

SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSET

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Charity No. 1170637

SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSET
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees of the Branch during the year were:

A Hallows (Director)
J Crawford
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E Lewis
R Setchell
S Bannister

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SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSET

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's trust deed, Charities Act 2011 and 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2019)).

About the Samaritans

The Charity maintains a centre for receiving telephone calls and e-mails from members of the public and also welcomes any face to face visitors to the Branch. The centre is staffed entirely by unpaid volunteers and the branch is open 365 days a year.

The main objective of the Charity is:

To listen to and talk with persons who are suicidal, despairing or in a state of emotional distress. Callers are from around the United Kingdom and in non-pandemic times face to face callers are seen from the Taunton and Somerset area. The volunteers are selected and trained to undertake the sensitive task of listening to callers, encouraging them to discuss their thoughts and feelings; this is done in accordance with the policies and procedures of Samaritans as an organisation.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning further activities.

We do this by:

Reaching out to high-risk groups and communities to reduce the risk of suicide.

Working in partnership with other organisations and agencies.

Raising awareness of the challenges to reduce the incidence of suicide.

There are seven qualities that define Samaritans' Nature of Service:

- 24 hour availability
- Confidentiality
- Honesty
- Emotionally supportive
- Carefully structured
- Self-determination
- Safeguarding
- Each quality is accompanied by policies which must be implemented in all branches
- All branches must then use defined procedures to put these policies into effect
- All Samaritan volunteers must be aware of, and adhere to, Samaritans' Nature of Service

Through our Nature of Service we are committed to the following values:

1. Being available 24 hours a day to receive calls from people requiring emotional support.
2. To ensure and stress confidentiality of the call (within Samaritans). There are exceptions to this, for example, if there is a Safeguarding concern.

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About the Samaritans - continued

3. Honesty – We publicly state how information relating to our callers is used.
4. Emotionally Supportive:
 Callers in need of Samaritans' service are accepted without prejudice and encouraged to talk or write about their feelings, acknowledge their emotions and explore options.
 Volunteers use their listening skills, recognise the needs of callers and respond appropriately.
 Volunteers will not impose their own convictions or influence callers in regards to politics, philosophy or religion.
5. Samaritans aim to offer a carefully constructed and consistent response to our callers. The support we offer is regularly reviewed and evaluated.
6. Self Determination. Callers remain responsible for their own decisions and do not lose the right to make decisions even if that decision is to take their own life. This belief underpins all our contact with callers. In situations where we suspect the caller is a child or a vulnerable adult who cannot make their own decision, and in a position of harm, this principle is subject to the limits imposed by our Safeguarding Policy.

Achievements and Performance

This past year at Wood Street has been one of momentum, renewal, and resilience. It has been shaped by the extraordinary commitment of our volunteers, the creativity of our outreach teams, the quiet diligence behind our safeguarding, and the warmth of a community that continues to respond generously to need. This report seeks to reflect on the past twelve months—what we have achieved, what we have learned, and where we hope to go next.

First and foremost, I extend my sincere thanks to every member of the branch. In a world increasingly characterised by disconnection and uncertainty, our collective effort to listen without judgment, to be present without conditions, and to support those in distress is nothing short of vital. It is a privilege to work alongside you. Whether you've taken regular night shifts, trained new recruits, supported outreach, raised funds, or simply offered a cup of tea and a kind word to a colleague offloading after a tough call—you have played your part in sustaining and enriching the work of Samaritans.

Operationally, we have had a strong year. Wood Street has continued to perform above national and regional averages in several key measures. In the first quarter of 2025, each active listening volunteer contributed an average of over seventeen hours of service—compared with a national average of twelve and a regional average just over thirteen. This is a remarkable achievement that speaks volumes of the commitment, flexibility, and stamina of our team. We have also made significant strides in our overnight cover, particularly between 3am and 7am, where we currently rank twelfth out of 196 branches across the country. These shifts, often overlooked, are deeply impactful, and I remain grateful to those who choose to support during the small hours.

The transition from Link to the Listening Centre presented some technical and cultural challenges. Yet, true to the spirit of the branch, our volunteers adapted quickly and with good humour. Your feedback has helped to resolve issues, and call quality and consistency have improved markedly. We are now fully embedded within the new system, and it is encouraging to hear from many of you that the experience of taking calls has become smoother and more reliable.

