

THE SAMARITANS OF DORSET AT WEYMOUTH

England & Wales · Charity number 1168117

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-07-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE:3.1 TO ENABLE PERSONS IN DORSET AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING FEELINGS OF DISTRESS OR DESPAIR, INCLUDING THOSE WHO MAY BE AT RISK OF SUICIDE, TO RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY OR NIGHT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF SUICIDE;3.2 TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING IN SOCIETY OF SUICIDE, SUICIDAL BEHAVIOUR AND THE VALUE OF EXPRESSING FEELINGS WHICH MAY OTHERWISE LEAD TO SUICIDE OR IMPAIRED EMOTIONAL HEALTH; AND3.3 TO COLLABORATE WITH AND SUPPORT SAMARITANS CENTRAL CHARITY AND ITS AFFILIATED BRANCHES IN FULFILLING THESE OBJECTS.

Activities: Our vision is that fewer people die by suicide with our mission being to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and behaviour. To enable persons in Dorset, the surrounding area and elsewhere who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those at risk of suicide, to receive confidential emotional support at any time of the day or night.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,214	£61,085	-	-
2024-03-31	£57,644	£75,778	-	-
2023-03-31	£55,664	£38,643	-	-
2022-03-31	£42,203	£97,591	-	-
2021-03-31	£47,431	£33,259	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Watson		2020-10-10
Dan Moss		2025-12-19
Ian Hyslop		2020-10-10
Judith Boichot		2025-09-02
Mike Gratwick		2024-09-17
Robert Williamson		2026-05-04

Linked charities

- THE SAMARITANS OF DORSET (1168117-1)

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The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details
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The following people were Trustees of the charity during the year and since the year end:

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I Hyslop (Secretary)

R Jeffery (Treasurer)

M Gratwick (Appointed 17/09/2024)

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common with other Samaritan branches:

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- Caller Support
- Training
- Prisons
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Policies

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

It has been a very productive year with our listening volunteers answering over 13,000 calls and giving thousands of hours of support to those often in deep emotional distress. We rarely receive direct feedback from our callers but we know they are often grateful for being given the opportunity to unload their feelings. This lack of direct feedback is a challenge that Samaritans as an organisation is trying to address without harming the service we provide. However, it is rewarding when the caller thanks the listener and says that they are feeling better after being able to speak with someone about their troubles. While it is our mission that fewer people will die by suicide we are aware that callers are often able to stop those thoughts developing because they have had an empathetic Samaritan who listened to them without judgement.

As a branch we have been working with many local organisations to help raise the profile of Samaritans and publicise the help we can give to those in need of emotional support. We have continued the invaluable work with The Verne and HMP Portland where our team (led by Angela) trains and supports prisoners who provide a Samaritan service to fellow prisoners.

As an affiliate branch of Samaritans we are responsible for finance to cover the day to day running of our branch. As such, fundraising (Alice) is an integral part of Samaritans' life. We are grateful to Tim and Hilary Warren for the funds (£17,000) generated by the Chesil Rocks Art and Music Festival which was in a different form this year, together with donations from local Rotary and Lions groups and other local organisations. It is clear that there is great support for the branch from our local community where the presence of our Samaritans branch is much appreciated.

The branch receives bequests and donations from members of the local community while the sale of plants at the 'Wishing Well' in Upwey (Di Gilliver) contributes in many ways. We are very grateful for the work of the team of street and supermarket collectors (led by Judith) who go out several times a year to collect donations and they receive so much goodwill from the people they meet. The sale of the Weymouth Samaritans calendar (devised by Alice) was a great success, raising over £6000, and the Nationwide in Weymouth donated money from the sale of books in their branch. We have also had collections at a Britpop concert in Weymouth, stalls on the seafront and at the Fayre in the Square, music from the Portesham Ukulele Band in Bridport. Valerie Goodwin organised the production of 'Alice in Wonderland' at the Bull Hotel in Bridport and raised funds for our branch while the Sarah Millican tour again helped raise more valuable funds for Samaritans.

Our Publicity and Fundraising teams (led by Issy and Alice) work many hours in the community and have been expanding our presence. Weymouth Town Council chose Samaritans to support through their floral display in Greenhill Gardens. We are also approached by local schools (Sunninghill School) and colleges (Weymouth and Kingston Maurward) for their support to give talks and join them on their open days as well as giving presentations to organisations such as Dorset Police. Once again we thank Palm House Cafe in Weymouth, Asda Weymouth, Waitrose in Poundbury and South Western Railway for allowing us to use their premises for our displays.

In July we were fortunate that Jessica Worner from the National Suicide Prevention Alliance (NSPA) visited us and gave a talk on the work of the charity. The focus of her presentation was on the stigma surrounding suicide and the language used when engaging with those who are suicidal. NSPA shares the same vision as Samaritans that fewer people will die by suicide. It is believed that all parts of society can work together to take action to reduce suicide and improve support for those bereaved by suicide.

Although nationally it appears that volunteering is declining we are fortunate that our number of volunteers has remained steady with a slight increase in the number of listeners. The work of our Recruitment (Di Cunningham) and Training (Gwen and Ann) teams combined with the increased profile resulting from the

Publicity, Outreach and Fundraising teams has helped the branch to thrive.

The redecorating of the branch has now been completed as the roof repairs have been finished. We have restored the comfortable, secure and dry branch for our volunteers. However, we have still to resolve the legal situation and are grateful for the many hours spent by volunteers (especially Will and Mike) on this issue.

All of the work of the branch is undertaken by volunteers who give many hours on top of their listening shifts and our success is a result of fantastic teamwork. We are grateful for all the time given to supporting our branch by our listeners, support volunteers and often friends and family. We must thank those who are not officially Samaritans but often just turn up to help in any way they can. We must also say a huge 'thank you' to members of the Branch Leadership Team for all their work on top of their listening shifts. Colleagues give freely of their time without which we would not be able to function. We all work together, much of which is behind the scenes, to provide what is increasingly an important service.

Dave

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Trustees' Report
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BRANCH STATISTICS

Throughout the year ended 31 March 2025 the automated Samaritans telephone system was used enabling us to accurately capture statistical data on our call volumes for the year, although, importantly, not the content, for confidentiality reasons.

When COVID-19 restrictions were imposed our ability to provide a face-to-face service was ended. Since then new procedures have been introduced by the central charity which, due to the size of our branch, we are unable to meet.

We spoke to a caller on the telephone 12,211 times as opposed to 13,432 times in 2024. These

figures demonstrate that we remain constantly in demand for the service that we provide.

A heartfelt thank you to all our Weymouth Samaritans who were there for our callers throughout another busy year.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

Income and endowments in the year were £55,214 (2024: £60,094).

Net loss of £5,871 was incurred in the year (2024: £20,623). At the balance sheet date total reserves were £116,012 (2024: £121,883).

The charity maintains a cash balance of £91,461 (2024: £130,289), and has net current assets of £66,377 (2024: £68,313). Total net assets are £116,012 (2024: £121,883).

As a branch we continued to actively partake in fundraising events throughout the period including new events

such as quiz nights and bingo. This along with an increase in donations, the continued support from Chesil Rocks festival as well as the highly successful 2025 calendar our total income received remained consistent with the previous year. We acknowledge and thank the efforts of all our volunteers who work tirelessly to fundraise and arrange events to ensure that the branch continues to remain open.

Most of our expenses are in line with prior years although some costs have seen an inflationary increase as would be expected in the current financial climate. However, accounts show a total loss for the year primarily due to the ongoing roof repairs amounting to £21,075 and the associated legal fees in respect of the remedial work claim. Total professional fees in the period amounted to £6,860.

The creditors in these accounts also include £7,018 claimed from our insurers in relation to flooding in 2022 which we have not been able to spend due to the ongoing problems with the roof.

Overall, the charity is solvent and there are no concerns with the charity being able to meet its short- and long-term liabilities.

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Reserves Policy

At 31 March 2025, this policy equated to approximately £116,012 in total of unrestricted reserve funds.

The Trustees are aware that, except for a small amount of investment income, they rely totally on donations for their income. While historically they have received substantial support from a local event the annual running costs of the branch are such that they believe it is essential to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to cover not less than 2 years expenses. Expenses over the last 2 years have totalled £141,802, leaving a £25,790 deficit in our reserves policy.

To maintain a presence in the centre of Weymouth and close to the railway station the Charity occupies a grade 2 listed building the freehold of which was acquired some years ago.

The potential costs of any maintenance or unforeseen remedial work to such a building can be substantial and consequently the Trustees believe that reserves covering two years' expenses are not adequate.

GOING CONCERN

The Trustees have no uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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Trustees' Report
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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure 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;

- make judgments and accounting 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, and
- 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 maintaining proper accounting records which 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. 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.

