their time. Over 1,180 people benefited from a holiday at the Society's Ozanam Centre in North Wales.

Furniture Stores and Community Shops



Last year, the SVP operated 14 furniture projects providing good quality second hand furniture and household goods at little or no cost to 10,804 individuals and families. A total of 9,829 collections and 7,158 deliveries were made. These community projects worked in partnership with the Probation service. The SVP's 24 community shops located in areas of deprivation offered affordable clothes and household items to low income families and individuals.

Disability Projects

The SVP ran four special projects for 257 disabled people, including a social club, deaf masses as well as one 'Talking Newspaper' service for the visually impaired which was used by 97 beneficiaries.

Soup Runs

The SVP ran 3 soup runs in London, Brighton and Clacton on Sea, offering a sympathetic ear to 19,239 homeless and disadvantaged people and signposting clients to other services and agencies. These were supported by 204 volunteers committing an average of 124 hours each week to the projects.

Special Works Services 2006/2007

Residential Care

In the last year, the SVP has run three residential care homes for homeless people and those with mental illness and two Home Office approved premises for offenders on probation, offering support and life skills to 291 clients.



Youth Development

Also in the last year, the Youth SVP programme gave approximately 2,600 young people, between the ages of 11 and 18, the opportunity to volunteer in their local communities through 120 groups based in parishes, schools and universities.

Twinnage and Overseas Aid



Over the past year, conferences in England and Wales supported 1704 twins in India, Grenada, Guyana, Sudan and Romania. Last year £215,000 was sent in twin-to-twin payments and 550 students were sponsored in India. Following the launch of the Tsunami orphan appeal 2,960 sponsorships were received committing over £500,000 over 5 years.

In addition, vital feeding, training, medical and other projects were supported through the Sudan Appeal which raised £160,000.

"A community is like an orchestra; each instrument is beautiful when it plays alone, but when they all play together, each given its own weight in turn, the result is even more beautiful"

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Financial Summary 2006-2007

Where the money comes from ...

These services include holiday camps and caravans, support centres, Twinnage, Youth SVP, community shops, furniture stores and the SVP Trading Company.

Total Income 2007

Donations, legacies and fundraising	£2.9m	38%
Shops and furniture stores	£1.5m	20%
Holiday Centres and camps	£0.3m	4%
Residential care	£1.9m	26%
Support centres	£0.5m	7%
Other	£0.4m	5%
Total income	£7.5million	

Where the money goes to ...

Total Expenditure 2007

Visits and assistance	£1.5m	22%
Shops and furniture stores	£1.3m	18%
Holiday Centres and camps	£0.5m	7%
Residential care	£2.2m	30%
International relief	£0.7m	10%
Youth development	£0.1m	1%
Support centres	£0.4m	5%
Raising funds	£0.5m	6%
Governance	£0.1m	1%
Total expenditure	£7.3million	

The purpose of these figures is to show the main sources of our income for 2006-2007 and the main areas in which we spent this. The figures come from information that we used to prepare our full audited accounts for the year but are not an extract from these accounts. Copies of our full audited accounts for 2006-2007 are available on request from the address below and may also be downloaded from our website.

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