

SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON

England & Wales · Charity number 1168726

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-08-11

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ENABLE PERSONS IN SOUTH DEVON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING FEELINGS OF DISTRESS AND 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; 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; AND TO COLLABORATE WITH AND SUPPORT SAMARITANS CENTRAL CHARITY AND ITS AFFILIATED BRANCHES IN FULFILLING THESE OBJECTS.

Activities: We make sure there is someone there for anyone who needs someone. Every year, we answer more than 5 million calls for help via our unique 24 hour listening service, email, text, letter, face to face and through our Welsh language service. We give people ways to cope and the skills to be there for others. We want to encourage, promote and celebrate those moments of connection to save lives.

Classification

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

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£31,739	£33,928	-	-
2024-03-31	£47,798	£33,100	-	-
2023-03-31	£36,502	£34,013	-	-
2022-03-31	£36,191	£29,419	-	-
2021-03-31	£52,680	£30,006	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Robert Charles Langdon	Chair	2024-02-19
ALEXANDRA MARTIN		2022-02-07
COLIN RUDGE		2022-02-07
Lauren Amy Batten		2022-09-15
Trudie Anne Stott		2022-09-15

Linked charities

- SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON (1168726-1)

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THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the accounting policies set out in note one, the governing document and the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

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The trustees who served the charity during the year and up to the date of signature of the accounts were as follows:

D Sanders (Chair / Director) - resigned 30 November 2024

R Langdon (Chair / Director)

C Rudge (Treasurer)

C Stone (Secretary) - resigned 30 November 2024

A Martin

T A Stott

L A Batten

The trustees are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the South Devon Branch of the Samaritans. The Branch Leadership Team, including the trustees, meet 12 times per year. An annual general meeting is held in September. Scrutiny of the finances of the charity takes place at every meeting of the trustees. Income and expenditure and monetary assets are reported on and monitored monthly. Assessment and approval is required for every major item of expenditure over £100.

Objectives and activities

The charity's core objects, as set out in its Deed of Constitution, are to work for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress and thus reduce the incentive of suicide. To enable such persons to receive immediate help, compassion and befriending from members of the charity, who are selected and prepared for the purpose of working under direction. Also, where appropriate in accordance with Samaritan procedure, referral to persons having specialist or professional skills and to support the company and aid in the establishment and support of probationary branches and the support of recognised branches of Samaritans.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, our trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

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Volunteers

The Charity has the continuing support of 116 volunteers (which includes 86 active Listening Volunteers) who undertake receiving telephone calls, administrative work and fundraising. The number of telephone calls answered were 17,320 during the 2024-25 period. There were no responses to emails as this service was withdrawn nationally at the end of December 2021. No callers visited the Centre during the period of this Report.

The charity has continued to recruit and train new volunteers during the year and this will be on-going into the remainder of 2025. The trustees thank all the volunteers for their service.

Achievements and performance

The Branch continues to contact other agencies to promote our services and to agree a Partnership if appropriate. The premises are in a well maintained state and regular reviews of the premises have been carried out. The Branch is actively planning to update and improve the centre for volunteers and part of this is already underway.

There are no subsidiaries.

In November 2024, there was the introduction of the Listening Centre for answering calls. This has enabled Samaritans to answer calls via the internet rather than analogue phone lines.

Financial review

The charity had a deficit of £2,189 for the 2024/25 year (2024: surplus £14,698). Total funds at the end of the year were £91,216 (2024: £93,405) of these £42,893 (2024: £46,925) related to restricted funds.

Fund raising is continuing as the charity will have to raise funds to cover its regular outgoings.

The charity owns its own property in Torquay.

Going concern

The charity's main source of income is donations and fundraising. The trustees have considered the impact on cash reserves and are satisfied that the charity can continue as a going concern.

Fundraising

Volunteer fundraisers mainly set up a Samaritans banner and stand in public locations such as town centres, supermarkets and fetes. There are plants and other sales. We do not participate in any door-to-door campaigns.

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A new charity eBay account has been set up. The Branch has been making every effort to promote the service in the local community, and we were at Newton Abbot railway station in January as part of Brew Monday. Whilst there, we were interviewed by BBC Spotlight and the item was on the local evening news as well as an item on Radio Devon.

We also attended the Torbay Pride event last Autumn.

We do not employ a professional fundraiser. There have been no complaints in the last year about fundraising. The charity does not approach people for funds.