Approved by the board on and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Signature Signature

.....
Print name Print name

Trustee Trustee

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth
Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

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 Michelle Ferris FCA Leanne House for and on behalf of Albert Goodman LLP 6 Avon Close Chartered Accountants Weymouth Dorset Date:

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 Statement of Financial Activities
 For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Unrest- Funds 2024	Rest- £	Total £	Unrest- Funds 2025	Rest- £	Total £	restricted Funds	restricted Funds	Notes	Funds	Funds	2025
Income from:											
Donations and legacies	11,524	- 11,524	10,760	- 10,760	Investments	3,378	- 3,378	3,581	- 3,581	S.W.R	
Grant	2,450	- 2,450	Charitable activities	36,234	- 36,234	39,224	- 39,224	Other (Prison travel grants)			
	4,078	- 4,078	4,079	- 4,079							
Total income	55,214	- 55,214	57,644	- 57,644	2,450	60,094					

Expenditure on:

Raising funds	2	8,603	- 8,603	8,306	291	8,597	Main Charitable activities	3	38,066	- 38,066	51,385	2,331
	53,716			Other Charitable activities	4	14,416	- 14,416	16,087	2,317	18,404		
Total expenditure	61,085	- 61,085	75,778	4,939	80,717							

Net income/(expenditure) (5,871) - (5,871) (18,134) (2,489) (20,623)

Transfers 423 (423) - - - -

Net income/(expenditure) (5,448) (423) (5,871) (18,134) (2,489) (20,623)

Reconciliation of funds:

Total funds brought forward 121,460 423 121,883 139,594 2,912 142,506

Net income/ (expenditure) in year (5,448) (423) (5,871) (18,134) (2,489) (20,623) _____

Fund balances carried forward 116,012 - 116,012 121,460 423 121,883 _____

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2025

Notes 2025 2024 £ £ £ £ Fixed assets
Tangible assets 7 49,635 53,570

Current assets

Stock of goods for resale 20 20 Debtors 8 3,375 4,389 Cash at bank and in hand 91,461

130,289 _____ 94,856 134,698 Creditors
Amounts falling due within one year 9 (28,479) (66,385) _____

Net current assets 66,377 68,313 _____

Net assets 116,012 121,883 _____

The funds of the charity

Unrestricted funds:

General funds 11 116,012 121,460

Restricted funds:

Restricted fund - 423 _____

Total charity funds 116,012 121,883 _____

Approved by the board of Trustees for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Signature Signature

.....
Print name Print name

Trustee Trustee

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The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 General information and basis of accounting

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution. The address of the principal office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees report on pages 2-8.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and 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 (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donation and legacy income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Investment income in respect of funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably. This is normally upon notification of the interest paid by the bank.

1.3 Donated services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), any unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature which are necessary to support them.

1.5 Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included on the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation which is provided using the following basis:

Freehold Property 2% pa straight line basis

Lift system 20% pa reducing balance basis

Motor vehicles 20% pa reducing balance basis

Fixtures and Fittings 20% pa reducing balance basis

3,375 4,389 _____

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year
2025 2024 £ £

Trade creditors 22,909 22,982 Accruals 5,570 43,403 _____ 28,479 66,385 _____

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10 Statement of funds – 2025

Balance Gains / Balance 01.04.24 Income Expenditure (losses) Transfer 31.03.25 £ £ £ £ £ £
Unrestricted funds
General funds 121,460 55,214 (61,085) - 423 116,012

Restricted funds
S.W.R Grant 423 - - - (423) - _____

115,589 55,214 (61,085) - - 116,012 _____
Statement of funds – 2024

Balance Gains / Balance 01.04.23 Income Expenditure (losses) Transfer 31.03.24 £ £ £ £ £ £
Unrestricted funds
General funds 139,594 57,644 (75,778) - - 121,460

Restricted funds
S.W.R Grant 2,450 (2,027) - - 423 Property maintenance 2,912 - (2,912) - - -

_____ _____
142,506 60,094 (80,717) - - 121,833 _____

Restricted funds
Last year the charity received a S.W.R Grant for the sum of £2,450 of which £2,027 was use for recruitment, advertising and outreach leaving a carried forward balance of £423. There is no more expenditure to be spent for this grant income, and the balance has been transferred to unrestricted reserves.

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R Williamson (Resigned as treasurer 18th July 2023)
A Mustoe (Resigned as trustee 18th July 2023)
S Stuart
I Hyslop
A Watson
P Perkins

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The Trust is committed to the continuous improvement of our practices, policies and procedures and continues to review and update policies as required.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The work at Weymouth branch has continued to provide support for those telephone callers in distress and who are experiencing periods of anxiety. Since COVID it has not been possible to offer face to face help in branch but with the expanding outreach activities our trained volunteers have been able to offer emotional support to those seeking help outside the branch. Over the past year our telephone listening volunteers have answered over 12,000 calls and given thousands of hours of support to those in need. We look forward to the eventual resumption of the email service in branch but have decided that this will only be possible when we have a larger group of volunteers to cover the shifts. Work outside the branch has developed substantially both through our 'Outreach' activities, publicity events and fundraising. Feedback received from those who have received our help is often through kind words at the end of a call when the caller thanks the Samaritan for listening to them and helping them to be less anxious. It is rewarding when our street and supermarket collectors are thanked as they are working hard to raise the funds needed to ensure the financial stability of the branch.

In addition to answering telephone calls our volunteers reach out to the local community and have spent many hours developing our profile and networking with many organisations as well as attending events. The latest link is with Dorset County Hospital where we could become involved with 'staff welfare', an area where it is thought that there is a need for our support. Issy is leading an expanding and enthusiastic team of people, both listeners and support volunteers, who give their time to spreading the word about the services we offer. In our small branch we now have 17 volunteers who are specifically trained to offer emotional support as part of our 'Outreach' activities.

Tim and Hilary Warren (patrons of our branch) once again organised a very successful Chesil Rocks arts and music festival and donated the proceeds (£18,000) to our branch. The festival was again supported by many local businesses and a very large number of local friends and villagers. We have been very grateful for Tim and Hilary's support over the 11 years of Chesil Rocks as they have contributed a large amount to help the running of the branch and allow our volunteers to concentrate on answering telephone calls and outreach activities helping those who need Samaritans' help. Tim and Hilary have worked tirelessly organising a festival that has grown considerably since its origin. They have decided to change the way that they support Samaritans in the future so this year's festival was planned to be the last in its present form.

We have been very fortunate to have received individual bequests and donations and are very grateful to all for this support. Again we must also thank our dedicated team (led by Judith) of street and supermarket collectors who give their time, several occasions a year, to collect and who receive such goodwill from the people they meet.

Fundraising continues to be a vital part of running the branch as we are self-financing and a great deal of thanks goes to all those involved. This is an area of expansion involving an enthusiastic team, led by Alice, involved with supporting this year's London Marathon, running a very successful 'Winter Warmer' lunch which is so greatly appreciated by those who attend, a sea front tombola stall and the 'Fayre in the square', to name but a few. At several of the stands Samaritans have sold plants from Diana Gilliver's team at 'The Wishing Well', which also does a wonderful job at raising funds for the branch. We are also producing a Weymouth Samaritans 2025 calendar with support from local businesses and this is a first for us.

The work of our Prison team, led by Angela, has continued to flourish and the number in the team is slowly expanding. By working in the two prisons on Portland the team not only trains Listeners to support the prisoners but also meets regularly with the prison officers.

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The team also organises 'certificate presentations' to the Listeners to thank them for the work they do to help fellow inmates. The team's work is a great credit to the branch.

While nationally the number of people getting involved with voluntary work is declining we have been fortunate to keep our numbers steady. The Recruitment Team, led by Di, has worked tirelessly to recruit new volunteers and the next cohort is expected to begin in September. The training of new Listening volunteers is intensive and can last up to eight months, involving at least eight people at different stages for each one new volunteer. The Training Team, led by Gwen and Ann, has just seen the progression to full listening volunteers of six new Samaritans. At its maximum we have 51 active listening volunteers and we tend to have between 44 and 51 each month operating because of the varying demands of personal commitments. The service we offer is completely voluntary, both listeners and supporters, and our members are our most valuable asset. As we increase the number of trained listeners we will be able to offer more to those who need us.

During the past year work has been completed on repairing the roof and we now plan to work on the redecorating of the rooms affected by the flooding. We continue to be grateful to those involved in helping to resolve the legal situation that has arisen because of the remedial work needed after the initial repairs. It is our aim to provide a comfortable, secure and dry branch in which our volunteers can work safely. Our thanks go to all for their patience in this matter.

We are also grateful for the patience of our telephone listeners while our system is changed to the 'Voice over internet protocol' (VOIP) which alters the way we receive calls, changing from landline to internet. This should result in a much improved system.

The work of the branch is carried out by volunteers and, although some roles are more high profile than others, the branch would not function without total teamwork. Thank you to all for giving time to be there for our callers. Thank you also to our support volunteers and others who are not Samaritans but who often just turn up to help in any way they can.

Finally, a huge thank you to the members of the Branch Leadership Team for all their work on top of their listening shifts. The Deputy Directors and Trustees give freely of their time without which we would not have a branch. We all work together to provide what is increasingly an important service.

Dave

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BRANCH STATISTICS

Throughout the year ended 31 March 2024 the automated Samaritans telephone system was used enabling us to accurately capture statistical data on our call volumes for the year, although, importantly, not the content, for confidentiality reasons.

When COVID-19 restrictions were imposed our ability to provide a face-to-face service was ended. Since then new procedures have been introduced by the central charity which, due to the size of our branch, we are unable to meet.

We spoke to a caller on the telephone 13,432 times as opposed to 11,890 times in 2023.

During the same period the procedure for dealing with e-mails was changed so that all callers go to specific branches. As we are not among those branches the number that we responded to prior to the change was 0 compared with 63 in 2023.

These figures demonstrate that we remain constantly in demand for the service that we provide.

A heartfelt thank you to all our Weymouth Samaritans who were there for our callers throughout another busy year.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

Income and endowments in the year were £60,094 (2023: £55,664).

Net loss of £20,623 was incurred in the year (2023: Net income of £17,021). At the balance sheet date total reserves were £121,883 (2023: £142,506).

The charity maintains a cash balance of £130,289 (2023: £101,915), and has net current assets of £68,313 (2023: £84,271). Total net assets are £121,883 (2023: £142,506).

As a branch we continued to actively partake in fundraising events throughout the period including new events such as quiz nights and bingo. This along with an increase in donations and the continued support from the highly successful Chesil Rocks festival, our total income received exceeded that of the previous year. We acknowledge and thank the efforts of all our volunteers who work tirelessly to fundraise and arrange events to ensure that the branch continues to remain open.

The majority of our expenses are in line with prior years although some costs have seen an inflationary increase as would be expected in the current financial climate. However, accounts show a total loss for the year primarily due to the large provision entered in respect of the ongoing roof repairs amounting to £39,416. Although considering the ongoing problems with the property we are taking legal advice regarding these outstanding amounts and the need for remedial works which of course has created additional costs for professional fees in the period totalling approx. £5,000.

The creditors in these accounts also include £7,018 claimed from our insurers in relation to flooding in 2022 which we have not been able to spend due to the ongoing problems with the roof.

