



Herefordshire Samaritans

Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Registered Charity Number 1167937

Unaudited

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Herefordshire Samaritans
 Registered Charity Number: 116793
 Principal office: 44a Berrington St, Hereford, HR4 OBJ

The following people have acted as Trustees during the year:

	From	To	Additional roles
Claire Sambrook	17 th October 2023 1 st November 2023	30 th April 2023 - Present	Chairman Treasurer
Lorraine Mathie	1 st May 2023	- Present	Chairman
Elizabeth Dolloway	29 th July 2021	30 th April 2023	Acting Branch Director and Vice Chair
Chris Wright	29 th July 2021	30 th October 2023	Treasurer
Lorna Griffiths	10 th June 2020	- Present	Secretary
Carolyn Hamlyn	9 th September 2020	- Present	
Richard Fenton	29 th July 2021	- Present	Vice Director
Lesley Fleming	20 th September 2022	- Present	

Officers have included

Title	Name
Publicity Officer	Celia Klenk
Deputy Director for Caller Support	Kim Brinkworth – 30 th April 2023
Deputy Director for Volunteer Support	Cherelyn Sell – 30 th April 2023 Nicola Keef
Deputy Director for Recruitment & Selection	Lorraine Mathie – 30 th April 2023 Susan Griffiths
Deputy Director for Administration, Health & Safety	Elizabeth Buller – 30 th April 2023
Deputy Director for Training	Philip Gilbert-Smith – 30 th April 2023
Deputy Director for Outreach	Meg Hughes-Pearce – 30 th April 2023 Rosalyn Popper
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The Trustees present their report and accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, applicable law including the Charities Act 2011, and the requirements of the FRS 102 and Statement of Recommended Practice 2019.

As part of the restructuring of Samaritans all branches are now required to have a financial year end of 31st March. This financial period runs from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

Comparative figures in the accounts relate to the previous accounting year.

Structure, Governance and Management

The full name of the charity is "Herefordshire Samaritans", charity registration number 1167937. The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission. The governing document is a constitution adopted on 29 June 2016.

The CIO is a successor to the unincorporated association with registration number 507570 and named "The Herefordshire Samaritans", which became dormant with the adoption of a new constitution on 1 October 2016, at which time all assets and liabilities were transferred to the CIO.

Management structure

From 1st October 2016, the branch has had a unified management structure. The branch is led by the Director, who is an ex-officio trustee. The Director chooses and appoints a leadership team, the members of which form the executive management of the branch responsible for financial and operational matters. Members of the leadership team may also be trustees but are not required to be. The Director also serves as chair of trustees on occasions where the trustees meet as a separate body.

Appointment of the Director

The Board of Trustees of the Samaritans national charity, with the guidance of the Regional Director, arrange for the selection and appointment of the branch Director whose three-year tenure is confirmed annually.

Related Parties

The charity is a branch of Samaritans, which has other branches throughout Britain and Ireland.

Risk management

The Trustees continue to monitor the major risks which the charity faces and have established systems to reduce those risks. Risks are reviewed at least annually. The main risks include the health and safety of volunteers and callers, maintenance of the Centre and its facilities and the continued financial viability of the charity.

The objective of the charity

Herefordshire Samaritans opened on 12 November 1972 in Hereford with the prime objective of providing emotional support under conditions of confidentiality and anonymity to people of all ages who are experiencing a period of personal crisis and/or contemplating suicide.

All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Currently we have 113 listening volunteers and 5 support volunteers at 31st March 2024.

The Charity aims to be operational 365 days of the year, with never fewer than two volunteers on duty at any time.

We are linked into the Samaritans national phone, email system.

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Recruitment, induction and training

Induction and initial CORE training usually runs for nine weeks, and for the calendar year 2024 we will be running two training groups. Assuming CORE requirements are met, new volunteer recruits will spend a minimum of 9 duties with an experienced mentor. During the first six months, time is spent reflecting and building on experience which forms part of Embedding training.

Extensive ongoing support is provided to all volunteers, they are also encouraged to support each other.

Contacts

	Telephone: Speaking	Email	SMS	Face-to-face in branch	Face-to-face outside branch	Total
2023 - 2024	14,419	2,854	0	0	45	17,318
2022 - 2023	14,204	2,854	0	0	43	17,101
2021 - 2022	15,993	2,523	0	0	1,000	19,516
2020 - 2021	15,176	3,426	0	0	0	18,602
2019 - 2020	16,495	2,457	1,368	90	13	20,423

The Branch has now discontinued face-to-face in branch contact. The branch is preparing for the introduction of online chat support.

