

The Vincentians in Partnership



VINCENTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2014

Company Limited by Guarantee
Registration Number 04852510
(England & Wales)

Charity Registration Number 1103442

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Introduction

We give thanks for the years of dedication Sister Teresa Thorpe (Sisters of Our Lady of Evron) gave to Vincentians in Partnership. Hopeful of making a recovery, Sister Teresa was still a Trustee before her death earlier this year. We are very grateful to her good humoured, practical contribution to our work, and she will be greatly missed by us all. The dedication of Mr Paul Southgate, VIP Director, and the Trustees who work so well together, ensures the continuing success of VIP.


This year, the Global Vincentian Family's main thrust is The Vincentian Contribution to the New Evangelization. During 2013-14, Vincentians in Partnership became increasingly involved in an ever widening strata of society – the “new evangelisation”. Our “prayer in action” is for the new poverties among us. We need to resist “the spirit of the age” but also work as Jesus intends us to in the world (John 17:15), so worldly influence is nearly impossible to escape. We do have the comfort of His Word and His values (Rom.12:1-2), and God helps us walk in His light (Eph.5:8), in the Spirit (Gal.5:25), in love (Eph.5:2), in truth (3 John 4), and in Christ (Col.2:6). What a guide!

As Vincentians, working for marginalized people, we have a duty to keep the Millennium Development Goals to the forefront of our minds, so we are geared up towards providing a better service to those living in poverty, at home and abroad, and not continue without an end point in mind. It is almost 15 years since our inception as the Vincentian Millennium Partnership. This coincided with the meeting of 189 World leaders who made a commitment to make life better for people around the world by agreeing eight goals to be achieved by 2015. How far we have come, and how much more needs to be done?

The temptation is to persist in improving our own individual service alone and resist any call for collaboration because we are “time poor”. Yet, St Vincent was the arch collaborator, and I sense he would have wholly approved of the newly established global Vincentian Collaborative Action Programme devised to harness the power of the 2.5million Vincentians in the world. This programme is an excellent template for us each to be a Vincentian as visionary, Vincentian as contemplative, Vincentian as collaborator, Vincentian as catalyst and Vincentian as servant.

In the UK, we are not starting with a blank sheet. We already have a network established; Vincentians in Partnership. So, now I would strongly encourage all of you to read this report, noting the achievements and challenging what you feel needs developing. As an individual Vincentian, member of a Vincentian group or Vincentian organisation, what will your response be to my encouragement for a wholehearted involvement in collaboration. Leaving it for others, not taking an active part in our VIP network, diminishes the UK Vincentian response to the “new evangelisation”.

Together, we are ever more effective in the service of those living in poverty. So, beginning with the Annual General Meeting at 12 noon on Thursday, 16th October – see www.vip-gb.org for details. Make your presence felt! We need everyone to be fully involved to achieve our aims. See you there.


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Mrs Dee Mansi (Chair)

Date:

16.10.14

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Trustees' Report

We are pleased to present our report together with the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2014.

Legal and administrative information

Directors and Trustees

Patrons

Adrian Abel (SVP Eng & Wales)
Rev Eamon Devlin (CM)
Sr Marie Raw (DC)
Revd Jonathan Wilkes (Depaul UK)
Deirdre Mansi (AIC)
Rev Fr Beresford Skelton
Michael Balfour (SSVP Scotland)
Mark McGreevy (Depaul International)
Sr Ellen Flynn (The Passage)
Sr Clare Kelly (Srs of Our Lady of Evron)

Trustees

(Management Committee)

Deirdre Mansi (AIC) – Chair (Appointed 13 June 2013)
Ingrid Phillips (SVP England & Wales) – Treasurer
Rev Fr Noel Travers (CM)
Joe MacEachen (SSVP Scotland)
Sr Maria Robb (DC) (Resigned 13 June 2013)
Fr Beresford Skelton (CMP)
Sr Susan Molloy (VV)
Michael Clarke (The Passage)
Sr Teresa Thorpe (Srs of Our Lady of Evron)

Company Secretary

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 31st July 2003 and registered as a charity on 27th April 2004. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which establishes the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The trustees listed at the front of this Annual Report are representatives of the ten Partner Organisations listed below. These are:

- ◆ International Association of Charities (AIC)
- ◆ Company of Mission Priests (CMP)
- ◆ Congregation of the Mission (CM)
- ◆ Daughters of Charity of St Vincent De Paul (DC)
- ◆ Depaul UK
- ◆ The Passage
- ◆ Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Evron
- ◆ Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)
- ◆ Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP Scotland)
- ◆ Vincentian Volunteers (VV).