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Reserves Policy

At 31 March 2024, this policy equated to approximately £121,883 in total of unrestricted reserve funds.

The Trustees are aware that, except for a small amount of investment income, they rely totally on donations for their income. While historically they have received substantial support from a local event the annual running costs of the branch are such that they believe it is essential to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to cover not less than 2 years expenses.

To maintain a presence in the centre of Weymouth and close to the railway station the Charity occupies a grade 2 listed building the freehold of which was acquired some years ago.

The potential costs of any maintenance or unforeseen remedial work to such a building can be substantial and consequently the Trustees believe that reserves covering two years' expenses are not adequate.

GOING CONCERN

The Trustees have no uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure 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;
- make judgments and accounting 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, and
- 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 maintaining proper accounting records which 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. 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.

Approved by the board on and signed on their behalf by:

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P Perkins
Branch Director

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R Jeffery
Treasurer

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Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 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 2011 Act;
or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.



Michelle Ferris FCA
for and on behalf of Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants

Leanne House
6 Avon Close
Weymouth
Dorset

Date:

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	10,760	-	10,760	7,033	-	7,033
Investments		3,581	-	3,581	1,244	-	1,244
S.W.R Grant		-	2,450	2,450	-	-	-
Charitable activities		39,224	-	39,224	29,631	10,000	39,631
Other (Prison travel grants)		4,079	-	4,079	7,756	-	7,756
Total income		57,644	2,450	60,094	45,664	10,000	55,664
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3	8,306	291	8,597	3,969	709	4,678
Main Charitable activities	4	51,385	2,331	53,716	22,379	5,670	28,049
Other Charitable activities	5	16,087	2,317	18,404	5,207	709	5,916
Total expenditure		75,778	4,939	80,717	31,555	7,088	38,643
Net income/(expenditure)		(18,134)	(2,489)	(20,623)	14,109	2,912	17,021
Gain/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(18,134)	(2,489)	(20,623)	14,109	2,912	17,021
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		139,594	2,912	142,506	125,485	-	125,485
Net income/ (expenditure) in year		(18,134)	(2,489)	(20,623)	14,109	2,912	17,021
Fund balances carried forward		121,460	423	121,883	139,594	2,912	142,506

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		53,570		58,235
Current assets					
Stock of goods for resale		20		20	
Debtors	10	4,389		7,891	
Cash at bank and in hand		130,289		101,915	
		<u>134,698</u>		<u>109,826</u>	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(66,385)		(25,555)	
Net current assets			68,313		84,271
Net assets			<u>121,883</u>		<u>142,506</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	12		121,460		139,594
Restricted funds:					
Restricted fund			423		2,912
Total charity funds			<u>121,883</u>		<u>142,506</u>

Approved by the board of Trustees for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

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P Perkins
Branch Director

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R Jeffery
Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 General information and basis of accounting

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution. The address of the principal office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees report on pages 2-8.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and 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 (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donation and legacy income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Investment income in respect of funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably. This is normally upon notification of the interest paid by the bank.

1.3 Donated services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), any unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature which are necessary to support them.

1.5 Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included on the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation which is provided using the following basis:

Freehold Property	2% pa straight line basis
Lift system	20% pa reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	20% pa reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	20% pa reducing balance basis

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1.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.7 Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

1.8 Taxation

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to taxation to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value added tax is not recoverable and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets this criterion is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs as appropriate.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and liabilities of the charity and their measurements are as follows:

Financial assets – Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – Trade creditors and accruals are financial instruments and are measured at amortised cost.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	10,760	-	10,760	7,033	-	7,033
	10,760	-	10,760	7,033	-	7,033

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3 Expenditure on raising fund

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising expenses	2,374	-	2,374	2,313	-	2,313
Advertising and publicity	302	-	302	11	-	11
Printing, postage and stationery	368	-	368	331	-	331
10% share of premises overheads	5,262	291	5,553	1,314	709	2,023
	8,306	291	8,597	3,969	709	4,678

4 Expenditure on main charitable activities

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Vehicle running costs	964	-	964	1,047	-	1,047
Prison travel claims	264	-	264	843	-	843
Travel and subsistence	8,071	-	8,071	9,974	-	9,974
80% share of premises overheads	42,086	2,331	44,417	10,515	5,670	16,185
	51,385	2,331	53,716	22,379	5,670	28,049

5 Expenditure on other charitable activities

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Samaritans levy	4,232	-	4,232	1,382	-	1,382
Independent examination fee	684	-	684	440	-	440
Accounts preparation	278	-	278	270	-	270
Other professional fees	4,937	-	4,937	45	-	45
Computer software	468	-	468	651	-	651
Recruitment and selection	8	-	8	-	-	-
Meeting room hire and AGM	99	-	99	905	-	905
Conferences and training	-	2,026	2,026	26	-	26
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	26	-	26
Bank charges	120	-	120	148	-	148
10% share of premises overheads	5,261	291	5,552	1,314	709	2,023
	16,087	2,317	18,404	5,207	709	5,916

Premises overheads totalled £55,522 (2023 £20,231) of which £2,913 was restricted (2023 £7,088). The increase is substantially due to the costs relating to the repairs to the roof this year.

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6 Wages and salaries

The charity had 0 employee's (2023 – 0) during the year and paid wages of £0 (2023 – £0), there were no employees earning more than £60,000 (2023 – £60,000).

The key management of the charity is the trustees, who are unpaid and therefore there is no key management personnel remuneration to be disclosed (2023 – none).

7 Related parties

There were no related party transactions in the year (2023 – none).

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Lift system £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	71,000	2,270	6,600	19,829	99,699
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	71,000	2,270	6,600	19,829	99,699
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2023	28,590	1,913	4,025	6,936	41,464
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the period	1,420	71	496	2,678	4,665
At 31 March 2024	30,010	1,984	4,521	9,614	46,129
Net Book Value					
At 31 March 2024	40,990	286	2,079	10,215	53,570
At 31 March 2023	42,410	357	2,575	12,893	58,235

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	22,982	22,622
Accruals	43,403	2,933
	66,385	25,555

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10 Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Gift Aid Due	-	1,411
Prepayments	4,389	6,480
	<u>4,389</u>	<u>7,891</u>

11 Financial commitments

Amounts not provided for on the balance sheet

The total amount of financial commitments not included on the balance sheet is £nil (2023 - £ nil).

12 Statement of funds – 2024

	Balance 01.04.23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	Transfer £	Balance 31.03.24 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	139,594	57,644	(75,778)	-	-	121,460
Restricted funds						
S.W.R Grant	-	2,450	(2,027)	-	-	423
Property maintenance	2,912		(2,912)	-	-	-
	<u>142,506</u>	<u>60,094</u>	<u>(80,717)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,883</u>

Statement of funds – 2023

	Balance 01.04.22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	Transfer £	Balance 31.03.23 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	125,485	45,664	(31,555)	-	-	139,594
Restricted funds						
Property maintenance	-	10,000	(7,088)	-	-	2,912
	<u>125,485</u>	<u>55,664</u>	<u>38,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,506</u>

Restricted funds

During the year the charity used the remaining Restricted funds (£2,913) of a chesil rocks donation for property maintenance. The charity also received a S.W.R Grant for the sum of £2,450 of which (£2,027) was use for recruitment, advertising and outreach leaving a carried forward balance of £423.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1168117

Accounts

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered in England and Wales Number: 1168117**

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Reference and Administrative Details

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Trustees

R Williamson (Treasurer)
A Mustoe
C S Stuart
I Hyslop (Secretary)
A Watson (Vice Director)
R C Langdon (Director) resigned 16th Feb 2023
P Perkins (Director) appointed 16th Feb 2023

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The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Constitution and the Charities Act 2011. 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) have been adopted in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a registered charity in England and Wales, charity number 1168117. The charity's principal office is 13 King Street, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7BJ. It is governed by its Constitution which was updated on 7 July 2016.

The Branch is overseen by a single Branch Leadership Team (BLT) who manage all aspects of the Branch. The BLT comprises elected Trustees and Deputy Directors appointed by the Director. Trustees are elected and inducted by Branch Members in accordance with our constitution. In managing the Branch the BLT has assessed the major risks to the Branch and these are regularly reviewed and managed by the BLT.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Appointment of Board members ("Trustees" for Charity legislation purposes) is governed by the Constitution of the charity. The Trustees are authorised to co-opt new members on to the Board to fill vacancies in order to ensure adequate representation and diversity.

The following people were Trustees of the charity during the year:

R Williamson
A Mustoe
S Stuart
I Hyslop
A Watson
RC Langdon – resigned 16th February 2023
P Perkins – appointed 16th February 2023

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The charity appoints a Director from amongst its volunteers once every three years. The Director is responsible for the operation of the charity and is assisted by deputies who have responsibility for the following areas in common with other Samaritan branches:

- Volunteer Support
- Caller Support
- Training
- Prisons
- Outreach and publicity
- Administrative call distribution

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the Charity.

Investment Powers

The Constitution authorises the trustees to use all money raised to further its objects and to do all things that are lawful and conducive to the attainment of those objects and does not prevent investment.

Risk Management

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to give due consideration to the risks to which the charity is exposed and have set in place processes to identify and manage risks through Risk Registers. Risks are regularly reviewed, assessed, managed and escalated appropriately in accordance with the Risk Management policy. Risk management processes are in place and continue to be developed as required throughout the organisation.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Statement of Purpose

The charity has been supporting people in distress, working from a building opposite the Railway Station in Weymouth, for more than 50 years. Although we are a local charity we are part of the whole Samaritan movement. As well as talking to people Face to Face, on the Telephone and by Email, we are also involved with the HM Prison YOI Portland, where we train and support prisoners as Samaritan Listeners. We also support the HMP The Verne Portland.

The objectives set out in the Constitution are:

- 1) To enable persons in Dorset and the surrounding area as well as elsewhere who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including these who may be at risk of suicide, to receive confidential emotional support at any time of the day or night in order to improve their emotional health and to reduce the incidence of suicide.
- 2) To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or impaired emotional health.
- 3) To collaborate with and support Samaritans Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these objectives.

