

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023  
FOR  
HASTINGS AND ROTHER SAMARITANS CIO

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objectives and aims

The charities main objectives are to provide support for people who are suicidal, despairing or in distress in order to reduce the incidence of suicide; and to advance education by providing society with a better understanding of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings that may lead to suicide.

##### Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Charitable activities

The charity is dependent upon the work of its volunteers, many of whom, in addition to their duties, raise money via a series of events and appeals. Local businesses, charities, churches and individuals also give considerable support. Details of donations received are set out in the attached notes.

Of the money raised during the period £33,116 was spent on providing a telephone service, the recruitment and training of volunteers and publicity for the charity's work.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Reserves policy

The trustees have agreed a reserves policy that a cash position representing 24 months of annual outgoings should be maintained where possible. At the end of the period the cash position exceeded the required level. Fund balances at 31 March 2023 totalled £302,455 of which net current assets were £77,893. The trustees consider that the trust can meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. The trust remains dependent on the generosity of its supporters, and the trustees would like to thank everyone involved in the trust's activities during the year.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution adopted upon registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

##### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees serve for a maximum of three years.

Annually, volunteers are requested to put their names forward to fill vacancies and are elected at the Annual General Meeting. New trustees are given training on appointment and each trustee has a handbook.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Charity number

1167881

##### Principal address

26 St Andrews Square  
Hastings  
East Sussex  
TN34 1SR

Trustees

G Bower

Ms G Angel

Ms A Beckett

R Persaud

Ms O Ainsley

Ms K Williams

G Mulhern

G Dyer (appointed 28/5/2022)

I Marsh (appointed 28/10/2022)

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

G Bower - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
HASTINGS AND ROTHER SAMARITANS CIO

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hastings and Rother Samaritans CIO  
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hastings and Rother Samaritans CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S L Whiting FCA

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21 October 2023

## HASTINGS AND ROTHER SAMARITANS CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	31,130	-	31,130	9,466
Other trading activities	3	4,833	-	4,833	4,163
Investment income	4	217	-	217	8
Total		<u>36,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,180</u>	<u>13,637</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Provide a telephone service, the recruitment and training of volunteers and the publicity for the charity's work					
Governance costs		33,116	-	33,116	22,299
		-	-	-	467
Total		<u>33,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,116</u>	<u>22,766</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		3,064	-	3,064	(9,129)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		295,522	3,869	299,391	308,520
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>298,586</u>	<u>3,869</u>	<u>302,455</u>	<u>299,391</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## HASTINGS AND ROTHER SAMARITANS CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	224,562	-	224,562	224,562
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	824	-	824	-
Cash at bank		96,962	3,869	100,831	85,260
		<u>97,786</u>	<u>3,869</u>	<u>101,655</u>	<u>85,260</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(23,762)	-	(23,762)	(10,431)
		<u>74,024</u>	<u>3,869</u>	<u>77,893</u>	<u>74,829</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>74,024</u>	<u>3,869</u>	<u>77,893</u>	<u>74,829</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		298,586	3,869	302,455	299,391
		<u>298,586</u>	<u>3,869</u>	<u>302,455</u>	<u>299,391</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>298,586</u>	<u>3,869</u>	<u>302,455</u>	<u>299,391</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				298,586	295,522
Restricted funds:					
Improvements in training				391	391
Recruitment				2,211	2,211
Pears grant				1,267	1,267
				<u>3,869</u>	<u>3,869</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>302,455</u>	<u>299,391</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

G Bower - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property

- not provided

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

## 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Donations, legacies and gifts	31,130	7,784
Gift aid	-	1,682
	<u>31,130</u>	<u>9,466</u>

## 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Events and activities	3,782	3,627
Centre Shop	1,051	536
	<u>4,833</u>	<u>4,163</u>

## 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Interest received	<u>217</u>	<u>8</u>

## 5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

## 6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	4,807	4,659	9,466
Other trading activities	4,163	-	4,163
Investment income	8	-	8
	<u>8,978</u>	<u>4,659</u>	<u>13,637</u>
<b>Total</b>			
	<u>8,978</u>	<u>4,659</u>	<u>13,637</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Charitable activities			
Provide a telephone service, the recruitment and training of volunteers and the publicity for the charity's work	18,907	3,392	22,299
Governance costs	467	-	467
	<u>19,374</u>	<u>3,392</u>	<u>22,766</u>
<b>Total</b>			
	<u>19,374</u>	<u>3,392</u>	<u>22,766</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(10,396)	1,267	(9,129)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

## 6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	305,918	2,602	308,520
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>295,522</u>	<u>3,869</u>	<u>299,391</u>

## 7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
COST	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>224,562</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	<u>224,562</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>224,562</u>

No depreciation is charged in respect of the freehold property, as the charity maintains the property and any depreciation charge would be minimal.

## 8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	<u>824</u>	<u>-</u>

## 9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	<u>23,762</u>	<u>10,431</u>

## 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	295,522	3,064	298,586
Restricted funds			
Improvements in training	391	-	391
Recruitment	2,211	-	2,211
Pears grant	1,267	-	1,267
	<u>3,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,869</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>299,391</u>	<u>3,064</u>	<u>302,455</u>

## 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	36,180	(33,116)	3,064
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,180</u>	<u>(33,116)</u>	<u>3,064</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	305,918	(10,396)	295,522
Restricted funds			
Improvements in training	391	-	391
Recruitment	2,211	-	2,211
Pears grant	-	1,267	1,267
	<u>2,602</u>	<u>1,267</u>	<u>3,869</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>308,520</u>	<u>(9,129)</u>	<u>299,391</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,978	(19,374)	(10,396)
Restricted funds			
Pears grant	4,659	(3,392)	1,267
	<u>13,637</u>	<u>(22,766)</u>	<u>(9,129)</u>

Improvements in Training

These monies were donated by Tesco, via their 'Bags of Help' scheme. The monies have been earmarked to pay for improvements to the training room.

Benefit the people of Hastings & Rother

These monies were donated by The Francis and Eric Ford Trust to help pay to benefit the people of Hastings and Rother.

Recruitment

These monies were donated by the Co-Op to assist with the recruitment of volunteers.

Pears Grant

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The purpose of the Pears Grant was to assist organisations in managing the challenges they faced with Covid.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.