In addition to the above Partners, there are a number of other groups associated with the Partnership who are not represented by trustees on the VIP Governing Body and these include:

- ◆ Anglican Sisters of Charity
- ◆ Brothers of Charity (BOC)
- ◆ Catholic Blind Institute (Christopher Grange & St Vincent's School)
- ◆ Ladies of Charity (LC)
- ◆ Out There
- ◆ Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of Mercy
- ◆ Sisters of Charity of St Jeanne Antide
- ◆ St Joseph's Service, Rosewell
- ◆ St Vincent's Family Project
- ◆ St Wilfrid's Drop-In Centre, Sheffield
- ◆ The Marillac Hospital, Warley
- ◆ Vincentian Partnership for Social Justice
- ◆ Vincentian Care Plus
- ◆ Youth SVP (England & Wales)

Recruitment & Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. They form the Management Committee and run the Company. The VIP currently has its full complement of trustees. Requirements for new trustees are identified and appointed by the Partner Organisations.

Trustees Induction & Training.

Most trustees are already familiar with the work of the charity. The Company Secretary, who is the Director of the VIP, is responsible for the induction of new trustees, which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document and the work of the charity.

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Risk management

The VIP functions by having three paid employees (including one who is part-time), and a network of contacts and volunteers. It has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed with DE Ford Insurance brokers and taken out a combined all risks insurance policy. It operates a comprehensive health and safety policy.

Organisational Structure

The VIP has a Management Committee of 10 members who meet every three months and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. They are nominated to serve on the Management Committee by the specific organisations within the partnership which they represent. They come from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. The secretary also sits on the Committee but has no voting rights. Four members of the Management Committee belong to a Finance Sub-Committee which meets on an ad hoc basis.

Objectives of the Charity

The Vincentians in Partnership (VIP) 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 ethos of the VIP is rooted in the Gospel and may be best summed up by those words of Jesus taken from St Matthew's Gospel:

"Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters – you do it to me".

The main objectives of the Vincentians in Partnership are:

- to foster a sense of belonging to the Vincentian Family here in Britain
- to foster communication and collaboration between the organisations within the partnership and their associates
- to deepen the underlying spirituality and ethos of its members
- to support and empower those trapped in poverty
- to oppose structural injustice and lobby for justice
- to work together on practical projects which support those in need

Vincentians in Partnership has achieved a great deal during 2013 - 2014 to achieve its aims.

1. VIP Justice

This year, the VIP Justice Group and the SVP (E&W) Social Justice Group joined forces to address our common concerns. We now meet together every quarter.

Award – Vincentian Commission for Promoting Systemic Change

In our work for justice, VIP had the great good fortune to be awarded funding for looking into how the needs of people in prison, and those being released from prison, can be better supported by Churches and Faith groups. This was one of four projects around the world chosen to be funded by the *Vincentian Commission for Promoting Systemic Change* - the others being in India, Haiti and the Philippines. Inside this project, called "Inside and Outside – People and Prisons", VIP is organising a conference around these issues on 6 December 2014 in Newcastle Civic Centre. We hope that the event will appeal to a national audience of people who are already involved in supporting prisoners, both residential and newly released, and their families. The project aims not so much to improve relationships but to improve the system. We hope that participants will reflect on some key questions: Do prisons work? Is prison the best place for offenders? Can there be a real paradigm change in the prison/criminal justice process and what would lead to such a change? Is society interested or indifferent? How can the Church and other faith organisations make their concerns, ideas and voices heard?