Our Vision is still that fewer people die by suicide with our Mission being to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and behaviour.

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Policies

The Trust is committed to the continuous improvement of our practices, policies and procedures and continues to review and update policies as required.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We are very grateful to Robert for acting as interim Branch Director during 2022 and the early months of 2023, steering the ship through a period of uncertainty. In February 2023 Dave took over as Branch Director after the Branch had completed the selection process.

2022 saw us gradually come out of the Covid restrictions and we were once again able to get out into the community to promote Samaritans at various events and raise funds to ensure the Branch is financially stable. The Outreach and Fundraising teams gave many hours in both these areas for which we are most grateful.

During the year, Tim and Hilary Warren agreed to become Branch Patrons. Tim and Hilary have organised the music festival Chesil Rocks for 10 years now and have donated the proceeds to the Branch, raising more money each year. In June 2022 RiskSTOP agreed to sponsor the event and we were absolutely delighted at the AGM in July 2022 to be presented with a cheque for £20,000 as a result.

A member of staff from Samaritans Central Office, Josie Davies - from the Internal Communications Team came to Weymouth to visit a relative and happened to go to the Wishing Well Garden Centre. She was amazed to see reference to Samaritans in an around the Centre and on her return to work asked us more about it. As a result and quite sometime after, we had an article published in Samaritan News which goes out to all volunteers nation-wide. Information about Diana Gilliver and her team detailed the wonderful sums they raise for the Branch through selling plants. This is great publicity for the Branch and recognised all that Diana and her team have done for the Branch over many years. This helps to raise the profile for Weymouth Samaritans.

Our display window in King Street has had a revamp this year with the updated Samaritan branding. The four panel banners were designed for us by the Central Office team and RiskSTOP kindly arranged for the printing and installation as a donation for which we are extremely grateful.

The fundraising team led by Carol has continued to hold events to raise funds for the Branch which included the 'Fayre in the Square' and the Open Gardens at Bindon Mill. We must also thank our team of street and supermarket collectors who go out several times a year to collect funds and receive so much good will from the people they meet. The Weymouth Vehicle Preservation Society with the Parade of their vehicles along the seafront in Weymouth at the end of May chose to support Samaritans and made a generous donation to the Branch. Even though Samaritans is a nation-wide charity all Branches still have to raise the necessary funds needed to keep themselves going. So, all contributions are greatly appreciated.

The Recruitment and Training Teams have also been very active during the year and we now have another 7 Listening Volunteers receiving their certificate of training completion today and who now help to supplement our rota so we can answer calls from the distressed callers that contact our Branch. In the last year our 44 Listening Volunteers answered over 12,000 phone calls from people who desperately needed a listening ear. We have been fortunate that our volunteer numbers have remained steady at a time when volunteering generally in England is at an historic low (having fallen nationally by 48% since 2018 according to The Guardian newspaper of 2 May 2023). Our volunteers are our most valuable asset and are kept very busy in a variety of activities. We would like to continue to expand our activities and are open to suggestions but our resources are limited.

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Unfortunately, it has been a very frustrating time this year for all those involved with the improvements to our Centre in King Street. The roof was replaced, the outside walls re-pointed and some improvements to parts of the inside of the building were undertaken. However, earlier this year even with a new roof there was a further leak and it transpired that the work carried out was not of a good standard or properly approved by the surveyors. Further work now needs to be carried out and then the remainder of the improvements inside need to be completed. The Trustees, particularly our Treasurer Will together with Tom, have worked and are working tirelessly to put right the poor work and looking to gain some compensation for the service we received. Eventually though we will have a Centre which is very comfortable and dry for volunteers coming in to do their shift.

This year saw a return to the support we give the two prisons on Portland, not only training Listeners to support the prisoners but also to attend many meetings with prison officers. The Prison Support Team ensures that the prisons have all the information they need to support our work and help the Listeners scheme. Most of that had to be curtailed during the Covid period but Angela and her team have spent many hours getting it all back on its feet again for which we are extremely grateful. The work we do in the prisons is a real credit to the Branch.

Finally, we must say a huge thank you to the Branch Leadership Team for all their work on top of carrying out weekly shifts supporting callers. Every Deputy and Trustee has made a great contribution to the Branch and without all that time given, we would not be able to keep the Branch running. We have no paid staff, everything we do is carried out by volunteers and without those who answer the phone on their weekly shift we would not have a Branch at all. So, thank you to all members of the Branch for continuing to be there for our callers and thank you too to our Support Volunteers who carry out many vital tasks for the Branch. Thank you also to all those who are not Samaritans but continue to help us in many ways to deliver such an important service.

Robert and Dave

BRANCH STATISTICS

Throughout the year ended 31 March 2023 the automated Samaritans telephone system was used enabling us to accurately capture statistical data on our call volumes for the year, although, importantly, not the content, for confidentiality reasons.

When COVID-19 restrictions were imposed our ability to provide a face-to-face service was ended. Since then new procedures have been introduced by the central charity which, due to the size of our branch, we are unable to meet.

We spoke to a caller on the telephone 11,890 times as opposed to 12,203 times in 2022.

During the same period the procedure for dealing with e-mails was changed so that all callers go to specific branches. As we are not among those branches the number that we responded to prior to the change was 63 compared with 266 in 2022.

These figures demonstrate that we remain constantly in demand for the service that we provide.

A heartfelt thank you to all our Weymouth Samaritans who were there for our callers throughout another busy year.

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

Income and endowments in the year were £45,664 (2022: £42,203).

Net income of £17,021 was incurred in the year (2022: Net expenditure of £57,971). At the balance sheet date total reserves were £142,506 (2022: £125,485).

The charity maintains a cash balance of £101,915 (2022: £118,454), and has net current assets of £58,235 (2022: £62,288). Total net assets are £142,506 (2022: £125,485).

The year saw something of a return to normal as far as fund-raising activities were concerned. Our total income increased over the previous year which had included the £10,000 Pears grant. Part of the increase was due to the fact that two year's grants, received for supporting the two prisons on Portland, fell into one year and of course the resumption of Chesil Rocks which contributed £10,000 here and a further £10,000 referred to below.

The majority of our expenses are in line with previous years of more normal activity with increases in training and travel expenses.

These accounts include full provision for the outstanding amounts billed for repairs to the roof although in light of the ongoing problems with the property we are taking legal advice with regard to these outstanding amounts and the need for remedial works.

The creditors in these accounts also include £7,018 claimed from our insurers in relation to flooding in 2022 which we have not been able to spend due to the ongoing problems with the roof.

In light of the age of the property and its listed building status our patrons Tim and Hilary Warren if have designated £10,000 of the £20,000 received in 2022 from Chesil Rocks to be treated as restricted funds to cover future repair costs. These accounts include that treatment of the donation.

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Reserves Policy

At 31 March 2023, this policy equated to approximately £139,594 in total of unrestricted reserve funds.

The Trustees are aware that, except for a small amount of investment income, they rely totally on donations for their income. While historically they have received substantial support from a local event and recently been in receipt of two large legacies the annual running costs of the branch are such that they believe it is essential to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to cover not less than 2 years expenses.

To maintain a presence in the centre of Weymouth and close to the railway station the Charity occupies a grade 2 listed building the freehold of which was acquired some years ago.

The potential costs of any maintenance or unforeseen remedial work to such a building can be substantial and consequently the Trustees believe that reserves covering two years' expenses are not adequate.

The donation received from Chesil Rocks during the year has included £10,000 designated by the donors as restricted funds to be held in reserve to cover future property maintenance and repairs. As a consequence a separate Restricted Reserve has been created for this sum, and any future amounts so identified.

Reasons for a specific property maintenance reserve

- The standard of repair required for a grade 2 listed building requires specialist and therefore expensive advice and expertise.
- The likelihood of repairs and maintenance to a building of this age and structure is greater than for a more modern building

The lift, installed is regularly maintained but it would be prudent to set aside funds for its possible replacement

In addition, as part of its agreement with the central charity the charity is required to make an annual contribution based on income received and reserves in hand. Having projected the impact of this contribution over the next five years the Trustees are of the view that unrestricted reserves should be at a level equivalent to at least 2.5 years' expenses otherwise a decline in income, could have a serious impact on the Charity's ability to maintain its presence in Weymouth.

GOING CONCERN

The Trustees have no uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure 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;
- make judgments and accounting 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, and
- 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 maintaining proper accounting records which 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. 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.

Approved by the board on and signed on their behalf by:

P Perkins
Branch Director

R Williamson
Treasurer

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth
Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 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 2011 Act;
or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

Michelle Ferris FCA
for and on behalf of Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants

Leanne House
6 Avon Close
Weymouth
Dorset

Date:

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	7,033	-	7,033	20,978	-	20,978
Investments		1,244	-	1,244	447	-	447
Charitable activities		29,631	10,000	39,631	15,225	-	15,225
Other (Prison travel grants)		7,756	-	7,756	5,553	-	5,553
Total income		45,664	10,000	55,664	42,203	-	42,203
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3	3,969	709	4,678	10,722	-	10,722
Main Charitable activities	4	22,379	5,670	28,049	73,463	-	73,463
Other Charitable activities	5	5,207	709	5,916	13,406	-	13,406
Total expenditure		31,555	7,088	38,643	97,591	-	97,591
Net income/(expenditure)		14,109	2,912	17,021	(55,388)	-	(55,388)
Gain/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	(2,583)	-	(2,583)
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		14,109	2,912	17,021	(57,971)	-	(57,971)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		125,485	-	125,485	183,456	-	183,456
Net income/ (expenditure) in year		14,109	2,912	17,021	(57,971)	-	(57,971)
Fund balances carried forward		139,594	2,912	142,506	125,485	-	125,485

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		58,235		63,197
Current assets					
Stock of goods for resale		20		20	
Debtors	10	7,891		1,164	
Cash at bank and in hand		101,915		118,454	
		<u>109,826</u>		<u>119,638</u>	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(25,555)		(57,350)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			84,271		62,288
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Net assets			142,506		125,485
			<u><u></u></u>		<u><u></u></u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	11		139,594		125,485
Restricted funds:					
Restricted fund			2,912		-
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Total charity funds			142,506		125,485
			<u><u></u></u>		<u><u></u></u>

Approved by the board of Trustees for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

P Perkins
Branch Director

R Williamson
Treasurer

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 General information and basis of accounting

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution. The address of the principal office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees report on pages 2-5.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and 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 (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donation and legacy income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Investment income in respect of funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably. This is normally upon notification of the interest paid by the bank.

