

St Vincent's appeal for volunteers

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DURING VOLUNTEERS' Week (June 1 to 12) your Yorkshire Evening Post will be focusing on the work of volunteers at the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in Leeds.

One facility the charity offers is the St Vincent's Support Centre, which opened as a help centre 20 years ago.

The complex, which recently moved to a new home in Berking Avenue, offers a range of free services including debt advice, education and learning, return

to work skills and confidence building, immigration support and counselling, as well as a shop, a community café and a large volunteering programme.

The centre depends on a group of more than 70 volunteers to help carry out its work.

Manager Sheena Eastwood said: "We have some highly qualified volunteers who offer their time free.

"We also have people on their journey into work, for instance someone who's learning to become a teacher can deliver English language classes as part their learning.

"Our volunteers include quite a few former or existing service



VITAL SUPPORT: Volunteers outside St Vincent's Community Shop

users who want to give something back to say thanks for the help they have received.

"We also have volunteers with additional support needs as well as people who find their way here just wanting to help out - who want to improve their English, newly retired, or new

to the area and wanting to make friends." Sheena says volunteering gives people a range of opportunities to learn new skills, make friends and meet others in the area.

She added: "Everyone is made welcome and we are really keen to make everyone part

of the St Vincent's family - they are part of a team."

If you would like to volunteer, donate or join visit www.svp.org.uk, email info@svp.org.uk or call 020 77033030.

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Moët champagne will be available at both venues to mark the moment in 1967 when the first celebratory champagne spray was made with a bottle of Moët by Dan Gurney after he won the Le Mans 24 hour race.

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RESIDENCY: The Endellion String Quartet will continue its series of concerts with music from Haydn, Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky. The classical showcase is at The Venue in Leeds College of Music on Quarry Hill on Tuesday, June 14 from 7.30pm. Tickets range from £8.75 to £19.50. Call 0113 376 0318.



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