

Samaritans of Macclesfield and District

Annual Report and Accounts for 12 months ended 31st March 2022

Board of Trustees

Chair and Director:	Helen Beech	(from 1 st January 2021 to 30 th April 2022)
Director:	Zoe Smith	(from 1 st May 2022)
Chair, Trustee and Secretary:	Dorothy Hulley	(from 18 th September 2017)
Secretary:	Peter Entwistle	(from 18 th September 2017 to 29 th April 2022)
Treasurer:	Keith Anderson	(from 26 th June 2020)
Trustee:	George Gibson	(from 18 th September 2017 to 11 th Feb 2022)
Trustee:	Anthony Hilton	(from 18 th September 2017)
Trustee:	Linda Pyatt	(from 18 th September 2017)
Trustee:	Jean Cope	(from September 2019)
Trustee:	Tessa Hammersley	(from 1 December 2020)
Trustee:	Sarra Hoy	(from 1 December 2020)
Trustee:	Maxine Jefferies	(from 1 December 2020 to 1 st January 2022)

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Samaritans of Macclesfield and District (SMD)

SMD is a charitable incorporated organization affiliated to the national charity Samaritans, a charitable company limited by guarantee. SMD is one of 201 branches who work with the Central Charity in a federated way, governed by Branch Agreements and operating within criteria set down in an Operating Agreement.

Samaritans vision is that fewer people die by suicide. We aim to achieve that by alleviating emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and suicidal behaviour. In doing this we volunteer using our values which are:

Listening – We explore feelings distress and despair and help callers to reach better understanding of their situation and the options open to them.

Confidentiality – If callers feel safe, they are more likely to be open about their feelings.

Self-determination – We believe that callers have the right to make their own decisions wherever possible

Being nonjudgmental – We want callers to talk to us without fear of prejudice or rejection

Human Contact – Giving callers time, undivided attention and empathy meets a fundamental emotional need and reduces distress and despair.

Director's Report for 2021-2022

The start of the year was still dominated by Covid, however the national vaccination programme had begun and over the course of the year restrictions began to change and be lifted. All of this had an impact on our making our operations easier although all routine meetings etc still continued to be done via Zoom.

One of the major priorities for Samaritans as an organisation was the rollout of new Safeguarding policies. Briefings for all volunteers took place during May and mandatory training for everyone was started in September and completed by the end of December. This work also saw the introduction – at national level – of 'Listening In', as well as the setting up of Hubs to deliver our email service and caller support.

The move to our new King Edward Street was reported in last year's report. In June 2021 we successfully completed the sale of our Boden Street premises.

We received a generous legacy from a former volunteer who had been a key member of the branch some 20 years ago. A team is in place to consider how best to use these funds for the benefit of our branch and the work we do.

Training – we delivered training to 2 cohorts of new volunteers, all of this was done via Zoom. These new listening volunteers have been welcomed into our ops room and are helping us to make sure that as many listening shifts as possible on the rota are filled.

We were able to re-start our Outreach work and delivered sessions to schools including Fallibroome High School and Poynton High School. Sessions had been planned to be delivered to some of the local Primary schools, but following new guidance from central office (who advised that sessions for pupils below Year 8 were on hold) we will await further information. We also resumed our work in support of Network Rail with attendances at Macclesfield station to promote Brew Monday and World Suicide Prevention Day.

We were also able to resume our support to HMP Styal, supporting the Listener Scheme. We ran a training event for new recruits to the scheme. In November – an acknowledgement and celebration of 30 years (nationally) of the Listener Service, Macclesfield branch contributed to the funding of a film for national use, promoting the work of this service, as well as some promotional material for use in prisons. We were also able to run a celebration event in Styal which included Listeners and Officers.

In September we were able to celebrate getting together again as a branch with an afternoon tea for all volunteers, at the Tytherington Club. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with colleagues who we hadn't seen in person for many months and catch up with all their news.

December – the Town Carol Service was held at St Michael's church and the focus was on celebrating those who had made a difference during the year, re Covid. Macclesfield Samaritans was one of two beneficiaries chosen to receive the retiring collection.