1.3 Donated services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), any unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature which are necessary to support them.

1.5 Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included on the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation which is provided using the following basis:

Freehold Property	2% pa straight line basis
Lift system	20% pa reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	20% pa reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	20% pa reducing balance basis

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1.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.7 Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

1.8 Taxation

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to taxation to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value added tax is not recoverable and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets this criterion is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs as appropriate.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and liabilities of the charity and their measurements are as follows:

Financial assets – Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – Trade creditors and accruals are financial instruments and are measured at amortised cost.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	7,033	-	7,033	20,978	-	20,978
	7,033	-	7,033	20,978	-	20,978

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3 Expenditure on raising fund

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising expenses	2,313	-	2,313	2,105	-	2,105
Advertising and publicity	11	-	11	204	-	204
Printing, postage and stationery	331	-	331	369	-	369
10% share of premises overheads	1,314	709	2,023	8,044	-	8,044
	3,969	709	4,678	10,722	-	10,722

4 Expenditure on main charitable activities

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Vehicle running costs	1,047	-	1,047	1,017	-	1,017
Prison travel claims	843	-	843	128	-	128
Travel and subsistence	9,974	-	9,974	7,963	-	7,963
80% share of premises overheads	10,515	5,670	16,185	64,355	-	64,355
	22,379	5,670	28,049	73,463	-	73,463

5 Expenditure on other charitable activities

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Samaritans levy	1,382	-	1,382	2,975	-	2,975
Independent examination fee	440	-	440	320	-	320
Accounts preparation	270	-	270	256	-	256
Other professional fees	45	-	45	35	-	35
Computer software	651	-	651	545	-	545
Recruitment and selection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meeting room hire and AGM	905	-	905	749	-	749
Conferences and training	26	-	26	293	-	293
Sundry expenses	26	-	26	22	-	22
Bank charges	148	-	148	168	-	168
10% share of premises overheads	1,314	709	2,023	8,043	-	8,043
	5,207	709	5,916	13,406	-	13,406

Premises overheads totalled £20,231 (2022 £80,442) of which £7,088 was restricted (2022 £nil). The decrease is substantially due to the costs relating to the repairs to the roof in 2022.

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6 Wages and salaries

The charity had 0 employee's (2022 – 1) during the year and paid wages of £0 (2022 – £640), there were no employees earning more than £60,000 (2022 – £60,000).

The key management of the charity is the trustees, who are unpaid and therefore there is no key management personnel remuneration to be disclosed (2022 – none).

7 Related parties

There were no related party transactions in the year (2022 – none).

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Lift system £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2022	71,000	2,270	6,600	19,165	99,035
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	664	664
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At 31 March 2023	71,000	2,270	6,600	19,829	99,699
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Depreciation					
At 1 April 2022	27,170	1,824	3,405	3,439	35,838
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the period	1,420	89	620	3,497	5,626
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At 31 March 2023	28,590	1,913	4,025	6,936	41,464
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Net Book Value					
At 31 March 2023	42,410	357	2,575	12,893	58,235
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At 31 March 2022	43,830	446	3,195	15,726	63,197
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9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	22,622	52,604
Accruals	2,933	4,746
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	25,555	57,350
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10 Debtors	2023 £	2022 £
Gift Aid Due	1,411	-
Prepayments	6,480	1,164
	<u>7,891</u>	<u>1,164</u>

11 Financial commitments

Amounts not provided for on the balance sheet

The total amount of financial commitments not included on the balance sheet is £nil (2022 - £ nil).

12 Statement of funds – 2023

	Balance 01.04.22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	Transfer £	Balance 31.03.23 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	125,485	45,664	(31,555)	-	-	139,594
Restricted funds						
Property maintenance	-	10,000	(7,088)		-	2,912
	<u>125,485</u>	<u>55,664</u>	<u>38,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,506</u>

Statement of funds – 2022

	Balance 01.04.21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	Transfer £	Balance 31.03.22 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	147,956	42,203	(97,591)	(2,583)	35,500	125,485
Restricted funds						
Property maintenance	35,500	-	-	-	(35,500)	-
	<u>183,456</u>	<u>42,203</u>	<u>(97,591)</u>	<u>(2,583)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,485</u>

Restricted funds

During the year the charity Restricted funds (£10,000) of a Chesil Rocks donation for property maintenance.

THE SAMARITANS OF DORSET AT WEYMOUTH

England & Wales - Charity number 1168117

Accounts

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

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Reference and Administrative Details
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Trustees

R Williamson (Treasurer)
J E Arnold (Director) – Resigned 30/11/2021
A Mustoe
C S Stuart
I Hyslop (Secretary)
A Watson (Vice Director)
R C Langdon (Director) – Appointed 01/01/2022

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The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Constitution and the Charities Act 2011. 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) have been adopted in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a registered charity in England and Wales, charity number 1168117. The charity's principal office is 13 King Street, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7BJ. It is governed by its Constitution which was updated on 7 July 2016.

The Branch is overseen by a single Branch Management Team (BMT) who manage all aspects of the Branch. The BMT comprises elected Trustees and Deputy Directors appointed by the Director. Trustees are elected and inducted by Branch Members in accordance with our constitution. In managing the Branch the BMT has assessed the major risks to the Branch and these are regularly reviewed and managed by the BMT.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Appointment of Board members ("Trustees" for Charity legislation purposes) is governed by the Constitution of the charity. The Trustees are authorised to co-opt new members on to the Board to fill vacancies in order to ensure adequate representation and diversity.

The following people were Trustees of the charity during the year:

R Williamson

JE Arnold resigned 30/11/2021

A Mustoe

S Stuart

I Hyslop

A Watson

RC Langdon appointed 01/01/2022

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Trustees' Report

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The charity appoints a Director from amongst its volunteers once every three years. The Director is responsible for the operation of the charity and is assisted by deputies who have responsibility for the following areas in common with other Samaritan branches:

- Volunteer Support
- Caller Support
- Training
- Prisons
- Outreach and publicity
- Administrative call distribution

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the Charity.

Investment Powers

The Constitution authorises the trustees to use all money raised to further its objects and to do all things that are lawful and conducive to the attainment of those objects and does not prevent investment.

Risk Management

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to give due consideration to the risks to which the charity is exposed and have set in place processes to identify and manage risks through Risk Registers. Risks are regularly reviewed, assessed, managed and escalated appropriately in accordance with the Risk Management policy. Risk management processes are in place and continue to be developed as required throughout the organisation.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Statement of Purpose

The charity has been supporting people in distress, working from a building opposite the Railway Station in Weymouth, for more than 50 years. Although we are a local charity we are part of the whole Samaritan movement. As well as talking to people Face to Face, on the Telephone and by Email, we are also involved with the HM Prison YOI Portland, where we train and support prisoners as Samaritan Listeners. We also support the HMP The Verne Portland.

The objectives set out in the Constitution are:

- 1) To enable persons in Dorset and the surrounding area as well as elsewhere who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including these who may be at risk of suicide, to receive confidential emotional support at any time of the day or night in order to improve their emotional health and to reduce the incidence of suicide.
- 2) To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or impaired emotional health.
- 3) To collaborate with and support Samaritans Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these objectives.

Our Vision is still that fewer people die by suicide with our Mission being to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and behaviour.

Policies

The Trust is committed to the continuous improvement of our practices, policies and procedures and continues to review and update policies as required.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Firstly, I would like to thank Jane, who unfortunately had to step down as Director in December, for all her time leading the Branch. We wish her well for the future.

In April 2021 and during the early part of the year, the country was in lockdown and although not everyone had to stay at home as in 2020 it was a difficult time for many. As before Samaritan volunteers though throughout the country were given permission to carry on travelling to centres if they felt comfortable doing so, in order to ensure the Samaritan service could continue. Many volunteers sensibly thought it was important to stay at home but others did continue to cover shifts at our centre to keep the Branch open. It was a fantastic effort from very many volunteers as those at the centre were very well supported by others at home.

As well as being a difficult time for many of our callers, it has been a difficult year for the Branch too. All outside events were cancelled to keep everyone safe which included no face-to-face callers at the centre. This greatly affected our fundraising efforts too though we did receive a grant of £10,000 from The Pears Foundation towards the cost of making improvements to the inside of our centre. Plant sales at the garden centre were able to resume though and they made a superb £6,000 for the Branch. We owe a huge thanks to the volunteers running this for us especially Di Gilliver and Jenny Brown.

The nation-wide 'There for Everyone' programme as part of the 2015-2021 Samaritan Strategy has now reached a conclusion and 2021-2022 was a consolidation year. Our new five-year strategy, 'Tackling Suicide Together', sets out our key priorities and principles to ensure we can continue to be here, day and night, whenever and however people need us most – not just today, but in the future. There are five priorities, **Access**, to make sure everyone who needs us can access our support, **Reach**, to reach more people to let them know we are here, **Impact**, to make our voice heard at a national, regional and local level for maximum impact, **Capacity**, to increase our capacity to become one team of valued, diverse, skilled people, **Sustainability**, to build meaningful relationships with our supporters to ensure our sustainability.

I'm delighted that we have been able to increase our volunteer numbers during the past year and 10 new volunteers have recently joined the Branch which is great. Our thanks go to all the extra work put in by our Training and Selection teams. This has been helped by the introduction of the on-line Branch Management Tool to aid our recruitment. Two new national Hubs have been developed by the Central Charity, one for responding to emails and another for helping us better support our callers. I'm really pleased that there are three volunteers in the Branch helping with these national hubs as well as continuing to cover shifts in the Branch.