Risk

The trustees are aware of their requirements and responsibilities for risk management. This is to continue the work of the branch mainly providing for the supply and care of volunteers, raising funds and maintaining the building and its contents.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain reserves at a level appropriate to the trust's operations. Reserves are maintained at such a level as to be able to respond to any requests for assistance. The trustees consider the level of reserves currently held to be sufficient.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

R Langdon - Chair

Date: 24 June 2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

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

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

Mr Adrian Hemmings BA (Hons) FCA CTA

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Date: 14 July 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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	2025	2025	2025	2024
Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Receipts				
Bank and building society interest	1,394	-	1,394	1,074
Donations	2,941	20,000	22,941	37,712
General fund raising	4,715	-	4,715	4,283
NOMS	-	2,039	2,039	4,229
Abbfest	650	-	650	500
Total receipts	<u>9,700</u>	<u>22,039</u>	<u>31,739</u>	<u>47,798</u>
Direct charitable expenditure				
Heating and lighting	5,129	-	5,129	5,009
Telephone	3,879	-	3,879	3,826
Insurance	951	-	951	916
Water rates	538	-	538	165
Cleaner, cleaning materials	2,340	-	2,340	2,517
Alterations and repairs	3,874	-	3,874	2,875
Branch contribution - Affiliation fee	318	-	318	1,301
	<u>17,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,029</u>	<u>16,609</u>
Other expenditure				
Publicity and advertising	1,595	-	1,595	-
60th anniversary event	2,592	-	2,592	-
Stationery, printing and postage	880	-	880	1,361
Travelling expenses	6,074	-	6,074	4,227
Refreshments etc.	301	-	301	260
Training expenses	130	-	130	729
Miscellaneous	660	-	660	638
Trustee retirement gifts	603	-	603	-
Accountancy and independent examination	1,356	-	1,356	1,080
Grants	4 1,637	-	1,637	5,000
NOMS	-	1,071	1,071	3,196
	<u>15,828</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>16,899</u>	<u>16,491</u>
Total payments	<u>32,857</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>33,928</u>	<u>33,100</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus of receipts over payments				
	(23,157)	20,968	(2,189)	14,698
Transfers between funds	3 25,000	(25,000)	-	-
Monetary assets as at 31 March 2024	46,480	46,925	93,405	78,707
Monetary assets as at 31 March 2025	<u>48,323</u>	<u>42,893</u>	<u>91,216</u>	<u>93,405</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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	31 March 2025		31 March 2024	
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets				
Barclays instant savers account		87,688		88,500
Barclays current account		3,528		4,905
Total monetary assets (note 3)		<u>91,216</u>		<u>93,405</u>
Non monetary assets				
Freehold property		<u>65,628</u>		<u>65,628</u>
Fixtures and fittings	139,598		139,598	
Additions to fixtures and fittings	-		-	
	<u>139,598</u>		<u>139,598</u>	
Less: Accumulative depreciation	(139,598)		(139,598)	
	<u>(139,598)</u>		<u>(139,598)</u>	
		-		-
Total non monetary assets		<u>65,628</u>		<u>65,628</u>

We approve the Statement above and the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

R Langdon
Chair of Trustees

C Rudge
Treasurer

Date: 24 June 2025

Date: 24 June 2025

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102') and the Charities SORP "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).

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives. Designated funds, are part of unrestricted funds, but are monies that have been earmarked for a specific purpose or project, usually by the trustees.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Receipts and payments

Income is recognised on the receipt of funds into the charity and is allocated to the relevant charity fund. Expenditure payments are recorded as they are settled. Expenses are recorded on a gross basis, as VAT is not recoverable.

2. Trustees' remuneration & expenses and other related party transactions

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. However, £1,188 (2024: £706) was paid to 5 Trustees (2024: 4 Trustees) in respect of reimbursed expenses during the year. There were no other disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024: None).

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3. Fund analysis

	Balance as at 1 April 2024	Incoming/ (outgoing) for the year	Transfer between funds	Balance as at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	6,480	(23,157)	25,000	8,323
<u>Designated funds:</u>				
Upgrading IT equipment	20,000	-	-	20,000
Property fund	20,000	-	-	20,000
Total designated funds	40,000	-	-	40,000
Total unrestricted funds	46,480	(23,157)	25,000	48,323
<u>Restricted funds:</u>				
NOMS fund	16,925	968	-	17,893
Anonymous - property fund	30,000	20,000	(25,000)	25,000
Total restricted funds	46,925	20,968	(25,000)	42,893
Total monetary funds	93,405	(2,189)	-	91,216

Designated funds

Designated funds represent the following:

- Upgrading IT equipment - amounts ring-fenced for upgrading IT equipment and providing an information screen in the outer ops room.

- Property fund - ring-fenced for capital expenditure towards our premises as the Trustees see fit.

