

Sacred Heart SVP Conference Statement of Activity:
April 2021 - March 2022

During this time there were still Covid restrictions which limited the face to face contact we had with beneficiaries.

We recruited 6 new members making our total 17 full time members, with 5 auxiliaries.

320 hours were spent at meetings, Zoom and face to face.

We supported 22 new beneficiaries, bringing our total to 47. These include families, single people, elderly in their own homes.

We made 514 phone calls and visits, amounting to 403 hours.

We provided 147 items to beneficiaries, including carpets, white goods, furniture, clothing, food and fuel grants.

We made 15 appeals for £150 through ACTS 435, a Charity crowd funding initiative that enables us to apply for small grants on behalf of our beneficiaries. The grants don't cover the whole cost of the items but enable us to spread our funds further. All 15 appeals were met, providing carpets, white goods and rent arrears assistance.

We liaised with Housing associations, Droitwich Community Volunteer Bureau, The Food bank, Social Prescribers, Social Workers, SVP head office and local schools.

The second collection for Fr Hudson's care at Christmas appeal was again very successful, £776.62.

We have set up monthly Sunday afternoon cuppa and cake sessions for those who are lonely and in need of company.

We collated a bereavement support pack for the Parish Priest to offer to families when organising a funeral.

We also collated a local activity information pack.

We accompanied Fr. George at his monthly Mass in a local Care Home.

We organised and paid for a trip to Dudley Zoo for a single mum and her 9-year-old daughter.

Thank you for all the support from our parishioners. We couldn't help our beneficiaries without the prayers and donations offered in support of our work.

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. Founded in Britain in 1844, we foster diverse and inclusive connections, as a Society that is welcoming of people of all faiths and none. We joyfully extend our hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need support.

Our 10,000 members, motivated by faith, visit vulnerable or isolated people across England and Wales and offer them friendship and practical support. The essence of our work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift.

There is a second collection on Sunday 27th November for the Sacred Heart SVP Conference.