People changes :-

- In January the process was started to identify a new branch Director. Zoe Smith was appointed to take on the role from 1 May
- In February we lost our longest-serving volunteer (who had a total of 55 years' service to the Samaritans organisation) when sadly, George Gibson passed away. He had made a very significant contribution to both the organisation as a whole and specifically to Macclesfield branch
- Peter Entwistle, who had for many years been our Shop Manager, a Trustee and also Branch Secretary, as well as a Listening volunteer, stood down from all these roles as he moved to be nearer to his family. LeElla Wagg took over the role of Shop Manager and Dot Hulley has replaced Peter as Branch Secretary.

The year to the end of March 2022 was again full of challenges due to the ever changing pressures of the on-going Covid pandemic. Filling shifts on our rota because of last minute positive Covid tests was always difficult, but Macclesfield volunteers almost always rose to the challenge so that our callers were supported in the best way possible. I think that we all look forward to the time when 'normal service' resumes but in the meantime we should be rightly proud of how our branch has coped, and indeed thrived, through the last year.

Zoe Smith
Branch Director.

12/7/22

Treasurer's Report for 2021/22

It is sufficient under Charity Commission rules (because we are only a small charity) to produce Receipts and Payments Accounts and these are attached .

Total revenue for the twelve-month period ending 31st March 2022 amounted to £192,251 (2021: £50,754) . The most significant additional income this year was from the proceeds of sale of our old premises at 2 Boden Street Macclesfield which amounted to £97,432 after deducting selling costs. In addition we received an anonymous legacy from Central Office of £50,000.

Significant revenue is received from the shop trading, totalling £29,922 (2021: £7,896). The previous year's shop income was significantly reduced because of COVID 19 closures but this reduction was replaced by COVID 19 grants.

Total running costs were £53,121 (2021 £53,118). This figure of running costs included a contribution to Central Office of £10,000 to help fund a Prisoner Listener Scheme .

The Branch Contribution reduced from £11,248 to £2,648 because the calculation was modified to take account of COVID 19.

This contribution is arrived at by a standard formula set down by the Samaritans organisation to ensure unnecessary reserves are not built up in branches.

The net surplus on Revenue Account was £139,130 (2021 deficit £2,364)

Cash reserves at 31st March 2022 totalled £254,488 (2021 £115,357). The Trustees have established a working group to investigate the possibility of buying our own shop with more space and in a better location to replace our existing shop which is considered not fit for purpose. This would substantially reduce our cash reserves but would increase our net shop income and save us having to pay rent.

IK Anderson
Treasurer



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The Samaritans of Macclesfield and District

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st April 2021		31ST March 2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	59,584	-	-	59,584	-
Ebay Sales	373	-	-	373	-
Gift Aid	1,588	-	-	1,588	-
Investment Income	183	-	-	183	-
Prison Grant	3,169	-	-	3,169	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Shop income	29,922	-	-	29,922	-
Transfer from Old Charity	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Property	97,432	-	-	97,432	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	192,251	-	-	192,251	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	192,251	-	-	192,251	-
A3 Payments					
Heat, Light and Water	1,835	-	-	1,835	-
Repairs and renewals	302	-	-	302	-
Cleaning & Housekeeping	1,845	-	-	1,845	-
Telephone and office costs	4,268	-	-	4,268	-
Insurance	1,139	-	-	1,139	-
Office Rent	11,000	-	-	11,000	-
Volunteer training & support	1,080	-	-	1,080	-
Travel expenses	4,064	-	-	4,064	-
Equipment hire	-	-	-	-	-
Listener	10,858	-	-	10,858	-
Prison costs	233	-	-	233	-
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Shop Rent	7,000	-	-	7,000	-
Shop costs	4,074	-	-	4,074	-
Independent Examiner	290	-	-	290	-
Branch Contribution	2,648	-	-	2,648	-
Outreach expenses	1,072	-	-	1,072	-
Staff party	1,411	-	-	1,411	-
Sub total	53,121	-	-	53,121	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	53,121	-	-	53,121	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	139,130	-	-	139,130	-
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	115,357	-	-	115,357	-
Cash funds this period end	254,488	-	-	254,488	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-op Bank Business Reserve	83,967	-	-
	Co-op Bank Current Account	3,368	-	-
	Nat West bank account	83,145	-	-
	HSBC Bank account	84,016	-	-
	Total cash funds	254,488	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land and Buildings		-	-
	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment		11,039	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

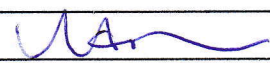
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



IK. ANDERSON

12/7/22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Samaritans of Macclesfield and District

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1170130

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2022**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Julie Evans

Date:

11/07/2022

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Julie Evans

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.