

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Bolton Samaritans

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal objective of Bolton Samaritans is to offer confidential emotional support for people who are suicidal, despairing and passing through personal crisis.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

Total incoming resources for the year were £43,080 (2024; £43,595). Surplus for the year was £3,905 (2024; surplus £3,327).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Total reserves at the year end were £205,296 including a designated reserve of £19,000 deemed to be sufficient to cover six months running costs, in order to allow for the orderly winding up of the charity, should circumstances require this.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1170604

Principal address

16 Bark Street East
Bolton
Lancashire
BL1 2BQ

Trustees

M Riley Treasurer
T Kempster Trustee
M Kennedy Secretary
M Greenhalgh Trustee
C Threlfall Trustee
C Billington Trustee (appointed 11.2.25)
J Taylor Trustee
G Grundy Trustee
W Scott Trustee (appointed 11.2.25)

Independent Examiner

Matthew Whale MAAT
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mary. E. Riley .

M Riley - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Bolton Samaritans**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bolton Samaritans

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bolton Samaritans (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Matthew Whale MAAT

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14 August 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

		31.3.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		16,325	14,474
Other trading activities	2	23,232	25,823
Investment income	3	3,523	3,297
Total		<u>43,080</u>	<u>43,594</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		16,907	19,074
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable expenditure		22,268	21,193
Total		<u>39,175</u>	<u>40,267</u>
 NET INCOME		3,905	3,327
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		201,391	198,064
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>205,296</u>	<u>201,391</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	120,250	121,535
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	2,802	5,029
Cash at bank and in hand		84,499	77,385
		<hr/> 87,301	<hr/> 82,414
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,255)	(2,558)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<hr/> 85,046	<hr/> 79,856
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		205,296	201,391
NET ASSETS		<hr/> 205,296	<hr/> 201,391
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		205,296	201,391
TOTAL FUNDS		<hr/> 205,296	<hr/> 201,391

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 August 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Greenhalgh - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

No depreciation is provided on property as the trustees consider the value of the property to be not less than the 2000 revaluation of £50,000 plus subsequent additions.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Branch contribution

The charge for branch contribution in the income and expenditure account is based on actual payments made in the accounting period. The cost of the branch contribution was previously accounted for on an accruals basis.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Shop income	<u>23,232</u>	<u>25,823</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>3,523</u>	<u>3,297</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

It is the policy of the charity to reimburse all expenses properly incurred and claimed by its volunteers in connection with its charitable activities. The trustees are reimbursed expenses in accordance with that policy in common with other volunteers and the total separate amount involved is not considered material.

5. STAFF COSTS

The charity has no employees. All work carried out for the charity is done by volunteers.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

31.3.25	31.3.24
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	14,474
Other trading activities	25,823
Investment income	<u>3,297</u>
Total	<u>43,594</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	19,074
 Charitable activities	
Direct charitable expenditure	<u>21,193</u>
Total	<u>40,267</u>
 NET INCOME	 3,327

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted
funds
£

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward

198,064

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

201,391

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	141,475	33,506	-	174,981
Additions	-	-	410	410
	<u>141,475</u>	<u>33,506</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>175,391</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>141,475</u>	<u>33,506</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>175,391</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	30,344	23,102	-	53,446
Charge for year	-	1,560	135	1,695
	<u>30,344</u>	<u>24,662</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>55,141</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>30,344</u>	<u>24,662</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>55,141</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>111,131</u>	<u>8,844</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>120,250</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>111,131</u>	<u>10,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,535</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,802</u>	<u>5,029</u>

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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,530	1,600
Other creditors	725	958
	<u>2,255</u>	<u>2,558</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.3.25
			£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	201,391	3,905	205,296
	<u>201,391</u>	<u>3,905</u>	<u>205,296</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>201,391</u>	<u>3,905</u>	<u>205,296</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	43,080	(39,175)	3,905
	<u>43,080</u>	<u>(39,175)</u>	<u>3,905</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>43,080</u>	<u>(39,175)</u>	<u>3,905</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.3.24
			£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	198,064	3,327	201,391
	<u>198,064</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>201,391</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>198,064</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>201,391</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	43,594	(40,267)	3,327
	<u>43,594</u>	<u>(40,267)</u>	<u>3,327</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>43,594</u>	<u>(40,267)</u>	<u>3,327</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	198,064	7,232	205,296
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>198,064</u>	<u>7,232</u>	<u>205,296</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,674	(79,442)	7,232
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>86,674</u>	<u>(79,442)</u>	<u>7,232</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	-	(1)
Donations	13,180	14,247
200 club	170 ✓	190
Other events	2,975	38
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	16,325	14,474
Other trading activities		
Shop income	23,232 ✓	25,823
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	3,523 ✓	3,297
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Total incoming resources	43,080 ✗	43,594 ✗
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Publicity	1,937 ✓	1,447
Other trading activities		
Premises & services	5,720 ✓	8,377
Shop rent	9,250 ✓	9,250
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	14,970	17,627
Charitable activities		
Premises & services costs	11,965 ✓	10,854
Travel expenses	1,046 ✓	1,258
Telephone	2,152 ✓	2,497
Postage and stationery	362 ✓	415
Volunteers' training & support	1,256 ✓	-
Charitable donation	-	1,487
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,696	1,835
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	18,477	18,346
Support costs		
Governance costs		
AGM & branch meeting expenses	1,014 ✓	692
Branch contribution	2,052 ✓	1,465
Accountancy	725 ✓	690
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	3,791	2,847
Total resources expended	39,175 ✗	40,267
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Net income	3,905	3,327
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