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Achievements and Performance – continued

Volunteer recruitment and training have also flourished. This year we welcomed ten new Samaritans to Wood Street, and I am indebted to Freddie for his outstanding leadership in delivering Core Training. His attention to detail, encouragement of new voices, and ability to make learning engaging have made a strong impression. The training team, including Skills Practice Trainers and Mentors, continue to ensure that our newest colleagues feel supported and confident. Looking ahead, we are prioritising the reintroduction of Ongoing Mentoring and planning for more regular in-person sessions that give all volunteers the chance to reflect, refresh, and reconnect.

Care for our volunteers remains a central part of who we are. Dora has quietly and consistently ensured that those in difficulty or silence are not forgotten. Through regular check-ins, discretion and compassion, she helps maintain the web of support that enables all of us to offer our best selves on shift. The wellbeing of our team underpins the quality of our service, and I encourage everyone to continue making use of the resources and support available—whether you need a break, a conversation, or simply reassurance.

Outreach and fundraising have truly come into their own this year. Tracey has led with imagination, energy and courage. Her Brighton Marathon run not only raised significant funds for the branch, but also heightened our profile through Parkrun connections and the symbolic “Light the Town Green” campaign. Ella’s strategic and tireless work has borne real fruit, most notably through our relationship with Taunton Round Table, which resulted in a generous donation that will help us plan for future growth in our capacity and mentoring. We’ve maintained our visibility in the region through stands at Taunton Library, Sedgemoor Market, the Flower Show, Walk for a Life and Taunton Pride. Brew Monday and Samaritans Awareness in July allowed us to stand a post together. Many of you have been especially steadfast in this work—travelling miles, smiling through the rain, and bringing our message to new audiences.

Community fundraising has also played a key role. The Taunton Flower Show saw us awarded Best Non-Horticultural Stand and raised a generous sum, thanks to the generosity of local people and the willingness of so many of you to donate plants and time. Quiz nights at Moose Hall—beautifully run by Terri and Bryony—have grown into a joyful branch tradition, combining camaraderie with fundraising. Rory’s work overseeing the Gift Aid scheme and our branch lottery continues to provide vital funds, and I’m grateful to Roz for managing the complex task of keeping our finances in order.

Another highlight this year was the Dawn Walk fundraiser in Holcombe Rogus, organised by the local village community. Setting off in the early hours to meet the sunrise, residents and supporters walked in solidarity for mental health awareness and in honour of our branch’s work. The walk concluded with a communal breakfast—complete with bacon baps—and warm conversation, reflecting the deep-rooted generosity of our neighbours. Special thanks must go to Isla, Anya, and the organisers, who raised a truly impressive £650 for Wood Street. It was a powerful reminder that even in the earliest hours, we are not alone in what we do.

Behind the scenes, our branch has been quietly progressing plans for physical development. We are exploring options to create a second Operations Room and a more accessible entrance, responding to feedback from the Branch Review. Tommy has taken a lead on the feasibility study, and we hope these changes will enable us to better support mentoring and reduce background noise during busy shifts. The intention is to create an environment that reflects the excellence of our service—welcoming, adaptable and accessible. Douglas continues to be an excellent steward in our premises, and his quiet organisation and extraordinary time commitment should be commended.

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Achievements and Performance – continued

Safeguarding and compliance have also been areas of focus. The updated DBS process has required significant attention, and I thank Tommy for his patience and clarity in supporting volunteers through it. Meanwhile, our paperwork has been commended by Central for its quality and usefulness—described as “pushing excellent.” Much credit goes to Wilf, who has taken up the role of Branch Hub Liaison Officer. His calm, informed guidance has been invaluable, and I am confident our safeguarding practice remains robust and compassionate.

Looking ahead, we move into the second phase of the current BLT’s three-year cycle—implementation. The consolidation of our processes, systems, and culture in year one has given us a strong foundation. We now look to invest our energy in improving accessibility, building stronger community links, diversifying our volunteer base, and creating clearer development pathways for those wishing to take on leadership or specialist roles. Equity, diversity and inclusion will continue to be at the heart of our practice, and I welcome all ideas that help us grow in these areas.

