

# BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

England & Wales · Charity number 1170657

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-12-09

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ENABLE PERSONS IN BLACKPOOL, FYLDE & WYRE 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.

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## 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

- Blackpool

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£64,740	£61,981	-	-
2024-03-31	£54,359	£68,900	-	-
2023-03-31	£68,758	£49,675	-	-
2022-03-31	£49,168	£64,455	-	-
2021-03-31	£94,837	£70,592	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW DAVID SMITH		2024-07-18
ANNETTE COLLINGE		2017-06-30
DAVID GRUNDY		2021-07-23
Dianne Joyce Whitehead		2023-07-27
IAN FLOWERS		2024-07-18
JENNIFER ROWLAND		2025-07-24
JULIA BELINDA SMART		2025-09-01
KAREN SMITH		2021-07-23
LISA ANN MOORE		2025-09-01
Nicholas Bachmann		2023-07-27
OLIVIA TUDOR		2022-07-21
Sylvia Brookes		2023-07-27

## Linked charities

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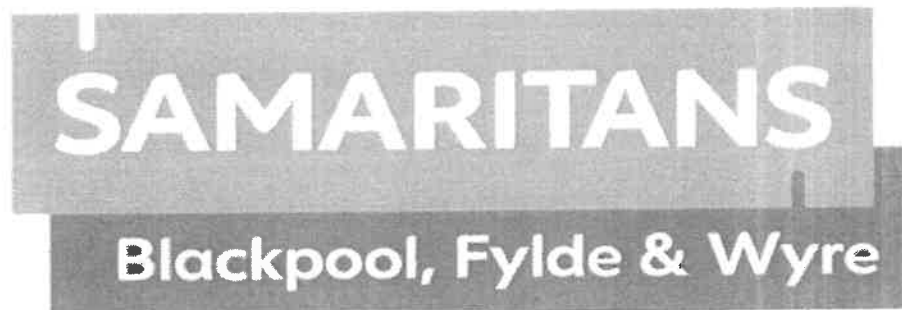
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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025  
FOR  
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**



Jones Harris Limited  
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Fleetwood  
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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**TRUSTEES**

N Bachmann  
S Brookes  
A Collinge  
I Flowers (appointed 18.7.24)  
D Grundy  
C Lamb  
O Tudor - Director  
A Smith (appointed 18.7.24)  
K Smith  
D Whitehead

**DIRECTOR**

O Tudor

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

16 Edward Street  
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**REGISTERED CHARITY  
NUMBER**

1170657

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

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## **BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

### **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).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Samaritans Organisation as a whole includes more than 200 branches/satellites and hubs across the UK and Ireland, either as full or affiliated members of the Samaritans Central Charity.

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Samaritans is an affiliated member.

It is through the volunteers within these units that Samaritans provide a confidential emotional support service via the telephone, email or a 'webchat' service.

The governing body of the Central Charity is the Board of Trustees supported by various committees to which is delegated the various aspects of running the organisation.

All of our branch trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and are in receipt of the Charity Commission Guideline booklet, in addition they have all completed the online Learning Trustee training and obtained their certificates.

##### **Governing document**

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in December 2016 as charity number 1170657.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objectives of the Charity are:

To enable persons in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre 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.

##### **KEY OBJECTIVES**

###### **Emotional support**

To continue to provide emotional support by telephone, email and reaching out activities. Samaritans' vision is for a society in which:

Fewer people die by suicide.

People are able to explore their feelings.

People are able to acknowledge and respect the feelings of others.

The importance of having the opportunity to explore difficult feelings.

###### **Publicity and recruitment**

To increase awareness of the Samaritans service in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre area and also to increase the number of volunteers in order to improve and expand our availability.

###### **Fund-raising**

To continue trading in our Charity Shop, collecting goods and saleable stock. We are grateful to all donors who have generously supported us throughout the year.

## **BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charity shop**

During 2024 we faced a few challenges; the main one being the roof leak. We banded together as a team and cleaned up from the leak, put in place roofers to rectify the issue, had team members setting up a new till and card machine. The epitome of team work.

In my first year we have worked hard on keeping our standard of stock high and varied for bargain prices in a well-presented shop and I believe we have accomplished that and truly stand out for great reasons compared to the other charity shops in Blackpool. We have a brilliantly diverse, friendly, and hard-working group of volunteers that support me in doing my job and I am eternally grateful for each and every one. Together as a team we are working hard and pushing onwards and upwards.

For 2025 my main objectives I want to work towards are to increase our takings further and become more profitable and increase our volunteer numbers to allow us to be fully staffed on a consistent basis.

##### **HMP Kirkham**

Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Samaritans have an ongoing relationship with HMP Kirkham, which is a Category 'D' - Open Prison, where we support and train 'Listeners', who are prisoners selected by Samaritans. There are fortnightly meetings which give the Branch Prison Team opportunity to support Listeners and ensure the Listener Scheme is running effectively within the prison setting. This is also done by working closely with the 'Safer Custody' team working for the Prison Service at HMP Kirkham. Listeners provide emotional support to other prisoners who may be having a difficult time, experiencing feelings of sadness or despair.