Restricted funds

The NOMS fund represents money held for outreach work at Channings Wood Prison under the National Offender Management Service. These funds include donations from NOMS.

The Anonymous - property fund represents money received from a Trust, who wishes their name to remain private, to be used solely for the work carried out at the South Devon branch of the Samaritans. The Trustees have agreed to use this money for capital expenditure towards our premises as the Trustees see fit.

4. Grants paid

During the year, a grant of £1,637 was given to the Samaritans Regional Training. In 2024, £5,000 was given to the Samaritans Regional Training.

5. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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Volunteers

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Achievements and performance

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Financial review

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During the year the trustees agreed that £5,000 could be donated to the Samaritans Regional Training.

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Risk

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Signed on behalf of the trustees

D Sanders - Chair

Date: 25 July 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Mr Adrian Hemmings BA (Hons) FCA CTA

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Date: 31 July 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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	2024	2024	2024	2023
Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Receipts				
Bank and building society interest	1,074	-	1,074	126
Donations	7,712	30,000	37,712	21,534
General fund raising	4,283	-	4,283	6,401
NOMS	-	4,229	4,229	1,741
Abbfest	-	500	500	1,000
Grants	-	-	-	5,700
Total receipts	<u>13,069</u>	<u>34,729</u>	<u>47,798</u>	<u>36,502</u>
Direct charitable expenditure				
Heating and lighting	5,009	-	5,009	1,422
Telephone	3,826	-	3,826	3,002
Insurance	916	-	916	821
Water rates	165	-	165	643
Cleaner, cleaning materials	2,517	-	2,517	1,490
Alterations and repairs	2,875	-	2,875	3,453
Branch contribution - Affiliation fee	1,301	-	1,301	2,054
	<u>16,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,609</u>	<u>12,886</u>
Other expenditure				
Publicity and advertising	-	-	-	1,200
Stationery, printing and postage	1,361	-	1,361	1,207
Travelling expenses	4,227	-	4,227	5,637
Refreshments etc.	260	-	260	709
Training expenses	729	-	729	79
Miscellaneous	638	-	638	1,083
Accountancy	1,080	-	1,080	744
Abbfest	-	-	-	468
Grants	4 5,000	-	5,000	10,000
NOMS	-	3,196	3,196	-
	<u>13,295</u>	<u>3,196</u>	<u>16,491</u>	<u>21,127</u>
Total payments	<u>29,904</u>	<u>3,196</u>	<u>33,100</u>	<u>34,013</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus of receipts over payments before capital expenditure	(16,835)	31,533	14,698	2,489
Capital expenditure	-	-	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus of receipts over payments	(16,835)	31,533	14,698	2,489
Transfers between funds	3 3,087	(3,087)	-	-
Monetary assets as at 31 March 2023	60,228	18,479	78,707	76,218
Monetary assets as at 31 March 2024	<u>46,480</u>	<u>46,925</u>	<u>93,405</u>	<u>78,707</u>

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	31 March 2024		31 March 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets				
Barclays instant savers account		88,500		60,563
Barclays current account		4,905		18,144
Total monetary assets (note 3)		<u>93,405</u>		<u>78,707</u>
Non monetary assets				
Freehold property		<u>65,628</u>		<u>65,628</u>
Fixtures and fittings		139,598		139,598
Additions to fixtures and fittings		-		-
		<u>139,598</u>		<u>139,598</u>
Less: Accumulative depreciation		(139,598)		(133,690)
Depreciation at 20% cost		-		(5,908)
		<u>(139,598)</u>		<u>(139,598)</u>
		-		-
Total non monetary assets		<u>65,628</u>		<u>65,628</u>

We approve the Statement above and the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

D Sanders
Chair of Trustees

C Rudge
Treasurer

Date: 25 July 2024

Date: 25 July 2024

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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102') and the Charities SORP "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).

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives. Designated funds, are part of unrestricted funds, but are monies that have been earmarked for a specific purpose or project, usually by the trustees.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Receipts and payments

Income is recognised on the receipt of funds into the charity and is allocated to the relevant charity fund. Expenditure payments are recorded as they are settled. Expenses are recorded on a gross basis, as VAT is not recoverable.

2. Trustees' remuneration & expenses and other related party transactions

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. However, £706 (2023: £278) was paid to 4 Trustees (2023: 3 Trustees) in respect of reimbursed expenses during the year. There were no other disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023: None).