None of what we have achieved would have been possible without the extraordinary individuals who bring this branch to life.

Together, we have delivered a service that is not only effective, but deeply humane. We have sustained and strengthened a branch that is known for its quality, spirit, and warmth. Thank you—for your time, your care, and your belief in what we do.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Samaritans of Taunton and Somerset is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its constitution and is a registered charity number 1170637. This Charity was registered on 8th December 2016 as an affiliate branch of the Central Charity.

The Charity is run by a Branch Committee the majority of whose members are elected by the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Charity. The Branch Committee is made up of a maximum of 10 elected members plus the Director, the Secretary, the Publicity Officer and the Treasurer. It has the power to co-opt additional members as appropriate up to one third of its membership (excluding co-opted members).

There are sub-committees for Publicity and Fundraising

The Committee meets regularly and is responsible for the general management of the administration of the Charity and its property and affairs.

The elected members of the Branch Committee automatically become Trustees of the Charity. The Committee endeavours to maintain a broad mix of skills and to ensure that this balance is maintained with individuals who are invited to offer themselves for election when the need arises.

The Trustees are familiar with the practical work of the Branch the majority are listening volunteers themselves. All new Trustees who are not volunteers attend training courses offered by the Samaritans.

The Trustees keep under review all risks and use risk assessment to ascertain any risks that the Branch may be exposed to especially in respect to the operations and its financial integrity. At the present time there are procedures in place to mitigate any exposure to any major risk.

SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSET

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Treasurer's Report

The underlying income at £38,732 is in line with previous years, we have had a really good year due to the many efforts of our volunteers.

Fundraising has been exceptional this year due to sponsorships and outside collections. We have also received several unexpected donations which have helped greatly towards our running costs.

As a result, we made an unrestricted surplus of £20,763.

Expenditure was more or less in line with expectations, however it costs the charity about £59,000 per year to run and maintain the branch therefore all income is important and we are extremely grateful for all the monies we receive.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Constitution of Samaritans of Taunton and Somerset requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, they are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011. 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.

Reference and Administrative Details

The reference and administrative details disclosed on page 1 form part of the Trustees' Report.

Reserves Policy

To safeguard financial risks and to ensure the financial viability of the charity, it is our policy to maintain general fund reserves at a figure of at least 18 months general expenditure. We currently have £142,077 at the year end. Please refer to note 6 of the accounts for detail in relation to designated and restricted reserves.

On behalf of the Branch Committee

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A. Hallows
Trustee

Date:

SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSETINDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORTTO THE TRUSTEES OF SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSET

I report on the accounts of Samaritans of Taunton and Somerset for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

Mrs K Davies FCCA
Westcotts
Chartered Accountants
7 Castle Street
Bridgwater

Date:

SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSET

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Year ended 31 March 2025			Year ended 31 March 2024		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income							
Income from donations and legacies:							
Grants		-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and gifts		8,100	-	8,100	21,781	-	21,781
Covenants and gift aid		3,503	-	3,503	2,152	-	2,152
		<u>11,603</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,603</u>	<u>23,933</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,933</u>
Income from charitable activities:							
Fundraising		21,703	-	21,703	8,215	-	8,215
Other income:							
Bank interest receivable		5,106	-	5,106	1,395	-	1,395
Other activities		320	-	320	437	-	437
		<u>38,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,732</u>	<u>33,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,980</u>
Total Income							
		<u>38,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,732</u>	<u>33,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,980</u>
Expenditure							
Expenditure on raising funds		<u>4,939</u>	<u>1,464</u>	<u>6,403</u>	<u>4,612</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>6,065</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities:							
Outreach		459	366	825	522	363	885
Advertising and publicity		1,355	1,097	2,452	1,881	1,089	2,970
Operational costs		5,824	3,660	9,484	6,508	3,633	10,141
Training costs		459	366	825	871	363	1,234
Volunteer expenses		6,562	366	6,928	7,100	363	7,463
Branch contribution		38,899	-	38,899	3,857	-	3,857
		<u>53,558</u>	<u>5,855</u>	<u>59,413</u>	<u>20,739</u>	<u>5,811</u>	<u>26,550</u>
Governance costs	2	998	-	998	1,009	-	1,009
Donation to North Devon branch		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	3	<u>59,495</u>	<u>7,319</u>	<u>66,814</u>	<u>26,360</u>	<u>7,264</u>	<u>33,624</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(20,763)	(7,319)	(28,082)	7,620	(7,264)	356
Other Recognised Gains/(Losses)							
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(20,763)</u>	<u>(7,319)</u>	<u>(28,082)</u>	<u>7,620</u>	<u>(7,264)</u>	<u>356</u>
Reconciliation of Funds:							
Total Funds brought forward		142,077	190,346	332,423	134,457	197,610	332,067
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds carried forward	5	<u>121,314</u>	<u>183,027</u>	<u>304,341</u>	<u>142,077</u>	<u>190,346</u>	<u>332,423</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts.

SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSETBALANCE SHEETAS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4	181,629	188,948
Current Assets			
Debtors		-	-
Prepayments		1,119	1,058
Short term bank deposits		111,004	106,274
Cash at bank and in hand		53,052	57,746
		<u>165,175</u>	<u>165,078</u>
Liabilities - Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(42,463)</u>	<u>(21,603)</u>
Net current assets		<u>122,712</u>	<u>143,475</u>
Net assets		<u><u>304,341</u></u>	<u><u>332,423</u></u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	5	121,314	142,077
Restricted funds	5	54,110	61,429
Revaluation reserve	5	128,917	128,917
		<u><u>304,341</u></u>	<u><u>332,423</u></u>

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

A. Hallows
Director

S. Burge
Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts.

SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSET

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of the Charity's freehold property, and in compliance with FRS102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019)), and the Charities Act 2011. The Charity is a public benefit entity. The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption available to small charities not to prepare a cash flow statement. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the accounts requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that can affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

(c) Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds that are available for use, at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity and have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are funds that are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or that have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. Costs relating to such funds are charged against specific funds. The aims and use of each fund is set out in Note 6.

(d) Income Recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (the "SOFA") when the Charity is legally entitled to the income, there is reasonable certainty of receipt and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations and Gifts – These are included in the SOFA when received. Gifts in kind are valued and brought in as income and the appropriate expenditure.

Fundraising Income - Gross fundraising income from events organised by the Charity itself is included in the SOFA when received. Where deemed material, fundraising proceeds not yet received by the Charity at the year end have also been taken to income at the Trustees' estimate of likely receivable amount.

(e) Expenditure Recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resource. Support costs have been allocated on the basis of time spent on the activity by volunteers. The following specific policies apply to categories of expenditure:

Fundraising Costs – Fundraising costs are those costs incurred in seeking voluntary contributions.

Governance Costs – Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the Charity, which relate to the general running of the Charity as opposed to those costs associated with fundraising or charitable activities. Included within this category are costs associated with the strategic as opposed to the day to day management of the Charity's activities.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

Expenditure Recognition - continued

Support Costs – Support costs comprise the costs of activities such as the management, financial, administrative and IT, together with common services, office accommodation and communication costs. These are allocated across the categories of charitable expenditure, governance costs and the costs of generating funds. The basis of the cost allocation has been explained in the notes to the accounts.

(f) Revaluation of fixed assets

The charity has chosen to adopt an accounting policy of carrying all buildings at its revalued amount, being its fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. The charity will undertake valuations with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amount does not differ materially from the fair value of the asset at the end of the reporting period. A separate revaluation reserve is shown within the funds analysis on the balance sheet and revaluation gains are recognised as Gains on the revaluation of fixed assets within the statement of financial activities. An amount equivalent to the element of depreciation charge on the difference between the cost and valuation of the revalued property is transferred between the unrestricted funds and the revaluation reserve each year.

(g) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets of material value held by the Charity for its own use on a straight line basis so as to write off their cost over their estimated useful lives as follows:-

Freehold property	50 years
Motor vehicles, computers and other office equipment/furniture	4 years

(h) Taxation

Samaritans of Taunton and Somerset is a registered Charity and is therefore potentially exempt from taxation of its income and gains to the extent that they fall within Part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 and section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992. No tax charge has arisen in the year.

