

According to The Clewer Initiative, in the UK in 2019, 136,000 men, women and children were trapped in modern slavery.

There were just over 5000 potential adult victims of modern slavery reported with 70% of those being male and 30% female.

Almost 6000 potential victims who were children were reported, with 78% of those being male and 22% being female.

There will always be slavery – it has not been relegated to the past. Thousands of people in the UK are currently living as slaves. That means their freedom has been taken and they are forced to work against their will. This video was released at the start of October by The Clewer Initiative:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttDD-BvfTxs>

The role of The Clewer Initiative is to enable the Church of England dioceses to develop strategies to detect modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care.

To understand more about modern slavery, please click on this link:

<https://theclewerinitiative.org/modern-slavery/understanding-modern-slavery>

Modern slavery is an umbrella term for all forms of slavery, trafficking and exploitation. It is a crime that all too often is hidden in plain sight – to find out more about identifying modern slavery, please click on the link: <https://theclewerinitiative.org/modern-slavery/identifying-modern-slavery>

Modern slavery comes in many forms – it is present in every type of community and victims don't fit into a simple stereotype. To find out more, please click on the link: <https://theclewerinitiative.org/modern-slavery/forms-of-modern-slavery>

There are many ways that we can all help. One small act by one person could change or save the life of somebody in desperate circumstances. To find out more, please click on the link:

<https://theclewerinitiative.org/modern-slavery/how-you-can-help>

The Clewer Initiative website has a number of resources that can be accessed via this link:

<https://theclewerinitiative.org/resources/awareness-downloads>