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3. Fund analysis

	Balance as at 1 April 2023	Incoming/ (outgoing) for the year	Transfer between funds	Balance as at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	60,228	(16,835)	(36,913)	6,480
<u>Designated funds:</u>				
Upgrading IT equipment	-	-	20,000	20,000
Property fund	-	-	20,000	20,000
Total designated funds	-	-	40,000	40,000
Total unrestricted funds	60,228	(16,835)	3,087	46,480
<u>Restricted funds:</u>				
Outreach fund	18,479	1,533	(3,087)	16,925
Anonymous - property fund	-	30,000	-	30,000
Total restricted funds	18,479	31,533	(3,087)	46,925
Total monetary funds	78,707	14,698	-	93,405

Designated funds

Designated funds represent the following:

- Upgrading IT equipment - amounts ring-fenced for upgrading IT equipment and providing an information screen in the outer ops room.

- Property fund - ring-fenced for capital expenditure towards our premises as the Trustees see fit.

Restricted funds

The Outreach fund represents money held for Outreach work at Channings Wood Prison under the National Offender Management Service. These funds include donations from NOMS.

The Anonymous - property fund represents money received from a Trust, who wishes their name to remain private, to be used solely for the work carried out at the South Devon branch of the Samaritans. The Trustees have agreed to use this money for capital expenditure towards our premises as the Trustees see fit.

4. Grants paid

During the year, a grant of £5,000 was given to the Samaritans Regional Training. In 2023, £10,000 was given to the Samaritans of North Devon and North Cornwall, to support their ongoing work.

5. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the accounting policies set out in notes one, the governing document and the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

The South Devon Branch of the Samaritans is a registered charity, number 1168726. The charity's principal address is 21 Warren Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ2 5TQ.

The charity was established under a deed of constitution dated 1971 and subsequently amended up until 1983. In October 2016, as part of a restructuring of the national Samaritans organisation, the assets, liabilities and activities of Samaritans of South Devon were transferred to a new charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). References to the charity and the CIO are used interchangeably.

The trustees who served the charity during the year and up to the date of signature of the accounts were as follows:

D Sanders (Chair / Director)

C Rudge (Treasurer)

C Stone (Secretary)

A Martin

T A Stott - appointed 15 September 2022

L A Batten - appointed 15 September 2022

R Langdon - resigned 15 September 2022

K Wray - resigned 15 September 2022

The trustees are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the South Devon Branch of the Samaritans. The Branch Leadership Team, including the trustees, meet 12 times per year. An annual general meeting is held in September. Scrutiny of the finances of the charity takes place at every meeting of the trustees. Income and expenditure and monetary assets are reported on and monitored monthly. Assessment and approval is required for every major item of expenditure over £100.

Objectives and activities

The charity's core objects, as set out in its Deed of Constitution, are to work for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress and thus reduce the incentive of suicide. To enable such persons to receive immediate help, compassion and befriending from members of the charity, who are selected and prepared for the purpose of working under direction. Also, where appropriate in accordance with Samaritan procedure, referral to persons having specialist or professional skills and to support the company and aid in the establishment and support of probationary branches and the support of recognised branches of Samaritans.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, our trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

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Volunteers

The charity has the continuing support of 140 volunteers (which includes 124 active listening volunteers), who undertake receiving telephone calls, administrative work and fundraising. In 2022/23, 18,749 calls were answered. There were no responses to emails as this service was withdrawn nationally at the end of December 2021. No callers visited the centre.

The charity has continued to recruit and train new volunteers during the year. The trustees thank all the volunteers for their service.

Achievements and performance

The Branch has continued to contact other agencies to promote our services and to agree a Partnership if appropriate. Following previous refurbishment work, the premises are now in a well maintained state and regular reviews are carried out.

There are no subsidiaries.

Financial review

The charity had a surplus of £2,489 for the 2022/23 year (2022: £6,772) and the funds at the end of the year were £78,707 (2022: £76,218) of these £18,479 (2022: £16,206) related to restricted funds.

In the longer term the charity will have to raise funds to cover its regular outgoings. To this aim the charity has set up a fundraising team but its work has been restricted by the COVID-19 epidemic.

The charity owns its own property in Torquay.

Going concern

The charity's main source of income is donations and fundraising. The trustees have considered the impact on cash reserves and are satisfied that the charity can continue as a going concern.

Fundraising

Volunteer fundraisers mainly set up a Samaritans banner and stand in public locations such as town centres, supermarkets and fetes. We also hold events such as coffee mornings, dances, quizzes, plant sales etc. We do not participate in any door-to-door campaigns.

There is no voluntary scheme or standard in place.

We do not employ a professional fundraiser. There have been no complaints in the last year about fundraising. The charity does not approach people for funds, as they are voluntary payments from the public, so it does not affect vulnerable people.