2	<u>GOVERNANCE COSTS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		£	£
	AGM Expenses	238	332
	Independent Examiner's Fee	690	642
	Legal Fees	<u>70</u>	<u>35</u>
		998	1,009
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

3 BREAKDOWN OF COSTS BY ACTIVITY

	Basis of Allocation of Support Costs <u>% of Volunteer Time</u>	Direct Costs <u>2025</u> £	Support Costs <u>2025</u> £	Total Costs <u>2025</u> £	Total Costs <u>2024</u> £
Cost of Generating Funds:					
Fundraising Costs	20.0%	3,102	3,300	6,402	6,065
Charitable Expenditure:					
Outreach	5.0%	-	825	825	885
Advertising and Publicity	15.0%	(20)	2,474	2,454	2,971
Operational Costs (including phone line)	50.0%	1,235	8,248	9,483	10,141
Training Costs	5.0%	-	825	825	1,234
Volunteer Expenses	5.0%	6,102	825	6,927	7,463
Branch Contribution		23,899	-	23,899	3,857
Governance Costs		998	-	998	1,009
	100.0%	35,317	16,497	51,814	33,625

Support Costs Analysis:	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Postage, Printing and Stationery	474	926
Repairs and Renewals	1,480	1,629
Cleaning and Housekeeping	481	710
Water, Light and Heat	4,547	4,048
Insurances	999	805
Office Telephones	529	552
Depreciation	7,319	8,809
Miscellaneous Office Costs	668	230
	<u>16,497</u>	<u>17,709</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property	Office Equipment, Furniture & Computers	Total
<u>Cost or Valuation</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
At 1 April 2024	200,000	50,272	250,272
Additions in Year	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
At 31 March 2025	200,000	50,272	250,272
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1 April 2024	12,904	48,420	61,324
Charge for Year	6,452	867	8,809
Revaluation	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
At 31 March 2025	19,356	49,287	69,628
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<u>Net Book Value</u>			
At 31 March 2025	180,644	985	180,644
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
At 31 March 2024	187,096	1,852	188,948
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The Charity's freehold premises at 16 Wood Street, Taunton was revalued by a firm of independent Chartered surveyors on an open market basis on 31st March 2022 at £200,000 and this value has been incorporated in these accounts. Market value is the estimated amount for which the property should exchange on the valuation date between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction, after proper marketing and where the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. The carrying amount is not considered to be materially different to its fair value at 31st March 2025.

The property was acquired in 1987 and the total historic cost was £63,511.

SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSET

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

	Balance 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer Between Funds £	Balance 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted:					
General Fund	112,167	35,264	(44,593)	-	102,838
Designated Funds	29,910	-	-	-	29,910
	142,077	35,264	(44,593)	-	132,748
Restricted:					
Building Appeal	57,500	-	(2,000)	-	55,500
Hinkley Point C Community Fund	169	-	-	-	169
Pears Foundation Grant	769	-	(769)	-	-
GWR Grant	2,991	-	-	-	2,991
	61,429	-	(2,769)	-	58,660
Revaluation Reserve (Restricted):					
Revaluation of 16 Wood Street, Taunton	128,917	-	(4,452)	-	124,465
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Represented by:	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,664	-	179,965	181,629
Current Assets	128,637	29,910	3,160	161,707
Current Liabilities	(27,463)	-	-	(27,463)
	102,838	29,910	183,125	315,873

SAMARITANS OF TAUNTON AND SOMERSETNOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 20256 PURPOSE OF FUNDSGeneral Fund

Funds are held available for the ordinary purposes of the Charity.

Designated Funds

Designated funds are funds set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. At 31 March 2025 these comprised the Reaching Out promotion (£6,500), a fund for the replacement of office equipment (£8,410) and a building reserve to be used for any costs arising in relation to the building (£15,000).

Restricted Funds

The building appeal fund represents the result of a specific fundraising appeal in earlier periods to acquire the Charity's freehold property.

The Hinkley Point "C" Community Fund to provide emotional and other welfare support to all persons working on the site is being carried forward until the covid situation allows volunteers to travel to the site.

The Pears Foundation Grant was rewarded to help pay for a branch refurbishment.

The GWR Grant is to be used towards volunteer recruitment and community engagement activities.