

“...when it comes to health and social care, many outstanding programmes and initiatives are still ‘under the radar’.

The mapping and resourcing of these hidden gems...must be right at the top of the agenda of those involved in making social prescribing happen.” *FaithAction*

**Meet SAM: an initiative by Cornish Churches to make church-led social action programmes better known to the wider community**

*Cornwall is officially the second poorest county in Europe, with some areas taking poll poverty position. It's a county of contrasts where the super-wealthy and the poorest live parallel lives. Our Foodbanks are busy, our homeless shelters are full and our vulnerable are exactly that.*

Diocese of Truro

**Churches Together in Cornwall**  
is proud to partner with  
**Age UK Cornwall & Isles of Scilly**  
in providing details of faith-based social action projects for their community platform  
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*A place where people from across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly can find what they need, ask the community for help or offer support to others.*

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TOGETHER  
CORNWALL**

*inspiring unity  
sharing our gifts*

Cornish churches organise a wide variety of social action projects across the county, some well known, other less so. The Cinnamon Network estimated in its 2016 National Faith Action Audit that across the UK around 1.8 million volunteers from faith groups are providing over 5 million beneficiary interactions, valuing their time at over £3 billion and commenting:

*“We’re talking about initiatives that get to the heart of what matters to communities, connect with the messy issues at the centre of people’s lives and genuinely make a long-term difference.”*



## SAM – Social Action Mapping for Cornish Churches

<https://cornwall-link.co.uk/campaign/SAM-cornish-churches>

SAM launched in Feb 2020, just days before the first Covid-19 lockdown. Despite the restrictions of the pandemic our database is now well established, and as churches resume activities in 2022 we redouble efforts to list as many as possible. Some previous projects look unlikely to relaunch, for various reasons, but new ones are developing

and new relationships are being formed as a result of the pandemic. Make sure your project is listed by registering now on [cornwall-link.co.uk/register](https://cornwall-link.co.uk/register) and adding the details - or email [ctcinfohub@gmail.com](mailto:ctcinfohub@gmail.com) for assistance



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