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Risk

The trustees are aware of their requirements and responsibilities for risk management. This is to continue the work of the branch mainly providing for the supply and care of volunteers, raising funds and maintaining the building and its contents.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain reserves at a level appropriate to the trust's operations. Reserves are maintained at such a level as to be able to respond to any requests for assistance. The trustees consider the level of reserves currently held to be sufficient.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

D Sanders - Chair

Date: **07 August 2023**

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

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

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

Mr J L Coombs MA (Cantab), FCA
Simpkins Edwards LLP
Chartered Accountants
Michael House
Castle Street
Devon
EX4 3LQ

Date: **09 August 2023**

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Receipts				
Deeds of covenant and gift aid	-	-	-	1,450
Bank and building society interest	126	-	126	6
Donations	21,534	-	21,534	17,787
General fund raising	6,401	-	6,401	8,964
NOMS	-	1,741	1,741	2,487
Abbfest	-	1,000	1,000	-
Grants	5,700	-	5,700	3,497
Legacies	-	-	-	2,000
Total receipts	33,761	2,741	36,502	36,191
Direct charitable expenditure				
Heating and lighting	1,422	-	1,422	2,163
Telephone	3,002	-	3,002	3,055
Insurance	821	-	821	767
Water rates	643	-	643	465
Cleaner, cleaning materials	1,490	-	1,490	1,365
Alterations and repairs	3,453	-	3,453	3,169
Branch contribution - Affiliation fee	2,054	-	2,054	1,082
	12,886	-	12,886	12,066
Other expenditure				
Publicity and advertising	1,200	-	1,200	340
Stationery, printing and postage	1,207	-	1,207	1,394
Travelling expenses	5,637	-	5,637	13,362
Refreshments etc.	709	-	709	560
Training expenses	79	-	79	208
Miscellaneous	1,083	-	1,083	523
Accountancy	744	-	744	702
Abbfest	-	468	468	-
Grants	10,000	-	10,000	-
NOMS	-	-	-	264
	20,659	468	21,127	17,353
Total payments	33,545	468	34,013	29,419
Surplus of receipts over payments before capital expenditure				
	216	2,273	2,489	6,772
Capital expenditure	-	-	-	-
Surplus of payments over receipts	216	2,273	2,489	6,772
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Monetary assets as at 31 March 2022	60,012	16,206	76,218	69,446
Monetary assets as at 31 March 2023	60,228	18,479	78,707	76,218

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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	31 March 2023		31 March 2022	
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets				
Barclays instant savers account		60,563		58,418
Barclays current account		18,144		15,800
Other debtors		-		2,000
Total monetary assets (note 3)		<u>78,707</u>		<u>76,218</u>
Non monetary assets				
Freehold property		<u>65,628</u>		<u>65,628</u>
Fixtures and fittings	139,598		139,598	
Additions to fixtures and fittings		<u>139,598</u>		<u>139,598</u>
Less: Accumulative depreciation	(133,690)		(127,782)	
Depreciation at 20% cost		<u>(5,908)</u>		<u>(5,908)</u>
		<u>(139,598)</u>		<u>(133,690)</u>
		-		5,908
Total non monetary assets		<u>65,628</u>		<u>71,536</u>

We approve the Statement above and the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

D Sanders
Chair of Trustees

C Rudge
Treasurer

Date: **07 August 2023**

Date: **06 August 2023**

THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON

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

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102') and the Charities SORP "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).

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Receipts and payments

Income is recognised on the receipt of funds into the charity and is allocated to the relevant charity fund. Expenditure payments are recorded as they are settled. Expenses are recorded on a gross basis, as VAT is not recoverable.

2. Trustees' remuneration & expenses and other related party transactions

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. However, £278 (2022: £1,963) was paid to 3 Trustees (2022: 4 Trustees) in respect of reimbursed expenses during the year. There were no other disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022: None).

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3. Fund analysis

	Balance as at 1 April 2022	Incoming/ (outgoing) for the year	Transfer between funds	Balance as at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	60,012	216	-	60,228
Restricted fund:				
Outreach fund	16,206	2,273	-	18,479
Total restricted funds	16,206	2,273	-	18,479
Total monetary funds	76,218	2,489	-	78,707

Restricted funds

The Outreach fund represents money held for Outreach work at Channings Wood Prison under the National Offender Management Service. These funds include donations from NOMS and Abbfest.

4. Grants paid

During the year, a grant of £10,000 was given to the Samaritans of North Devon and North Cornwall, to support their ongoing work. No grants were paid during the 2022 year.

5. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2015 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

The South Devon Branch of the Samaritans is a registered charity, No. 1168726. The charity's principal address is:-

21 Warren Road
Torquay
Devon

The charity was established under a deed of constitution dated 1971 and subsequently amended in 1976, 1978, 1982, 1983 and 1990. The object of the charity is to work for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress.

In October 2016, as part of a restructuring of the national Samaritans organisation, the assets, liabilities and activities of Samaritans of South Devon were transferred to a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:-

D Sanders (Chair)
C Rudge (Treasurer)
C Stone (Secretary)
R Langdon
K Wray
A Martin

The Trustees are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the South Devon Branch of the Samaritans. The Branch Leadership Team including the Trustees meet 12 times per year. An annual general meeting is held in September. The scrutinising of the finances of the Charity is carried out at every meeting of the Trustees. Income and expenditure and monetary assets is reported on and monitored every month. Assessment and approval is assessed for every major item of expenditure over £100. The Trustees are aware of their requirements and responsibilities for risk management. This is to continue the work of the branch mainly providing for the supply and care of the volunteers, raising funds and maintaining the building and its contents. It has sufficient reserves at present.

Trustees' responsibilities

In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies as described on page 7 and apply them consistently.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

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Objectives and activities

The Charity's core Objects, as set out in its Deed of Constitution, are to work for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress and thus reduce the incentive of suicide. To enable such persons to receive immediate help, compassion and befriending from members of the charity who are selected and prepared for the purpose of working under direction. Also, where appropriate in accordance with Samaritan procedure referral to persons having specialist or professional skills and to support the company and aid in the establishment and support of probationary branches and the support of recognised branches of Samaritans.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

The Charity has the continuing support of 139 volunteers (which includes 77 active listening volunteers), who undertake receiving telephone calls, answering emails, administrative work and fundraising. In 2021/22, 21,720 calls were answered, 649 emails responded to but no callers visited the centre, due to COVID-19. The mentoring process has continued particularly focusing on care skills. The Charity has also continued to recruit and train new volunteers. A special mention must go to those volunteers who have done many more duties than normal due to COVID-19, to compensate for those volunteers who have had to isolate.

Achievements and performance

The Branch has continued to contact other agencies to promote our services and to agree a Partnership if appropriate. Following the major refurbishment in the past, the premises are now in a well maintained state and regular reviews are carried out.

There are no subsidiaries.

Financial review

The Charity had a surplus of £6,772 for the year 2021/22 and the funds at the end of the year were £76,218 of these £16,206 related to restricted funds.

In the longer term the Charity will have to raise funds to cover its regular outgoings. To this aim the Charity has set up a fundraising team but its work has been thwarted by the covid-19 epidemic.

The Charity owns its own property in Warren Road, Torquay.

Going concern

The charity's main source of income is donations and fundraising. The trustees have considered the impact on cash reserves and are satisfied that the charity can continue as a going concern.

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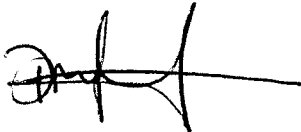
Fundraising

Volunteer fundraisers mainly set up a Samaritans banner and stand in public locations such as town centres, supermarkets and fetes. We also hold events such as coffee mornings, dances, quizzes, plant sales etc. We do not participate in any door-to-door campaigns.

There is no voluntary scheme or standard in place.

We do not employ a professional fundraiser. There have been no complaints in the last year about fundraising. The Charity does not approach people for funds, as they are voluntary payments from the public, so it does not affect vulnerable people.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Sanders', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

D Sanders - Chair

Date: 26-10-2022.

THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
of The South Devon Branch of the Samaritans**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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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Date: 1/11/22

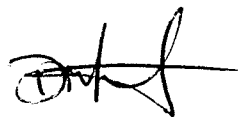
THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Receipts				
Deeds of covenant and gift aid	1,450	-	1,450	4,125
Bank and building society interest	6	-	6	43
Donations	17,787	-	17,787	22,363
General fund raising	8,964	-	8,964	6,376
NOMS	-	2,487	2,487	2,418
Abbfest	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Grants	-	-	-	17,355
Grants	3,497	-	3,497	-
Legacies	2,000	-	2,000	-
Total receipts	33,704	2,487	36,191	52,680
Direct charitable expenditure				
Heating and lighting	2,163	-	2,163	2,145
Telephone	3,055	-	3,055	2,560
Insurance	767	-	767	1,216
Water rates	465	-	465	465
Cleaner, cleaning materials	1,365	-	1,365	2,111
Alterations and repairs	3,169	-	3,169	4,911
Branch contribution – Affiliation fee	1,082	-	1,082	-
	12,066	-	12,066	13,408
Other expenditure				
Publicity and advertising	340	-	340	787
Stationery, printing and postage	1,394	-	1,394	1,124
Travelling expenses	13,362	-	13,362	12,740
Refreshments etc.	560	-	560	411
Training expenses	208	-	208	-
Miscellaneous	523	-	523	232
Accountancy	702	-	702	684
NOMS	-	264	264	590
	17,089	264	17,353	16,598
Total Payments	29,155	264	29,419	30,006
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments before capital expenditure	4,549	2,223	6,772	22,674
Capital expenditure	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) of payments over receipts	4,549	2,223	6,772	22,674
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Monetary assets as at 31 March 2021	55,463	13,983	69,446	46,772
Monetary assets as at 31 March 2022	60,012	16,206	76,218	69,446

