

“...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.

Working with multiple agencies including:

Inclusion Cornwall

<http://inclusioncornwall.co.uk/>

Cornwall Link

<https://cornwall-link.co.uk/>

AgeUK

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/cornwall/>

Transformation Cornwall

<https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/>

as recommended by

Cinnamon Network

<https://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/>

FaithAction

<https://www.faithaction.net/>

ROC: The Community Engagement Charity

<https://roc.uk.com/>



SOCIAL ACTION MAPPING

FOR CORNISH CHURCHES

a project led by
Churches Together in Cornwall

www.ctcinfohub.org



Cornish churches organise a wide variety of social action projects across the county, some well known, other less so. The Cinnamon Network estimates 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:

“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.”



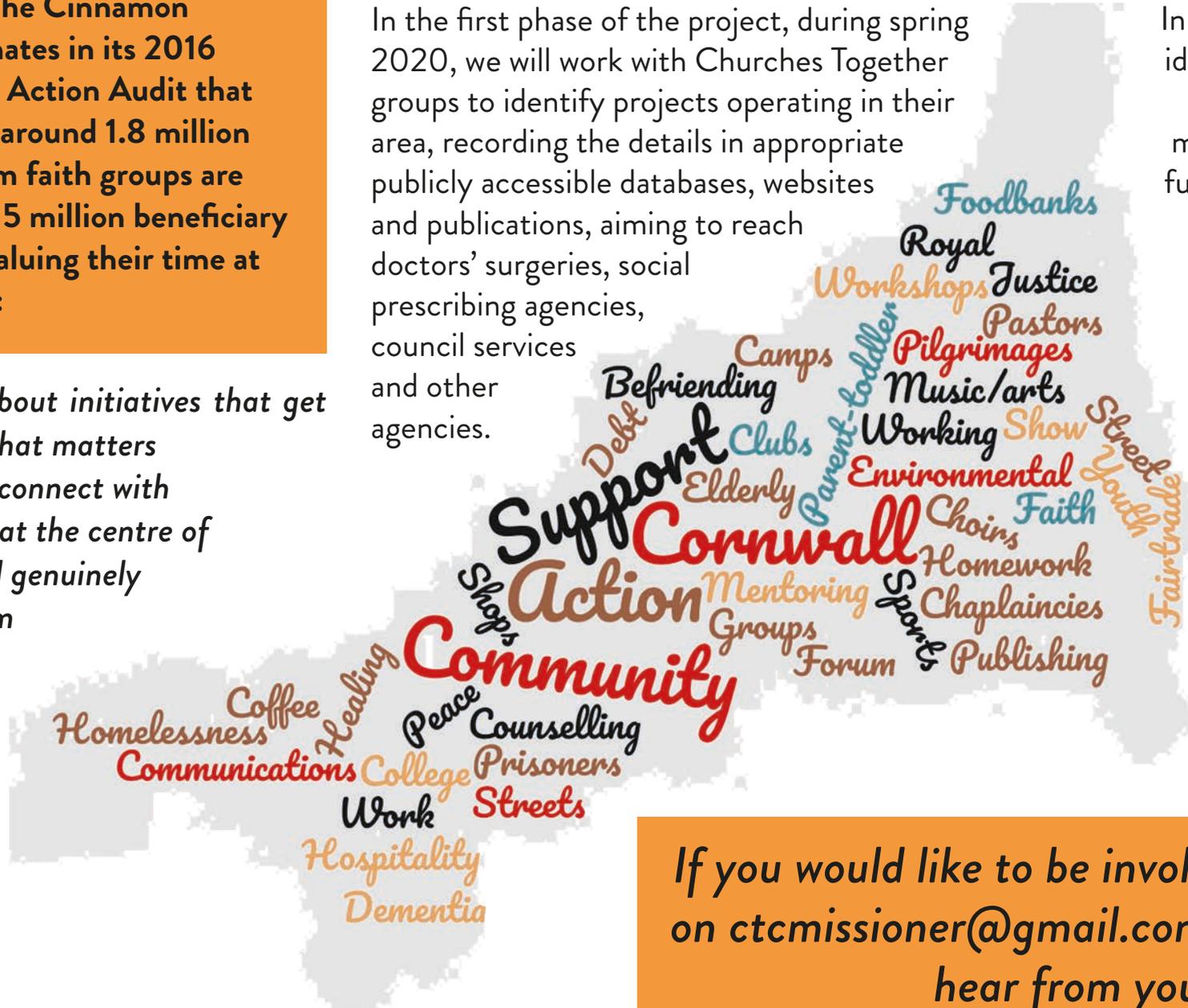
To get a better picture of what’s happening in Cornwall, we plan a county-wide mapping project to identify existing services:

SAM – Social Action Mapping for Cornish Churches

In the first phase of the project, during spring 2020, we will work with Churches Together groups to identify projects operating in their area, recording the details in appropriate publicly accessible databases, websites and publications, aiming to reach doctors’ surgeries, social prescribing agencies, council services and other agencies.

In phase 2 we will seek to identify gaps in provision and explore ways they might be filled, and seek funding and partnerships to provide long-term sustainability and continuous updating.

The opening phase will be carried out by members of Churches Together in Cornwall working with student and other volunteers.



If you would like to be involved, contact us on ctcmisioner@gmail.com – we’d love to hear from you!