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Collaboration with Citizens UK

VIP is working with Citizens UK (CUK), before the 2015 general election, to improve conditions for migrants from refugee camps and promoting their dignity at every stage of their journey. We already play our part in ending child detention: VIP serves on CUK's Independent Child Detention Monitoring Board, set up to provide analysis of government statistics, compliance with its commitment to end child detention and to respond to any issues which arise. Marlene Burt, AIC's representative on VIP, used a new 'traffic light' system, devised by Citizens UK, to present to Nick Clegg MP, a clearer picture of the issues which he described as 'very helpful'. Sr Margaret Brady, who represents the Daughters of Charity on VIP's Justice Group, took part in the Citizens UK Summit this year.

2020 Vision for The Common Good

Similarly focused on the next general election is the *2020 Vision for the Common Good* in which VIP (through Rose Hickman of The Passage and Alison Gelder of Housing Justice) is involved together with Church Action on Poverty, Caritas, Housing Justice, and Christian Aid. This is about envisioning and building a Good Society and helping the Church to shape the nature and terms of the political debate leading up to the election.

VIP Chairs Caritas Social Action Network's (CSAN) Criminal Justice Forum. This Forum meets 4 times per year, and enables VIP to build significant and collaborative links with other organisations and chaplains working in this area as well as providing access to parliamentary debate. The Forum recently made a submission to Parliament's Justice Select Committee. A debate took place in the House of Commons on 30 April on Prison Education and Welfare Services. Both CBCEW and CSAN (as with so many things, VIP's presence was hidden beneath the radar!) were mentioned along with prison chaplaincy by both Mark Pritchard MP and the Minister.

VIP and National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN)

VIP partners the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) this year in organising its 2014 annual conference at Swanwick. The theme of this year's conference is "Called To Life in All Its Fullness – accepting the responsibility of our baptism". The conference, with over 300 participants, aims to empower lay people to accept the responsibility of their baptism, provides an opportunity to bring life experiences and relate them to their baptismal call, and will be a celebration of life and a renewal of vision. 16 workshops will deal with a huge range of justice issues, and attendees will listen to key speakers Gemma Simmonds on the "Priesthood of the Laity", Claire Dixon on "Called to be Prophets", Mary Colwell on caring for the environment, and MP Sarah Teather on "Engaging with Power Structures". Women will definitely be to the fore in this conference, which will have the added zest of being chaired by Revd Ruth Gee who is President of the Methodist Conference.

VIP Justice Day - Newcastle

In May, VIP held an informative Justice Day at Newcastle where Alison Gelder, CEO of Housing Justice, brought participants up to date with issues related to housing and homelessness and ways to get involved with the campaigns being run to improve the lives of those suffering from homelessness or the effect of new laws such as the 'bedroom tax'. Paul Nicolson, of Taxpayers Against Poverty, explained how new welfare benefit rules and tax laws often worked against the poorest in our society.

VIP Supporting the Ukraine

VIP helped to organise a Ukraine evening in Newcastle which set out to consider and discern the question "In the present crisis in Ukraine, how can churches, faith organisations and concerned individuals help?" The Vincentian Family makes a big contribution and we were able to evidence the practical help being given by, for example, Depaul International and the AIC. The evening was brought alive by the use of Skype with Ukraine.

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VIP and Church Action On Poverty

VIP supported the 'End Hunger Fast' campaign organised by Church Action on Poverty and members were present to launch it in front of Parliament on Ash Wednesday.

Pat Southern, VIP's Administrator, ably continued to produce VIP's monthly e-Justice newsletter and quarterly VIP Newsletters, and circulation grew.

The trustees wish to pay tribute to our Justice Committee members for their experience, insight and energy this year in opposing structural injustice and working for justice.

2. VIP Spirituality

A second aim of VIP is to promote Vincentian spirituality. This year we offered selected parishes and schools which stand under the banner, as it were, of St Vincent de Paul the opportunity of a 'mini-mission'. In April VIP visited St Vincent's Parish at Southampton speaking at Sunday Mass followed by two sessions with parishioners who provided participants with a soup lunch. In June VIP repaired to Dunstable, a parish run by the Vincentian Fathers, where we spoke at all Masses and Sr Brenda Matterson DC led a Day of Reflection on the theme "What does it mean to be a Vincentian Parish?"