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

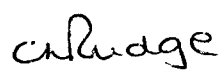
	31 March 2022		31 March 2021	
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets				
Barclays instant savings account		58,418		58,412
Current account		15,800		11,034
Other debtors		2,000		-
		76,218		69,446
Total monetary assets (note 3)				
Non monetary assets				
Freehold property		65,628		65,628
Fixtures and fittings	139,598		139,598	
Additions to fixtures and fittings	-		-	
	139,598		139,598	
Less: Accumulative depreciation	(127,782)		(121,874)	
Depreciation at 20% cost	(5,908)		(5,908)	
	(133,690)		(127,782)	
		5,908		11,816
		71,536		77,444
Total non monetary assets				

We approve the Statement above and the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2022.



D Sanders
Chair

Date: 26.10.2022.



C Rudge
Treasurer

Date: 26.10.2022

THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

2. Trustees' expenses

During the year £1,963 (2021: £2,052) was paid to 4 Trustees in respect of reimbursed expenses (2021: 4 Trustees).

3. Restricted funds

	Balance as at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming/ (outgoing) for the year £	Transfer between funds £	Balance as at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted	55,463	4,549	-	60,012
Restricted:				
Outreach fund	13,983	2,223	-	16,206
Total restricted funds	13,983	2,223	-	16,206
Total Funds	69,446	6,772	-	76,218

Restricted funds

The Outreach fund represents money held for Outreach work at Channings Wood Prison under the National Offender Management Service. These funds include donations from NOMS and Abbfest.

SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON

England & Wales - Charity number 1168726

Accounts

THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2015 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

The South Devon Branch of the Samaritans is a registered charity, No. 1168726. The charity's principal address is:-

21 Warren Road
Torquay
Devon

The charity was established under a deed of constitution dated 1971 and subsequently amended in 1976, 1978, 1982, 1983 and 1990. The object of the charity is to work for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress.

In October 2016, as part of a restructuring of the national Samaritans organisation, the assets, liabilities and activities of Samaritans of South Devon were transferred to a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:-

R Langdon (Chair)
K Wray (Treasurer)
C Stone (Secretary)
J Parker
C Crocker

The Trustees are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the South Devon Branch of the Samaritans. The Branch Leadership Team including the Trustees meet 12 times per year. An annual general meeting is held in September. The scrutinising of the finances of the Charity is carried out at every meeting of the Trustees. Income and expenditure and monetary assets is reported on and monitored every month. Assessment and approval is assessed for every major item of expenditure over £100. The Trustees are aware of their requirements and responsibilities for risk management. This is to continue the work of the branch mainly providing for the supply and care of the volunteers, raising funds and maintaining the building and its contents. It has sufficient reserves at present.

Trustees' responsibilities

In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies as described on page 7 and apply them consistently.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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Objectives and activities

The Charity's core Objects, as set out in its Deed of Constitution, are to work for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress and thus reduce the incentive of suicide. To enable such persons to receive immediate help, compassion and befriending from members of the charity who are selected and prepared for the purpose of working under direction. Also, where appropriate in accordance with Samaritan procedure referral to persons having specialist or professional skills and to support the company and aid in the establishment and support of probationary branches and the support of recognised branches of Samaritans.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

The Charity has the continuing support of 120 volunteers, who undertake receiving telephone calls, answering emails, administrative work and fundraising. In 2020/21, 22,740 calls were answered, 2,942 emails responded to but no callers visited the centre, due to COVID-19. The mentoring process has continued particularly focusing on care skills. The Charity has also continued to recruit and train new volunteers. A special mention must go to those volunteers who have done many more duties than normal due to COVID-19, to compensate for those volunteers who have had to isolate.

Achievements and performance

The Branch has continued to contact other agencies to promote our services and to agree a Partnership if appropriate. Following the major refurbishment in the past, the premises are now in a well maintained state and regular reviews are carried out.

