

Beckenham SVP Conference Report 2022-2023

Aims of the SVP

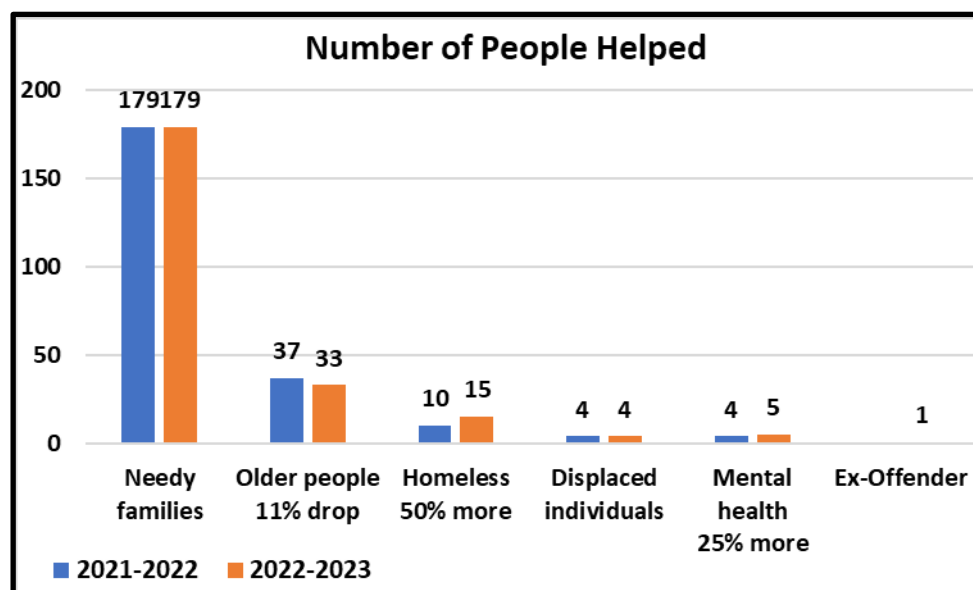
The SVP aims to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need, particularly the poor of the parish.

This work includes visiting people who are sick or lonely, engaging in person-to-person contact, and spending time with people, without regard to faith, ethnicity, or status.

The SVP in Beckenham

The SVP, 87 years in Beckenham since 23rd November 1936, currently has 18 members all living in Beckenham. We hold meetings every three weeks and have strict safeguarding procedures as we visit people in their homes. All visiting members hold a DBS certificate.

In addition to visits and organising events for older and isolated people, this year we have assisted families and individuals in need through our local food voucher scheme with the Big Catch aimed at the homeless in Beckenham, help with buying food, paying moving costs, purchasing white goods, and bedroom furniture. We also gave Christmas gifts for children in difficult family situations, and supermarket vouchers at Christmas for families struggling to make ends meet.



Number of people helped:

179 Needy families: Helped with supermarket vouchers

- 7 regular clients/referrals
- 169 local families – Christmas 2022
- 3 referrals in local area

33 Older people: in own home/ in residential care

15 Homeless: Helped through food voucher scheme

4 Displaced individuals: Helped in supported accommodation

5 Individuals with mental health issues

1 Ex-offender

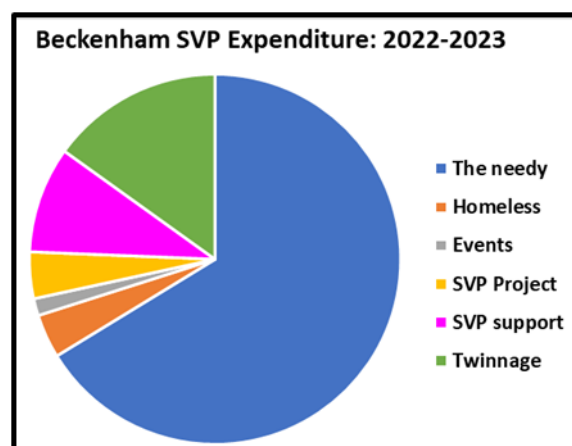
Income and Expenditure - Financial Summary over 12-months

Income

Church collections	£2,724
Other sources (e.g., Christmas fundraising)	£4,280
Gift Aid	£ 262
Total income from above	£7,266

Expenditure

Families and Individuals in need	£8,136
Homeless (meal vouchers)	£ 471
Events Cost (e.g. Christmas lunch, Tea after Mass)	£ 183
SVP National Project (Cost of Living Crisis Fund)	£ 500
SVP National Office (support costs)	£1,141
Twinnage** (Sudan, India)	£1,850
Total expenditure from above	£12,281



**Twinnage: We support SVP groups with whom we are twinned, to help locals in poverty to be self-sufficient. This year, in addition, we supported an appeal following flooding in Sudan/South Sudan.

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