In September VIP celebrated the Feast of St Vincent at Our Lady and St Vincent's at Potters Bar. On Friday, the parish's Pope Paul Primary School welcomed Paul Southgate and Mini-Vinnies' Mike Brady who each spoke to the children, and in the afternoon they spoke to the parents of the children. In the evening the school led a lively Mass in church at which Fr Noel Travers CM preached and afterward everyone descended on the parish hall for refreshments. On Saturday Paul Southgate, Joanna Waller (SVP) and her daughter Bethany (Youth SVP), and Fr Noel, led the Day of Reflection.

AIC UK's President (and VIP Chair) Dee Mansi held useful sessions at St Vincent's Sensory Impairment School in Liverpool, St Vincent's School in Hull, St Vincent's School in Mill Hill, St Mary's School at Dunstable, and both St Vincent's and St Louise's Primary Schools in East Kilbride. The focus in all of these was to help communities to identify poverties in their areas and to share ways of dealing with them. At Potters Bar, VIP had started the process of introducing 'Mini-Vinnies' (SVP for Primary School-aged children) into the Westminster Archdiocese. Dee Mansi, has subsequently become the Co-ordinator of the Mini-Vinnies in Westminster Archdiocese.

VIP's annual weekend Retreat took place this year in May at Foxhill Retreat and Conference Centre at Frodsham in Cheshire. Sr Kathleen Page, Fr Mariusz and Paul Southgate led the Retreat which was enjoyed by all. For the 2014 Retreat we shall return to these beautiful surroundings in September, and again in April 2015.

In May, Hartlepool District SVP invited VIP to give a presentation on the work of SVP, and in October the Wirral District SVP invited VIP to speak at Sunday Mass and afterwards lead their District Festival.

The trustees wish sincerely to thank the members of VIP's Spirituality Committee for the work they put in during this year to deepen the spirituality of our members.

3. Networking And Collaboration

VIP was invited to participate in two fascinating worldwide Vincentian Family events in Paris this year. The first was in May, in the week beginning with Pentecost, and called the Vincentian Family Collaborative Action Program (VFCAP). This was the pilot for a programme driven by 5 Vincentian Universities in the US, Ireland and the Philippines. Paul Southgate and Marlene Burt joined 32 other Vincentian leaders from around the world for the week beginning with Pentecost to study ways in which we can collaborate more effectively. The course was an inspiring success but the challenge, of course, is to find ways of replicating this in Great Britain.

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The second event took place over a weekend in January 2014 to discuss the Vincentian contribution to the 'New Evangelisation', attended by VIP Chair Dee Mansi and Paul Southgate who gave a well-received presentation on the work of the VIP to a gathering which included Fr Gregory Gay CM, Sr Evelyn Franc DC, Dr Michael Thio SVP, and many other representatives of the diverse organisations which are part of the Vincentian Family.

VIP convened a useful meeting of all our organisational leaders in October so that they could share news, priorities and concerns together; served on Depaul UK's regional committee; attended partners' AGMs and giving presentations on VIP's work.

Collaborative partnership is a many-sided thing which has led VIP to work closely with organisations outside the Vincentian Family but which also work to support poor and vulnerable people and which share many of our concerns and values. We have already mentioned Citizens UK, the National Justice and Peace Network and Church Action on Poverty, and others include the following:

Hospital chaplains, knowing of VIP's contribution to the "*What is a good death?*" debate about end-of-life care, invited VIP to give presentations to hospital volunteers.

Inter-faith bodies strive to promote good relations between the major faiths and often work together to improve society through social action. 'Inter-faith dialogue' is the overarching term for this and VIP is pleased to nurture this involvement through strong relationships at regional and national levels.

Prison chaplains play a vital yet often unseen role supporting offenders and their families, and VIP took part in their conference at the prison training college at Newbold Revel in March, and at other events during the year.

Workplace engagement, or what is often called 'Industrial Mission', was a ministry close to the heart of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, for example. Most people spend the major part of their lives at work so this is where the Church needs to be if its voice is to be listened to when evangelising, or on such things as unemployment, campaigning for a living wage, or tackling child poverty, etc. VIP chairs Northumbrian Industrial Mission with its 45 chaplains.

