

# Principle FIVE

# P5

Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre

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## STIR*to* ACTION

**Stir to Action** is an economic development co-operative using the power of democratic ownership to transform economic inequality, the climate emergency, and wider society.

**Stir to Action** magazine is available to Principle 5 members to borrow, or read in the Resource Centre

**Explore the Stir to Action website**

<https://www.stirtoaction.com/about>



National Co-operative Archive  
Holyoake House, Manchester

<https://www.co-operativeheritage.coop/visit-the-archive>

This is an excellent video about the  
National Co-operative Archive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6uH4Jylua8>

Jane Donaldson speaks about her experience as  
Co-operative Heritage Trust Archivist

<https://www.co-operativeheritage.coop/blog/a-year-ago-today>

Meet A. V. Alexander  
Co-op MP for Sheffield Hillsborough  
(later Labour & Co-op MP)  
1922 – 1931  
1935 – 1950

<https://sslh.org.uk/2024/12/22/class-encounters-a-v-alexander-co-operator/>

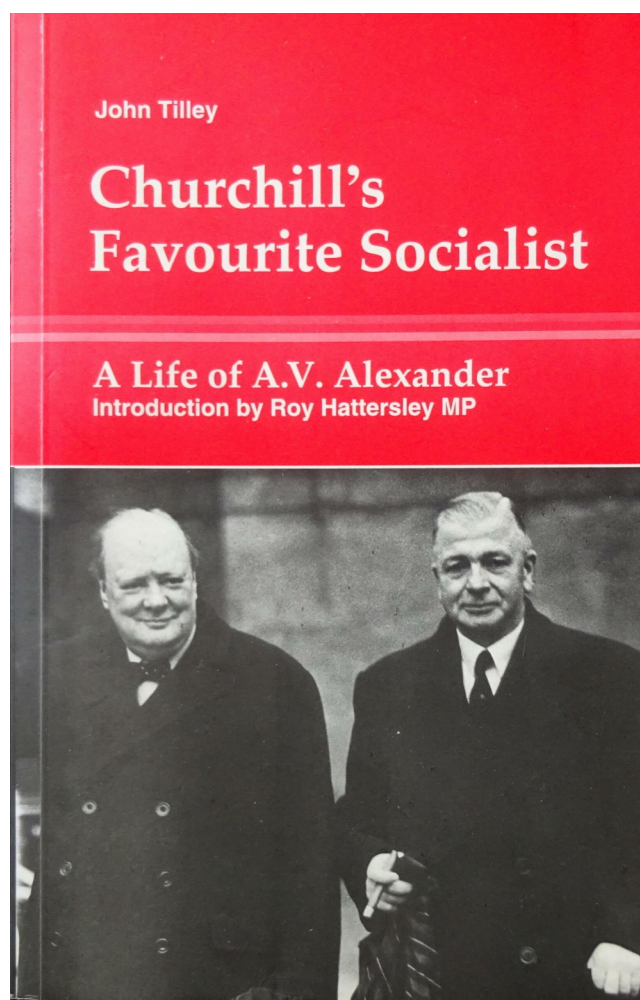
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A.\\_V.\\_Alexander\\_%2C\\_1st\\_Earl\\_Alexander\\_of\\_Hillsborough](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A._V._Alexander_%2C_1st_Earl_Alexander_of_Hillsborough)

We have a biography in the P5 Library:

Churchill's Favourite Socialist – A Life of A. V. Alexander

<https://www.principle5.coop/books/churchills-favourite-socialist-a-life-of-a-v-alexander>



## **Midcounties Co-op and Central Co-op**

These, the two largest retail consumer co-ops have agreed to merge to form a new society. The merger process is expected to complete in the new year. The name of the new society has not yet been announced.

The leadership team will be

Debbie Robinson CEO

Elaine Dean President

Irene Kirkman Vice-President

Richard Bickle, Vice-President

See Co-op News:

<https://www.thenews.coop/debbie-robinson-to-take-the-helm-after-central-and-midcounties-merger/>

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Members are always welcome to visit Principle 5  
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