The last year has seen and nearing completion, improvements to our centre both inside and out. Our listed building has had a lot of repairs carried out both to the roof and re-pointing the walls. Inside many rooms have seen improvements and we now have a duty room which is most comfortable and really conducive to ensuring volunteers are able to concentrate fully on supporting our callers. Many hours have been spent by a number of volunteers in our Branch enabling the improvements to happen and special mention goes to Tom, Carol and Will without whom we would not have made the progress we have.

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Nationally the introduction of Link, our new telephone system has enabled Samaritans to start an On-line Chat service in a small way. In the last year or so the service has begun with one Branch in each Samaritan Region piloting it but so far, the service is only available for a few hours three evenings a week. In our Region, Exeter is piloting the service and many contacts have been received. Over the next few years when volunteer numbers increase it is intended that all Branches will be involved, and the service will be available for callers for the majority of the week.

In the past year we have answered over 12,500 calls from distressed callers and also responded to over 300 emails from those going through a difficult time. This is a fantastic achievement for the Branch given that through the year our number of active volunteers was below the previous year due to some volunteers isolating at home. It was also great that we were able to continue training New Samaritans during that very difficult time. The Central Charity adapted the Core Development Training to be presented virtually and with this and a few adaptations at the centre New Samaritans were prepared for their role. I'm so grateful to the many volunteers who covered extra shifts to keep the service going as best we could.

I'm an interim Director for this year and the procedure for selecting my successor as Director will begin soon. The volunteer selected will take over around the beginning of next year. It is a real privilege being Director of the Branch this year, but I could not have done it without the wonderful support from all my Deputies and the Branch Leadership Team who have been brilliant. I'm so grateful for all the time they've given to the Branch both in supporting me and carrying out their particular role. The Branch though would not exist without volunteers covering shifts, so this is a huge thank you to everyone for continuing to come to our centre to support callers.

Robert Langdon
Director

BRANCH STATISTICS

Throughout the year ended 31 March 2022 the automated Samaritans telephone system was used enabling us to accurately capture statistical data on our call volumes for the year, although, importantly, not the content, for confidentiality reasons.

When COVID-19 restrictions were imposed our ability to provide a face-to-face service was ended. In addition some of our volunteers were unable through shielding requirements or illness to perform duties however we were still able to support large numbers of callers.

We spoke to a caller on the telephone 12,203 times as opposed to 13,316 times in 2021. During the same period, we responded to 266 emails (687 in 2021).

These figures demonstrate that we remain constantly in demand.

A heartfelt thank you to all our Weymouth Samaritans who were there for our callers throughout another busy year.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

Income and endowments in the year were £42,203 (2021: £47,431).

Net expenditure of £57,971 was incurred in the year (2021: Net income of £14,172). At the balance sheet date total reserves were £125,485 (2021: £183,456).

The charity maintains a cash balance of £118,454 (2021: £126,511), and has net current assets of £62,288 (2021: £127,162). Total net assets are £125,485 (2021: £183,456).

Our income was once again affected by the limited fund-raising activities available during the year. Despite the restrictions our plant sales through The Wishing Well raised over £6,000 nearly 33% up on 2021 and nearly double 2020!

In addition we applied, through Central Office, for funds from the Pears Trust and received £10,000 towards improving the branch facilities. We also resumed some street and supermarket collections and our commitment to supporting the local prisons' listeners schemes throughout the pandemic resulted in increased funding from the Central Charity.

The money received from the Pears Trust had to be spent prior to the year end resulting in some of our older fixtures and fittings being written off leading to a loss on disposal of £2,583.

Our overheads have been closer to previous levels as we return to more normal operation but the roof repairs referred to last year have at last been completed. Unfortunately the price escalated due to the general increases in building costs and the need to meet the standards required for a listed property. Our provisions in the past meant that we were able to meet more than half of these costs from our existing reserves. The balance resulted in our loss of £22,471.

With completion of the roof repairs and improved branch facilities together with a return to more normal fund-raising activities we are in a good position to support our callers while operating in a better environment for our volunteers.

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Reserves Policy

At 31 March 2022, this policy equated to approximately £125,485 in total of unrestricted reserve funds.

The Trustees are aware that, except for a small amount of investment income, they rely totally on donations for their income. While historically they have received substantial support from a local event and recently been in receipt of two large legacies the annual running costs of the branch are such that they believe it is essential to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to cover not less than 2 years expenses.

To maintain a presence in the centre of Weymouth and close to the railway station the Charity occupies a grade 2 listed building the freehold of which was acquired some years ago.

The potential costs of any maintenance or unforeseen remedial work to such a building can be substantial and consequently the Trustees believe that reserves covering two years' expenses are not adequate.

In the recent years the Charity has received two significant legacies both of which were left specifically for Samaritans of Weymouth. Considering the particular commitments to the existing building referred to above the Trustees intend to set these legacies aside as a Property Maintenance Reserve. The reserve will total £35,500 and will be available for any significant expenditure on the property.

Reasons for a specific property maintenance reserve

- The standard of repair required for a grade 2 listed building requires specialist and therefore expensive advice and expertise.
- The likelihood of repairs and maintenance to a building of this age and structure is greater than for a more modern building

The lift, installed is regularly maintained but it would be prudent to set aside funds for its possible replacement

In addition, as part of its agreement with the central charity the charity is required to make an annual contribution based on income received and reserves in hand. Having projected the impact of this contribution over the next five years the Trustees are of the view that reserves should be at a level equivalent to at least 2.5 years' expenses otherwise a decline in income, could have a serious impact on the Charity's ability to maintain its presence.

During the year the work required to repair and make the roof watertight took place and as a result the the Property Maintenance Reserve, referred to above of £35,500 was utilised against the total cost of the works - £68,161.

GOING CONCERN

The Trustees have no uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure 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;
- make judgments and accounting 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, and
- 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 maintaining proper accounting records which 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. 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.

Approved by the board on 5 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

R Langdon
Branch Director

R Williamson
Treasurer

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth
Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 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 2011 Act;
or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

Michelle Ferris FCA
for and on behalf of Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants

Leanne House
6 Avon Close
Weymouth
Dorset

Date: 12 July 2022

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	20,978	-	20,978	35,711	-	35,711
Investments		447	-	447	841	-	841
Charitable activities		15,225	-	15,225	7,585	-	7,585
Other (Prison travel grants)		5,553	-	5,553	3,294	-	3,294
Total income		42,203	-	42,203	47,431	-	47,431
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3	10,722	-	10,722	3,582	-	3,582
Main Charitable activities	4	73,463	-	73,463	20,909	-	20,909
Other Charitable activities	5	13,406	-	13,406	8,768	-	8,768
Total expenditure		97,591	-	97,591	33,259	-	33,259
Net income/(expenditure)		(55,388)	-	(55,388)	14,172	-	14,172
Gain/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets		(2,583)	-	(2,583)	-	-	-
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(57,971)	-	(57,971)	14,172	-	14,172
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		183,456	-	183,456	169,284	-	169,284
Net income/ (expenditure) in year		(57,971)	-	(57,971)	14,172	-	14,172
Fund balances carried forward		125,485	-	125,485	183,456	-	183,456

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		63,197		56,294
Current assets					
Stock of goods for resale		20		20	
Prepayments		1,164		2,615	
Cash at bank and in hand		118,454		126,511	
		<u>119,638</u>		<u>129,146</u>	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(57,350)		(1,984)	
Net current assets			<u>62,288</u>		<u>127,162</u>
Net assets			<u>125,485</u>		<u>183,456</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	11		125,485		147,956
Designated funds			-		35,500
Total charity funds			<u>125,485</u>		<u>183,456</u>

Approved by the board of Trustees for issue on 5 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

R Langdon
Director

R Williamson
Treasurer

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 General information and basis of accounting

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution. The address of the principal office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees report on pages 2-5.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and 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 (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donation and legacy income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Investment income in respect of funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably. This is normally upon notification of the interest paid by the bank.

1.3 Donated services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), any unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature which are necessary to support them.

1.5 Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included on the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation which is provided using the following basis:

Freehold Property	2% pa straight line basis
Lift system	20% pa reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	20% pa reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	20% pa reducing balance basis

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1.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.7 Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

1.8 Taxation

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to taxation to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value added tax is not recoverable and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets this criterion is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs as appropriate.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and liabilities of the charity and their measurements are as follows:

Financial assets – Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – Trade creditors and accruals are financial instruments and are measured at amortised cost.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations and gifts	20,978	-	20,978	26,810	-	26,810
Exceptional government funding	-	-	-	8,901	-	8,901
	<u>20,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,978</u>	<u>35,711</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,711</u>

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3 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fundraising expenses	2,105	-	2,105	1,549	-	1,549
Advertising and publicity	204	-	204	-	-	-
Printing, postage and stationery	369	-	369	449	-	449
10% share of premises overheads	8,044	-	8,044	1,584	-	1,584
	<u>10,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,722</u>	<u>3,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,582</u>

4 Expenditure on main charitable activities

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Vehicle running costs	1,017	-	1,017	987	-	987
Prison travel claims	128	-	128	204	-	204
Travel and subsistence	7,963	-	7,963	7,046	-	7,046
80% share of premises overheads	64,355	-	64,355	12,672	-	12,672
	<u>73,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,463</u>	<u>20,909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,909</u>

5 Expenditure on other charitable activities

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 201 £
Samaritans levy	2,975	-	2,975	5,858	-	5,858
Independent examination fee	320	-	320	300	-	300
Accounts preparation	256	-	256	240	-	240
Other professional fees	35	-	35	176	-	176
Computer software	545	-	545	443	-	443
Recruitment and selection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meeting room hire and AGM	749	-	749	98	-	98
Conferences and training	293	-	293	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	22	-	22	-	-	-
Bank charges	168	-	168	69	-	69
10% share of premises overheads	8,043	-	8,043	1,584	-	1,584
	<u>13,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,406</u>	<u>8,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,768</u>

Premises overheads totalled £80,442 (2021 £15,840). The increase is substantially due to the costs relating to the repairs to the roof - £67,404 referred to in the Trustees report.