Premier Radio is the largest Christian broadcaster in Britain, reaching half a million listeners. VIP was invited onto Premier's Council of Reference, a kind of sounding body. This enables VIP to put forward people for interview on radio so that they can share the work of Vincentians, make appeals or raise the profile of Vincentian projects. VIP's director was himself interviewed in June. We supported Premier in a number of ways this year, including speaking at a number of events such as a "Christian Vision for Men" event aiming to attract men to think about engaging more with the Church.

VIP is a member of the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), regularly meeting with directors of many other charities involved in social action, including VIP partners such as the SVP (E&W) and Depaul UK. VIP chairs one of the three Forums established by CSAN – the Criminal Justice Forum which was launched in September 2013 and meets quarterly as noted above. In November VIP, including Ingrid Phillips and Joanna Waller of the SVP, attended the Parliamentary Reception hosted by CSAN, which gave us the opportunity to raise concerns face-to-face with members of both Houses of Parliament. Also, VIP joined 19 other charities to support amendments to Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill. This was reported in the media at the time.

VIP also serves on the Core Group and one of the Task Groups of VIVAT. DC Services is a new organisation set up by the Daughters of Charity comprising those services initiated and staffed by the Daughters. To ensure that Vincentian values remain at the very centre of these services, The Daughters have set up a programme, or process, of embedding these values, called VIVAT (Vincentian Values Today) which, as Latinists will know, means 'Let it live!'

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VIP is a longstanding member of Depaul UK's North East Regional Committee. Since VIP is nestled within the premises of Depaul at Whitley Bay, this is not a long journey! We are very grateful to Depaul for giving us this office space which lets us witness, at first hand, their wonderful work helping homeless and vulnerable young people.

4. VIP Scotland

At our annual pilgrimage to the Scottish shrine of Carfin in Lanarkshire, there were several hundreds of representatives from many of the Vincentian Family branches, including Vincentian priests, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Daughters of Charity, International Association of Charities, parishioners, staff and residents from various parishes and Vincentian Services throughout Scotland. Once again the music and singing was led by the Deaf Choir under the auspices of the Rendu Group.

Scotland SVP and VIP are working together to organise an Apostolic Day of Reflection at Coatbridge in November 2014. VIP attended Scotland SVP's Annual Meeting at Celtic Park in Glasgow where VIP learned that Scotland now has its first purely Deaf Conference who were all present and very visible.

5. Practical Projects Supporting Vulnerable People

VIP has supported practical projects to enhance the quality of life of those in need. For example, we are organising, with Depaul UK, a residential *Space4Spirit* week of outdoor activities for 17 homeless and disadvantaged young people. VIP is very grateful to LD Rope for donating the funding to make this possible.

With Premier Radio, VIP is enabling housebound and isolated people to be given free radio sets to keep them in touch with their churches and with a telephone listening post for people who need a listening ear.

6. The Future

VIP's Trustees intend to launch a survey of our members' perceptions and needs. The results of the survey will be used to prepare the next Business Plan and the subsequent development of VIP. We shall continue the project "Inside and Outside", including a conference on 6th December 2014. VIP will continue to support the National Justice and Peace Network on the planning committee of its annual conference in July 2014. Two VIP Justice Days will be planned in early 2015 to take place before the next general election. Further VIP Days of Reflection are planned for June, November and December. And VIP's Annual Retreat is planned for 12/14th September 2014 at Foxhill.

A further focus of VIP justice work before the May elections in 2015 will be dignity for migrants on entering or leaving Britain. A VIP training day will be organised for Vincentians campaigning for justice.

7. Funding

The trustees and staff are enormously grateful to those who have generously donated funding to VIP, especially LD Rope and the Vincentian Commission for Promoting Systemic Change. We would like to thank all our partners for the funding they so generously provide and the support they give.

8. Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 16th October 2014 at St Wilfrid's Hall, The Oratory, Kensington, London. The keynote speaker will be Laurence de la Brosse, International President of the International Association of Charities (AIC).