Future Plans

The branch continues to rent four parking spaces from Arkwright Owens, at a cost of £333.33 pcm. Efforts to identify alternative and less costly parking spaces continue.

The trustees agreed and implemented an extensive branch refurbishment programme in 2024. The programme is almost complete, apart from the purchase of some additional furniture, the reconfiguring of smoke detectors to enable the relocation of an upstairs bedroom and some refitting of the kitchen worktop and sink.

The branch has established a link with the Herefordshire Gift Fair, as its chosen charity; an ongoing annual event, which will donate funds from its profits. Volunteers have also organised events including a marathon, a branch walk and a concert as part of the branch's fundraising efforts

Financial review

Bank account details

Branch banking is conducted via a single Barclays Bank Account which facilitates a complex mandate for online transactions.

Results for the year

Income for the year was £43,915 (2022/23 £54,472).

Expenditure was £64,697 (2022/23 £71,855).

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Reserves policy

At the balance sheet date, General easily accessible reserves (unrestricted funds), other than fixed assets or otherwise committed amounts invested stood at £10,489 (2022/23 £2,843) (Note 15 to the accounts).

The charity aims to retain free reserves sufficient to provide adequate working capital to fund the core activities for one year. The charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity.

Total reserves at the balance sheet date were £266,113 (2022/23 £274,300), this figure includes The Restricted Fund (Special Appeal Fund) which remains at £93,953, the Restricted Fund (Refurbishment) which is at £27,282 (2022/23 £11,720) and the residual fixed assets value (e.g.: building/van/etc)

The Restricted Fund (Special Appeal Fund) aims to support the charity in a dire financial emergency that would jeopardise the continuing operation of The Herefordshire Samaritans, which has been interpreted to include repairs to the building.

Principal funding sources

Income is primarily received from voluntary fund raising and donations.

Gift Aid tax is reclaimed via the HMRC Gift Aid scheme and Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme wherever possible. This year there were funeral bequest and legacies donated totalling £2,453 (2022/23 £1,390).

Investment policy

The Trustees adopt a low to medium risk strategy for investments.

All fixed asset investments are held in COIF (CCLA) Income Shares, so that income can be generated to assist the funding of core branch activities.

The investment aim is to ensure that the COIF (CCLA) investment holdings continue to provide a continuing return to support the branch finances, fund future projects and help reduce the total reliance on the Friends for fundraising. In line with the risk strategy, the investment holdings are in 3 funds: Fixed Interest, Ethical and Investment Funds, providing a spread of regular (quarterly) return coupled with the potential for longer term capital growth.

All day to day cash requirements are held in the bank current account (Barclays).

The Trustees keep the investment policy and performance of the COIF Income and Deposit accounts under regular review.

Public benefit

In drafting this report, the trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The Samaritans service is open to people who are suicidal, despairing or in distress. The branch provides a service primarily for the benefit of people in Herefordshire and the surrounding area. However, we also work with all Samaritans branches to ensure 24-hour availability of the service across the UK. Samaritans does not charge for the service provided.

Independent Examiner

Cooper Parry Advisory Limited has agreed to act as independent examiner of the charity.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), FRS 102 and SORP 2019.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view to the state of affairs for the charity, and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees

Lorraine Mathie (Chairman)

Date:

16 / 11 / 24



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Herefordshire Samaritans

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 charity 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.

Signed:



Antonia Smith
ACA

ON BEHALF OF COOPER PARRY ADVISORY LIMITED

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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023-24	Total Funds 2022-23
Income from:		£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	2	19,582	17,971	37,553	47,206
Other trading activities	3	1,620	-	1,620	2,105
Investments	4	4,742	-	4,742	5,161
Total		25,944	17,971	43,915	54,472
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	219	-	219	1,152
Charitable activities	6,7	48,641	2,409	51,050	55,926
Other	8	13,428	-	13,428	14,777
Total		62,288	2,409	64,697	71,855
Net income / (expenditure)		(36,344)	15,562	(20,782)	(17,383)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains / (losses) on investment assets	10	12,595	-	12,595	(9,599)
Net movement in funds		(23,749)	15,562	(8,187)	(26,982)
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2023		168,627	105,673	274,300	301,282
Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2024		<u>144,878</u>	<u>121,235</u>	<u>266,113</u>	<u>274,300</u>