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6 Wages and salaries

The charity had 1 employee (2021 – 1) during the year and paid wages of £640 (2021 – £1,248), there were no employees earning more than £60,000 (2021 – £60,000).

The key management of the charity is the trustees, who are unpaid and therefore there is no key management personnel remuneration to be disclosed (2021 – none).

7 Related parties

There were no related party transactions in the year (2021 – none).

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Lift system £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2021	71,000	2,270	6,600	22,150	102,020
Disposals	-	-	-	(16,425)	(16,425)
Additions	-	-	-	13,440	13,440
	<u>71,000</u>	<u>2,270</u>	<u>6,600</u>	<u>19,165</u>	<u>99,035</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2021	25,750	1,712	2,631	15,633	45,726
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	(13,842)	(13,842)
Charge for the period	1,420	112	774	1,648	3,954
	<u>27,170</u>	<u>1,824</u>	<u>3,405</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>35,838</u>
Net Book Value					
At 31 March 2022	<u>43,830</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>3,195</u>	<u>15,726</u>	<u>63,197</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>45,250</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>3,969</u>	<u>6,517</u>	<u>56,294</u>

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	52,604	933
Accruals	4,746	1,051
	<u>57,350</u>	<u>1,984</u>

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10 Financial commitments

Amounts not provided for on the balance sheet

The total amount of financial commitments not included on the balance sheet is £nil (2021 - £31,156). The commitment in 2021 was in respect of necessary roof repairs that commenced in the winter of 2021.

11 Statement of funds – 2022

	Balance 01.04.21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	Transfer £	Balance 31.03.22 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	147,956	42,203	(97,591)	(2,583)	35,500	125,485
Designated funds						
Property maintenance	35,500	-	-	-	(35,500)	-
	<u>183,456</u>	<u>42,203</u>	<u>(97,591)</u>	<u>(2,583)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,485</u>

Statement of funds – 2021

	Balance 01.04.20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	Transfer £	Balance 31.03.21 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	143,784	47,431	(33,259)	-	(10,000)	147,956
Designated funds						
Property maintenance	25,500	-	-	-	10,000	35,500
	<u>169,284</u>	<u>47,431</u>	<u>(33,259)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,456</u>

Designated funds

During the previous year the charity designated funds which are to be used for property maintenance. The maintenance took place this year and therefore the fund was transferred back into the general fund.

THE SAMARITANS OF DORSET AT WEYMOUTH

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Accounts

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Trustees

R Williamson (Treasurer) – Reappointed 22/09/2020
F King – Resigned 22/09/2020
A Gosnold – Resigned 22/09/2020
J Boichot – Resigned 22/09/2020
L Mancini – Resigned 22/09/2020
M Lambourne – Resigned 22/09/2020
D Cullingham – Resigned 22/09/2020
JE Arnold (Director) – Appointed 31/07/2020
A Mustoe – Appointed 22/09/2020
S Stuart – Appointed 22/09/2020
I Hyslop (Secretary) – Appointed 10/10/2020
A Watson (Vice Director) – Appointed 10/10/2020

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The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Constitution and the Charities Act 2011. 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) have been adopted in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a registered charity in England and Wales, charity number 1168117. The charity's principal office is 13 King Street, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7BJ. It is governed by its Constitution which was updated on 7 July 2016.

The Branch is overseen by a single Branch Management Team (BMT) who manage all aspects of the Branch. The BMT comprises elected Trustees and Deputy Directors appointed by the Director. Trustees are elected and inducted by Branch Members in accordance with our constitution. In managing the Branch the BMT has assessed the major risks to the Branch and these are regularly reviewed and managed by the BMT.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Appointment of Board members ("Trustees" for Charity legislation purposes) is governed by the Constitution of the charity. The Trustees are authorised to co-opt new members on to the Board to fill vacancies in order to ensure adequate representation and diversity.

The following people were Trustees of the charity during the year:

R Williamson – Reappointed 22/09/2020
F King – Resigned 22/09/2020
A Gosnold – Resigned 22/09/2020
J Boichot – Resigned 22/09/2020
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A Watson – Appointed 10/10/2020

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The charity appoints a Director from amongst its volunteers once every three years. The Director is responsible for the operation of the charity and is assisted by deputies who have responsibility for the following areas in common with other Samaritan branches:

- Volunteer Support
- Caller Support
- Training
- Prisons
- Outreach and publicity
- Administrative call distribution

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the Charity.

Investment Powers

The Constitution authorises the trustees to use all money raised to further its objects and to do all things that are lawful and conducive to the attainment of those objects and does not prevent investment.

Risk Management

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to give due consideration to the risks to which the charity is exposed and have set in place processes to identify and manage risks through Risk Registers. Risks are regularly reviewed, assessed, managed and escalated appropriately in accordance with the Risk Management policy. Risk management processes are in place and continue to be developed as required throughout the organisation.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Statement of Purpose

The charity has been supporting people in distress, working from a building opposite the Railway Station in Weymouth, for more than 50 years. Although we are a local charity we are part of the whole Samaritan movement. As well as talking to people Face to Face, on the Telephone and by Email, we are also involved with the HM Prison YOI Portland, where we train and support prisoners as Samaritan Listeners. We also support the HMP The Verne Portland.

The objectives set out in the Constitution are:

- 1) To enable persons in Dorset and the surrounding area as well as elsewhere who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including these who may be at risk of suicide, to receive confidential emotional support at any time of the day or night in order to improve their emotional health and to reduce the incidence of suicide.
- 2) To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or impaired emotional health.
- 3) To collaborate with and support Samaritans Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these objectives.

Our Vision is still that fewer people die by suicide with our Mission being to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and behaviour.

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Policies

The Trust is committed to the continuous improvement of our practices, policies and procedures and continues to review and update policies as required.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year the branch, with the help of our Regional Director, went through the process of selecting a new Director and I(Jane) agreed to take on the role.

The work of our Branch has continued with volunteers providing many hundreds of hours of listening to our callers who are often in deep distress and who, at present, contact us by telephone and e-mail. We rarely receive direct feedback from our callers on whether we have helped them, but we do know they are often grateful for being given the chance to offload their feelings to us. It is not unusual to receive a donation that refers to the time when we helped the donor or a relative who would not be alive today if it had not been for the Samaritans.

Over the early part of 2021 we completed our Quality Outcome Framework (QOF) document that allows us to show what we are doing and how we are doing it. The process was restricted to on-line access rather than would normally involve a one-day visit from a QOF reviewer. The review was completed successfully, and I must thank Andrew for his excellent work in steering us through this exercise.

As many of you know 2020 marked our 50th Anniversary as a branch and we had hoped to celebrate this achievement but were unable to in the manner that we had anticipated. Nevertheless, it remains a remarkable fact that Weymouth has provided support to those in distress and despair over this period and we have many past volunteers as well as our existing team to thank for their efforts.

Our Safeguarding and Signposting procedures are in constant use to ensure that, where relevant, the appropriate levels of advice and practical support are available for our callers of all ages from other relevant and appropriate organisations. It is comforting to know that we have the mechanisms in place to address safeguarding concerns even though it has been shown that the numbers being raised are a very small in relation to our total number of callers.

We have continued to work with the two Prison establishments on HMP The Verne Portland and HMP YO1 Portland although the impact of COVID on the prison population has meant that we have not been able to be as involved as normal.

Despite the impositions of the various lockdowns our recruitment activities have not reduced and with the introduction of a more centralised approach and greater use of on-line recruitment and training functionality. We have been successful in recruiting and training more new volunteers than for many years past.

Our Recruitment, Publicity and Outreach activities will in future be aided by the Branch Management Tool which is intended to centralise web-based selection and training. Among other things, this would allow volunteers flexibility on where those activities could take place.

As with other activities our ability to reach out to the community has been curtailed but our outreach team has continued to keep in touch with various organisations to ensure that whenever we can, we will be there for them.

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Although our major fund-raising events were cancelled or restricted, we remain indebted to Tim and Hilary Warren who arranged plant and produce sales to replace Chesil Rocks and Jacci Pestana who continued to support our plant sales from the Wishing Well even when it was closed.

The governance of the Branch as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation continued (a local charity affiliated to the Central Samaritan Charity), ensuring we remain legally compliant and provide an environment in which volunteers are happy to work in. The Branch was managed by the Branch Management Team, a mixture of elected trustees and appointed Deputy Directors, again all volunteers.

We have continued to use the system put in place last year to keep in touch with our ex-volunteers and helpers, which is compliant with Data Protection as we feel it is really important to maintain contact with our many friends and supporters. These contacts continue to build as we add new supporters who have expressed an interest while using our online donation page.

We are still focussed on providing the necessary hygienic management of our branch and have become more accustomed to utilising on-line meeting functionality at both branch and regional level. Our new call management system has expanded to cover other elements of our service and we have recently taken delivery of Chrome boxes provided by Head Office with the intention of creating a standard hardware infrastructure across the organisation.

During the next few months, we will be undertaking major repair work to the roof of our property and we are indebted to The Valentine Trust for a donation of £10,000 which will be utilised to meet part of this cost.

While drafting this report I have received the amazing news that we have received a grant of £10,000 from The Pears Foundation to assist with the reorganisation of our branch so that we are better placed to manage the on-going impact of the pandemic.

BRANCH STATISTICS

Throughout the year ended 31 March 2021 the automated Samaritans telephone system was used enabling us to accurately capture statistical data on our call volumes for the year, although, importantly, not the content, for confidentiality reasons.

When COVID-19 restrictions were imposed our ability to provide a face-to-face service was ended and some of our volunteers were unable to attend branch due to shielding requirements. Despite this we were still able to support large numbers of callers.