There are no subsidiaries.

Financial review

The Charity had a surplus of £22,674 for the year 2020/21 and the funds at the end of the year were £69,446 of these £13,983 related to restricted funds. This was a result which mostly was due to the one-off COVID-19 grants received from public organisations.

In the longer term the Charity will have to raise funds to cover its regular outgoings. To this aim the Charity has set up a fundraising team but its work has been thwarted by the covid-19 epidemic.

The Charity owns its own property in Warren Road, Torquay.

Going concern

The charity's main source of income is donations and fundraising. The trustees have considered the impact on cash reserves and are satisfied that the charity can continue as a going concern.

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Fundraising

Volunteer fundraisers mainly set up a Samaritans banner and stand in public locations such as town centres, supermarkets and fetes. We also hold events such as coffee mornings, dances, quizzes, plant sales etc. We do not participate in any door-to-door campaigns.

There is no voluntary scheme or standard in place.

We do not employ a professional fundraiser. There have been no complaints in the last year about fundraising. The Charity does not approach people for funds, as they are voluntary payments from the public, so it does not affect vulnerable people.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

R Langdon - Chair

Date:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Receipts				
Deeds of covenant and gift aid	4,125	-	4,125	330
Bank and building society interest	43	-	43	109
Donations	22,363	-	22,363	12,854
General fund raising	6,376	-	6,376	7,509
NOMS	-	2,418	2,418	2,453
Abbfest	-	-	-	1,473
COVID-19 Grants	17,355	-	17,355	-
Total receipts	50,262	2,418	52,680	24,728
Direct charitable expenditure				
Heating and lighting	2,145	-	2,145	2,046
Telephone	2,560	-	2,560	2,604
Insurance	1,216	-	1,216	-
Water rates	465	-	465	506
Cleaner, cleaning materials	2,111	-	2,111	1,705
Alterations and repairs	4,061	850	4,911	4,661
Branch contribution – Affiliation fee	-	-	-	1,244
	12,558	850	13,408	12,766
Other expenditure				
Publicity and advertising	787	-	787	516
Stationery, printing and postage	1,124	-	1,124	1,545
Travelling expenses	12,740	-	12,740	12,963
Refreshments etc.	441	-	441	1,361
Training expenses	-	-	-	533
Miscellaneous	232	-	232	528
Accountancy	684	-	684	666
NOMS	-	590	590	1,412
	16,008	590	16,598	19,524
Total Payments	28,566	1,440	30,006	32,290
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments before capital expenditure	21,696	978	22,674	(7,562)
Capital expenditure	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) of payments over receipts	21,696	978	22,674	(7,562)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Monetary assets as at 31 March 2020	33,767	13,005	46,772	54,334
Monetary assets as at 31 March 2021	55,463	13,983	69,446	46,772

THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	31 March 2021		31 March 2020	
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets				
Barclays instant savings account		58,412		43,369
Current account		11,034		3,403
		<u>69,446</u>		<u>46,772</u>
Total monetary assets (note 3)		<u><u>69,446</u></u>		<u><u>46,772</u></u>
Non monetary assets				
Freehold property		<u>65,628</u>		<u>65,628</u>
Fixtures and fittings	139,598		139,598	
Additions to fixtures and fittings	-		-	
	<u>139,598</u>		<u>139,598</u>	
Less: Accumulative depreciation	(121,874)		(115,966)	
Depreciation at 20% cost	(5,908)		(5,908)	
	<u>(127,782)</u>		<u>(121,874)</u>	
		11,816		17,724
		<u>77,444</u>		<u>83,352</u>
Total non monetary assets		<u><u>77,444</u></u>		<u><u>83,352</u></u>

We approve the Statement above and the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2021.

R Langdon
Chair

K Wray
Treasurer

Date:

Date:

THE SAMARITANS OF SOUTH DEVON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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2. Trustees' expenses

During the year £2,052 (2020: £1,119) was paid to 4 Trustees in respect of reimbursed expenses (2020: 3 Trustees).

3. Restricted funds

	Balance as at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming/ (outgoing) for the year £	Transfer between funds £	Balance as at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted	33,767	21,696	-	55,463
Restricted:				
NOMS	9,568	1,828	-	11,396
Abbfest	3,437	(850)	-	2,587
Total restricted funds	<u>13,005</u>	<u>978</u>	-	<u>13,983</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>46,772</u></u>	<u><u>22,674</u></u>	-	<u><u>69,446</u></u>

Restricted funds

NOMS and Abbfest: these restricted funds represent money held for Outreach work at Channings Wood Prison under the National Offender Management Service.