All activities are classed as continuing.
The notes on pages 11-17 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2024

	Note	£	2023-24 £	2022-23 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	9		77,914	91,342
Investments – COIF Investment Accounts	10		177,710	180,115
Total fixed assets			<u>255,624</u>	<u>271,457</u>
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	11	9,358		2,843
Other debtors	12	1,131		
Total current assets		<u>10,489</u>		<u>2,843</u>
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts due within one year		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Net current assets			<u>10,489</u>	<u>2,843</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>266,113</u>	<u>274,300</u>
Net assets			<u>266,113</u>	<u>274,300</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted – Branch General Fund	13		144,878	168,627
Restricted – Special Appeal Fund	14		93,953	93,953
Restricted – Refurbishment Fund	14		27,282	11,720
Total charity funds			<u>266,113</u>	<u>274,300</u>

The Notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these accounts.

The accounts on pages 9 to 17 were approved by the trustees on

2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Lorraine Mathie (Chairman)

Date: 9/12/24

Claire Sambrook (Treasurer)

Date:

9/12/24

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1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS1A), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). All activities are classed as continuing.

Income recognition policies

All incoming resources, including voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts and legacy income, is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when received. Gross fund-raising income from events organised by the charity itself is included in the SOFA when received.

Gross fund-raising income generated by The Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans is recognised in the SOFA once received as part of The Friends' overall contribution, and the associated fund-raising costs separately disclosed in Note 5.

Donated services

The general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised, please refer to the Trustees' annual report for more information on their contribution.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or, payable by the bank.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at bid market value.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are shown on the SOFA.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular aspects of the charity's work, or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

Going Concern

No material uncertainties existed at this or the previous year end.

Covid protection measures have been put in place to ensure maximum volunteer safety.

Financially, although £15k (2022/23 £15k) was drawn from reserves to cover day to day funding, the Branch remains in a secure financial position with well over 12 months balances available to draw on.

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Fixed Assets

Assets costing £100 or more are capitalised and depreciated. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets held by the charity for its own use on a straight-line basis, writing off their cost over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Premises	50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 years
Motor vehicles	4 years
Computer equipment	3 years

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Expenditure inclusive of VAT

Expenditure is accounted for on a payments 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 use of the resources. Support costs are those incurred relating to supporting the charity's activities. Governance costs are those costs incurred regarding compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds comprise fundraising costs, Friends expenses and shop expenses.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes telephone costs, volunteers' travel costs, recruitment and selection costs, conferences and regional meetings.

Other costs represent those items not falling into any other heading.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include utilities costs, administration costs, housekeeping, publicity, van costs, Equipment and repairs, visit costs, honoraria, annual levy, data protection, accounting and independent examination costs and AGM and EGM costs.

Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charity is entitled to the exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are held for routine use in accordance with the charity's objects.

Restricted funds are sums donated to the charity for a specified purpose.

Currently only the Special Appeal Fund exists to support the charity in a dire emergency that would jeopardise the continuing operation of Herefordshire Samaritans, which has been interpreted to include repairs to the building and/or shop development.

Shop

The branch shop at 63 Whitecross Road closed on 17th April 2016, and has not been used since.

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	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2022-23
2 Donations and Legacies	£	£	£	£
Donations	18,363	15,973	34,336	42,555
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	1,219	1,998	3,217	4,651
	19,582	17,971	37,553	47,206
	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2022-23
3 Other trading activities	£	£	£	£
Branch Fundraising, including raffle	295	-	295	400
500 Club	1,325	-	1,325	1,705
	1,620	-	1,620	2,105
	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2022-23
4 Investment income	£	£	£	£
Charities Official Inv Fund dividend	4,742	-	4,742	5,161
	4,742	-	4,742	5,161
	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2022-23
5 Costs of Raising funds	£	£	£	£
Branch fundraising costs	219	-	219	1,152
	219	-	219	1,152
	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2022-23
Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
6 Telephone & Broadband	3,477	-	3,477	2,927
Volunteer travel costs	18,898	-	18,898	21,456
Duty parking costs	4,007	-	4,007	4,154
Recruitment, selection, SIT	626	-	626	208
Support costs – see note 7	21,633	2,409	24,042	27,181
	48,641	2,409	51,050	55,926

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7 **Support costs** Support costs are allocated according to the activity to which they relate.

