

Little People was formed when two parishioners, Tessa Heron and Jacky Mattam, from St John Vianney wanted to support pro-life organisations. They decided to offer children's clothes, up to age 5, to the local LIFE houses. They then offered their assistance to young women who turned up at the Advice Centre in Wantage.

Recently they helped to furnish the new home of a young girl who had been living at the LIFE house since the birth of her child.

They became known to the local Children's centres and to the social workers. They soon found themselves delivering beds, other furniture, nappies, clothes up to adult, bedding, kitchenalia, electrical items, white goods.etc.

Initially they scouted around charity shops and nearly new sales, but through the Wantage Churches, friends, neighbours etc. they soon found that we could just request items and often they were donated. They also use Freegle.

Once they get to know a family they try to keep in touch, even if they move, and they now go to homes, not only in Wantage and Grove, but also, Faringdon, Abingdon and Didcot and further afield. At Christmas they try to provide toys to all the children. Last Christmas they distributed presents for 40 children. They work closely with the Food Banks, so that they don't miss anyone.

Most of the people they help have no formal faith and faith is not discussed. They are given help by people from the other churches, with transport, sewing and electrical testing is done free of charge. Both the Children's market and the Natural Childbirth Trust donate clothing.