Responsibilities of the Management Committee

Company law requires the management committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure,

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for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The management committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The management committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Members of the Management Committee

All the members of the management committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 March 2014 was 10.

No trustee received any remuneration from the charity during the period and no expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the period. No trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the charity during the period.

Reporting Accountant

S M Robinson ACA of Champion Chartered Accountants was appointed as the charitable company's independent reporting accountant during the year and has expressed his willingness to continue in that capacity.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

Approved by the management committee on16/10/14..... and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs D Mansi (Chair)

Date16.10.14.....

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Vincentians In Partnership

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2014, which are set out on pages 11 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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S M Robinson ACA

Champion Accountants

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Preston, PR2 2XU

Date 23/10/2014

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2014

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	
		2014	2013
		£	£
Incoming resources			
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>			
Voluntary income – donations		21571	26007
Voluntary income – subscriptions		34400	51870
Investment income – interest received		39	69
Incoming resources from charitable activities		3026	16459
		-----	-----
Total incoming resources		59036	94405
		-----	-----
Resources expended			
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>			
Charitable activities	2	56035	81400
Governance costs	2	9774	14754
		-----	-----
Total resources expended		65809	96154
		-----	-----
Net outgoing resources		(6773)	(1749)
Reconciliation of funds			
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2013		17532	19281
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Balance carried forward at 31 March 2014		10759	17532
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The notes on page 13 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014

	Note	2014 £	2013 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank		12363	20282
Cash in hand		25	129
Debtors	3	-	202
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		12388	20613
Current liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	4	(1629)	(3081)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total assets less current liabilities		10759	17532
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Represented by:			
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		10759	17532
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The Trustees are satisfied that for the year ended 31 March 2014 the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act). No member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Act; and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 of the Act, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

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Mrs D Mansi (Chair)

Date 16.10.14

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the Charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for charity accounts: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (the 2005 SORP).

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small charity.

Income

Donations and legacies are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as they are received. Subscriptions from Founding Partners are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as and when they fall due, with subscriptions received in advance being treated as deferred income.

Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the Charity and, as such, is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Management and Administration Expenditure

Expenditure on management and administration of the Charity includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activities.

2 Total Resources Expended

	Charitable			
	Activities	Governance	Total	Total
	Costs	Costs	2014	2013
	2014	2014	2014	2013
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	47452	8374	55826	67660
Volunteer costs	-	-	-	100
Computer costs	435	77	512	599
Printing, stationery and postage	25	-	25	1486
Retreat costs	1785	-	1785	15705
Telephone	576	-	576	464
Subscriptions	193	-	193	104
Bank charges	-	74	74	32
Insurance costs	769	-	769	721
Professional fees	-	1000	1000	4000
Rent	4800	-	4800	4800
Sundry	-	249	249	483
	<u>56035</u>	<u>9774</u>	<u>65809</u>	<u>96154</u>

Vincentians in Partnership (a company limited by guarantee)

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014

Staff costs include the following:	2014	2013
	£	£
Salaries	43600	56651
Social security costs	4007	5100
Travel	7949	5709
Training	270	200
	<u>55826</u>	<u>67660</u>

No employee earned more than £50,000 p.a. There was one employee during the year whose work covered a dual function in both work in furtherance of the Charity's objectives and also work in the administration of the Charity.

None of the trustees received any emoluments during the year.

None of the trustees received reimbursement for any expenses in the year.

3 Debtors

	2014	2013
	£	£
Prepayments	-	200
Other debtors	-	2
	<u>-</u>	<u>202</u>

4 Creditors falling due within one year

	2014	2013
	£	£
Deferred income	-	1430
PAYE creditor	1095	1120
Accruals	535	531
	<u>1630</u>	<u>3081</u>

5 Related party transactions

The charity has close working relationships with the organisations listed in the Trustees' report as Founding Partners and with the other groups informally associated with the charity.

The Founding Partners provide the charity with its main sources of income in the form of subscriptions and donations, as shown on the statement of financial activities. The subscriptions and donations are variable amounts, depending on the availability of funds within the individual organisations.