	Support	Governance	Total	Basis of apportionment	2022-23
	£	£	£		£
Utilities	5,262	-	5,262	Charitable activities	3,417
Administration	3,413	-	3,413	Charitable activities	3,289
Housekeeping	3,871	-	3,871	Charitable activities	3,696
Van costs	566	-	566	Charitable activities	1,359
Equipment, maintenance and repairs	4,343	-	4,343	Charitable activities	6,858
Sundries	838	-	838	Charitable activities	3,890
Honoraria	-	2,400	2,400	Governance	2,400
General Office levy	-	1,513	1,513	Governance	2,237
Data Protection	-	35	35	Governance	35
Accountancy fees	-	1,800	1,800	Governance	-
	18,294	5,748	24,042		27,181

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£	£	£
8 Other expenditure				
Depreciation Buildings	3,763	-	3,763	3,763
Depreciation Van	9,648	-	9,648	9,648
Depreciation Furniture and Equipment	17	-	17	1,366
	13,428	-	13,428	14,777

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Property and improvements	Furniture and equipment	Motor vehicle	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
1 April 2023	188,153	52,027	38,588	278,768
Additions	-	-	-	-
31 March 2024	188,153	52,027	38,588	278,768
Depreciation				
1 April 2023	110,898	52,010	24,518	187,426
Charge for year	3,763	17	9,648	13,428
31 March 2024	114,661	52,027	34,166	200,854
Net book amount				
31 March 2024	73,492	-	4,422	77,914
31 March 2023	77,255	17	14,070	91,342

10 Investments

	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
COIF income shares at opening market value 1 April 2023	180,115	189,714
COIF income shares purchased	-	-
COIF income shares sold	(15,000)	-
Net unrealised gain / (loss) on investments	12,595	(9,599)
Closing market value 31 March 2024	177,710	180,115
Cost 31 March 2024 and 2023	135,278	152,860

11 Cash at bank and in hand

	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Branch bank current account (including 500 Club balance)	9,358	2,843
	9,358	2,843

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	2023-24	2022-23
12 Other debtors	£	£
Insurance prepayment	1,131	-
	1,131	-

13 Unrestricted funds

	Balance 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Unrealised Gain / (Loss)	Balance 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Branch General Fund	168,627	25,944	(62,288)	12,595	144,878

This fund is available for the day-to-day activities of the charity.

14 Restricted Funds	Balance 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Unrealised Gain	Balance 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Special Appeal Fund	93,953	-	-	-	93,953
Refurbishment Fund	11,720	17,971	(2,409)	-	27,282
	105,673	17,971	(2,409)	-	121,235

The Special Appeal Fund was established to support the charity in a dire financial emergency that would jeopardise the continuing operation of Herefordshire Samaritans, which has been interpreted as including repairs to the building and/or shop development.

The Refurbishment Fund was established in 2022 to finance the refurbishment of the branch's duty room and public areas.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	77,914	-	77,914
Investments	56,475	121,235	177,710
Net current assets	10,489	-	10,489
	144,878	121,235	266,113

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16 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No staff are employed by the charity, but in October 2002, in accordance with rule 8 subsection 2 of the Constitution, it was decided to pay an honorarium of £100 per month each to the Treasurer and the Secretary. During the period Chris Wright received £700 (2022/23 £1,200) and Claire Sambrook £500 (2022/23 £Nil), as Treasurers, Lorna Griffiths received £1,200 (2022/23 £1,200).

None of the other charity's Trustees are directly or indirectly remunerated in any way. It is the policy of the charity to reimburse in full all expenses properly incurred by volunteers relating to its charitable activities. The Trustees and members of the management committee are reimbursed for travel costs for attending meetings, telephone, postage and other similar expenses which they incur performing their duties as Trustees or members of the management committee.

Expenses properly incurred by them in their role as volunteers are reimbursed.

During the year Trustees received reimbursement of such expenses totalling £303 (2022/23 £2,467). No amounts were due to the Trustees at the year end.

(Those Trustees reimbursed during the period were: Claire Sambrook, Lorna Griffiths, Carolyn Hamlyn, Chris Wright, Elizabeth Dolloway, Richard Fenton, William Fleming)

17 Related party transactions

Honoraria and expenses have been referred to above. Chris Wright provided a short-term interest free loan of £6,000 during the year to ease cash flow which was repaid by 31 March 2024 (2022/23 £5,000 during the year to ease cash flow which was repaid by 31 March 2023).

18 Indemnity insurance

The Samaritans has centrally effected professional indemnity insurance to protect employees, Trustees, directors and other volunteer members of all Samaritan Branches.