We spoke to a caller on the telephone 13,316 times as opposed to 15,941 times in 2020. During the same period, we responded to 687 emails (1,104 in 2020). In addition, some of our shielding volunteers supported the Samaritans help line set up to support NHS workers.

These figures demonstrate that we remain constantly in demand.

A heartfelt thank you to all our Weymouth Samaritans who were there for our callers throughout another busy year.

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

Income and endowments in the year were £47,431 (2020: £40,238).

Net income of £14,172 was made in the year (2020: Net income of £907). At the balance sheet date total reserves were £183,456 (2020: £169,284).

The charity maintains a cash balance of £126,511 (2020: £108,683), and has net current assets of £127,162 (2020: £108,846). Total net assets are £183,456 (2020: £169,284).

While our fund-raising activities have been restricted by the various periods of lockdown we have benefited from tremendous support in the form of alternative fund. In addition, we received grants from Dorset Council totalling £8,901.

The grant from The Valentine Trust, referred to above, will assist with the costs of repairs to our roof. When added to the Designated Property Reserve set up in past years this will enable us to meet the expected cost of this work without significant impact on the result for the year.

Despite all of this our volunteers have continued to keep the branch open to support our callers and although we have saved some expenses due to some enforced inactivity in training and recruitment these have to some extent been offset by additional health and safety expenditure.

Other overheads have remained as in past years with the result that we have returned a profit of £4,172 after the transfer of £10,000 to the designated fund. The roof repairs referred to above are likely to be in the region of £35,000 and our cash resources are sufficient to meet this.

At present we expect to be able to resume fund-raising in the community in the summer. We will look for alternative sources for grants and donations and believe that we remain in a strong position to meet our overheads from the resources we currently hold.

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Reserves Policy

At 31 March 2021, this policy equated to approximately £183,456 in total of unrestricted reserve funds.

The Trustees are aware that, except for a small amount of investment income, they rely totally on donations for their income. While historically they have received substantial support from a local event and recently been in receipt of two large legacies the annual running costs of the branch are such that they believe it is essential to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to cover not less than 2 years expenses.

To maintain a presence in the centre of Weymouth and close to the railway station the Charity occupies a grade 2 listed building the freehold of which was acquired some years ago.

The potential costs of any maintenance or unforeseen remedial work to such a building can be substantial and consequently the Trustees believe that reserves covering two years' expenses are not adequate.

In the recent years the Charity has received two significant legacies both of which were left specifically for Samaritans of Weymouth. Considering the particular commitments to the existing building referred to above the Trustees intend to set these legacies aside as a Property Maintenance Reserve. The reserve will total £35,500 and will be available for any significant expenditure on the property.

Reasons for a specific property maintenance reserve

- The standard of repair required for a grade 2 listed building requires specialist and therefore expensive advice and expertise.
- The likelihood of repairs and maintenance to a building of this age and structure is greater than for a more modern building

The lift, installed is regularly maintained but it would be prudent to set aside funds for its possible replacement

In addition, as part of its agreement with the central charity the charity is required to make an annual contribution based on income received and reserves in hand. Having projected the impact of this contribution over the next five years the Trustees are of the view that reserves should be at a level equivalent to at least 2.5 years' expenses otherwise a decline in income, could have a serious impact on the Charity's ability to maintain its presence.

During last year further damage caused by water ingress in another part of the property was discovered and builders were contacted to deal with this. Unfortunately, the regulations surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak have prevented the commencement of this work but when it is eventually carried out the costs will be set against the Property Maintenance Reserve, referred to above, which was created last year for exactly this type of event.

GOING CONCERN

The Trustees have no uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure 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;
- make judgments and accounting 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, and
- 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 maintaining proper accounting records which 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. 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.

Approved by the board on and signed on their behalf by:

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J E Arnold
Branch Director

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R Williamson
Treasurer

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth
Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 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 2011 Act;
or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

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Michelle Ferris FCA
for and on behalf of Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants

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Dorset

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The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	35,711	-	35,711	16,727	-	16,727
Investments		841	-	841	1,420	-	1,420
Charitable activities		7,585	-	7,585	19,686	-	19,686
Other (Prison travel grants)		3,294	-	3,294	2,405	-	2,405
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Total income		47,431	-	47,431	40,238	-	40,238
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Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3	3,582	-	3,582	6,463	-	6,463
Main Charitable activities	4	20,909	-	20,909	23,252	-	23,252
Other Charitable activities	5	8,768	-	8,768	9,616	-	9,616
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Total expenditure		33,259	-	33,259	39,331	-	39,331
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Net income/(expenditure)		14,172	-	14,172	907	-	907
Gains on sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net income/(expenditure)		14,172	-	14,172	907	-	907
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		169,284	-	169,284	168,377	-	168,377
Net income/ (expenditure) in year		14,172	-	14,172	907	-	907
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Fund balances carried forward		183,456	-	183,456	169,284	-	169,284
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The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		56,294		60,438
Current assets					
Stock of goods for resale		20		20	
Prepayments		2,615		1,183	
Cash at bank and in hand		126,511		108,683	
		<u>129,146</u>		<u>109,886</u>	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,984)		(1,040)	
Net current assets			<u>127,162</u>		<u>108,846</u>
Net assets			<u>183,456</u>		<u>169,284</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	12		147,956		143,784
Designated funds			35,500		25,500
Total charity funds			<u>183,456</u>		<u>169,284</u>

Approved by the board of Trustees for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

.....
J E Arnold
Director

.....
R Williamson
Treasurer

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 General information and basis of accounting

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution. The address of the principal office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees report on pages 2-5.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and 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 (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donation and legacy income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Investment income in respect of funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably. This is normally upon notification of the interest paid by the bank.

1.3 Donated services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), any unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature which are necessary to support them.

1.5 Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included on the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation which is provided using the following basis:

Freehold Property	2% pa straight line basis
Lift system	20% pa reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	20% pa reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	20% pa reducing balance basis

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1.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.7 Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

1.8 Taxation

The Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to taxation to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value added tax is not recoverable and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets this criterion is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs as appropriate.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and liabilities of the charity and their measurements are as follows:

Financial assets – Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – Trade creditors and accruals are financial instruments and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 11.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations and gifts	26,810	-	26,810	16,727	-	16,727
Exceptional government funding	8,901	-	8,901	-	-	-
	<u>35,711</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,711</u>	<u>16,727</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,727</u>

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3 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fundraising expenses	1,549	-	1,549	2,540	-	2,540
Advertising and publicity	-	-	-	1,148	-	1,148
Printing, postage and stationery	449	-	449	1,187	-	1,187
10% share of premises overheads	1,584	-	1,584	1,588	-	1,588
	<u>3,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,582</u>	<u>6,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,463</u>

4 Expenditure on main charitable activities

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Vehicle running costs	987	-	987	927	-	927
Prison travel claims	204	-	204	1,752	-	1,752
Travel and subsistence	7,046	-	7,046	7,873	-	7,873
80% share of premises overheads	12,672	-	12,672	12,700	-	12,700
	<u>20,909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,909</u>	<u>23,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,252</u>

5 Expenditure on other charitable activities

	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrest- ricted Funds £	Rest- ricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Samaritans levy	5,858	-	5,858	4,445	-	4,445
Independent examination fee	300	-	300	300	-	300
Accounts preparation	240	-	240	270	-	270
Other professional fees	176	-	176	35	-	35
Computer software	443	-	443	391	-	391
Recruitment and selection	-	-	-	590	-	590
Meeting room hire and AGM	98	-	98	416	-	416
Conferences and training	-	-	-	1,502	-	1,502
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	20	-	20
Bank charges	69	-	69	60	-	60
10% share of premises overheads	1,584	-	1,584	1,587	-	1,587
	<u>8,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,768</u>	<u>9,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,616</u>

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6 Wages and salaries

The charity had 1 employee (2020 – 1) during the year and paid wages of £1,248 (2020 – £1,248), there were no employees earning more than £60,000 (2020 – £60,000).

The key management of the charity is the trustees, who are unpaid and therefore there is no key management personnel remuneration to be disclosed (2020 – none).

7 Related parties

There were no related party transactions in the year (2020 – none).

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Lift system £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2020	71,000	2,270	6,600	22,150	102,020
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	<u>71,000</u>	<u>2,270</u>	<u>6,600</u>	<u>22,150</u>	<u>102,020</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2020	24,330	1,572	1,663	14,017	41,582
Charge for the period	1,420	140	968	1,616	4,144
At 31 March 2021	<u>25,750</u>	<u>1,712</u>	<u>2,631</u>	<u>15,633</u>	<u>45,726</u>
Net Book Value					
At 31 March 2021	<u>45,250</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>3,969</u>	<u>6,517</u>	<u>56,294</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>46,670</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>4,937</u>	<u>8,133</u>	<u>60,438</u>

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	933	(29)
Accruals	1,051	1,069
	<u>1,984</u>	<u>1,040</u>

10 Financial commitments

Amounts not provided for on the balance sheet

The total amount of financial commitments not included on the balance sheet is £31,156 (2020 - £nil). This is in respect of necessary roof repairs that are due to start in the summer of 2021.

11 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	126,511	108,683
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	1,984	1,040

12 Statement of funds – 2021

	Balance					Balance
	01.04.20	Income	Expenditure	Gains /	Transfer	31.03.21
	£	£	£	(losses)	£	£
				£		
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	143,784	47,431	(33,259)	-	(10,000)	147,956
Designated funds						
Property maintenance	25,500	-	-	-	10,000	35,500
	<u>169,284</u>	<u>47,431</u>	<u>(33,259)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,456</u>

Statement of funds – 2020

	Balance					Balance
	01.04.20	Income	Expenditure	Gains /	Transfer	31.03.21
	£	£	£	(losses)	£	£
				£		
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	142,877	40,238	(39,331)	-	-	143,784
Designated funds						
Property maintenance	25,500	-	-	-	-	25,500
	<u>168,377</u>	<u>40,238</u>	<u>(39,331)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,284</u>

Designated funds

During the previous year the charity designated funds which are to be used for future property maintenance.