2024- 25 has been a particularly difficult year for the Listener Prisoner Scheme at HMP Kirkham with many Listeners being released early, causing a dramatic decline in Listeners at Kirkham. The overall health of the scheme has deteriorated due to changes within staffing structures at the prison, which has affected our communication with prison staff. We are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel now and have welcomed some new Listeners to the team. A special thanks to my Branch Prison Support Team; Carolyn, Lisa, Mick and Tony, all of whom have been a tremendous help in keeping the scheme going and taking on additional responsibilities to their branch duties, in order to support me and the Listeners at HMP Kirkham. The Listener Scheme at HMP Kirkham would not have survived this year without them.

##### **Partnership/outreach**

Having reached half way through our three year stint some occasions begin to repeat for the Outreach team. We have Small Talk Saves Lives repeated at North Station, the use of our Charity Shop for Brew Monday and the College Freshers events at Bispham and Blackpool. The theme of delivering to those who would not naturally call us remains the objective for the Outreach team. Of course, when we are representing the face of Samaritans we have the unusual benefit of being the actual face that few of our callers see. This results in many, many thanks for the work we do. Often this feedback is from people who have gone through tremendous trials and have come through the other side. Always saying we have been part of saving them. So we carry on, continue to bang the Samaritans drum and tackle the next challenge. Big thanks go to Angie, Joan, Jess, Gordon, Steven, Lisa and Gina.

##### **Publicity**

In 2024/25, publicity has focused on volunteer recruitment, advertising for the shop, and developing materials to support fundraising.

## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### **Recruitment, selection and training**

During 2024/2025 we have interviewed 52 volunteers of which 22 chose to make the decision to become a full Samaritans volunteer. We held 4 open evenings in between Nov 24 and April 25, giving prospective volunteers the opportunity to ask any questions before making any commitment, 20 prospective volunteers decided not to take their application further.

From March 2024 we trained 16 volunteers face to face and had 4 take the core training with the Samaritans Training School (STS), which is done on Zoom, with 2 more due to start this April.

We currently have 9 people being mentored, some of whom are trained in branch and some are from STS. 4 people have become full volunteers and 4 more are nearly there when they complete their Embedding. The Embedding is now done with STS on Zoom, whereas before it was completed in house.

By March 2025 we now have 83 Listening Vols, of which 10 are probationers. We also had 1 person who returned to the branch and has completed their Core Training online with the Central Training School.

As we go into the second half of 2025, focus will be on increasing our volunteer numbers not only in the branch, but our shop and our support volunteers also.

We also have support volunteers who undergo digital learning before taking up their role.

Many thanks to all Samaritans who dedicate their time to increasing our volunteer numbers because it is much appreciated by our callers.

If anyone reading this wants to know more about the opportunities to support our wonderful charity, please don't hesitate to contact the Director: ([Blackpool.Director@samaritans.org](mailto:Blackpool.Director@samaritans.org)).

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees take into consideration the level of reserves to be held for the prudent management of working assets, commitments and contingencies, aiming to maintain sufficient unrestricted cash reserves to continue operating for at least eighteen months.

This is considered prudent due to the uncertainty of any future income.

The total reserves at 31 March 2025 were £306,928, of which Fixed assets represented £225,000, therefore, the free reserves were £81,928.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

As we close the financial year, I am pleased to present the annual accounts for Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Samaritans. This year has been one of challenge and growth, and I am proud of the impact we continue to have in support of our mission.

Firstly, a huge thank you to our volunteers and supporters who continue to dedicate their time to us. This year our Outreach team have continued to raise awareness, expand our reach and make meaningful connections in the community. This year making connections with our Blackpool MP, Blackpool North Station, NatWest, Home Bargains to name a few.

Our 'PFAD' scheme (paying for the operation of the branch for a day) contributions continue to be supported by local businesses and individuals.

One of our rental flats had to be re-let again, a small investment was made to bring it back up to standard.

We continue to receive a contribution to branch overheads from the Prison Listening Scheme in addition to the reimbursements in respect of expenses incurred by our volunteers visiting H.M.P. Kirkham. In September 2024, the UK Government announced the early release scheme for prisoners, due to capacity woes. The listening scheme at H.M.P. Kirkham has suffered as a result, but our devoted prison team continue to support every fortnight.

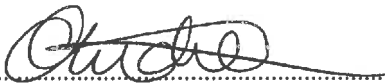
The Branch Leadership Team continues to remain vigilant regarding our financial integrity and are continuously well guided by our experienced Treasurer to enable the provision of a safe and fully functioning branch from which to deliver our service.

We face ongoing challenges and pressures with our Charity Shop on Topping Street, with increased salary costs, lower than anticipated footfall, leading to smaller profits, the Trustees will continue to regularly review income and performance to ensure its long-term viability.

I would like to personally thank all the Branch Leadership Team, including our Trustees, who continue to support our amazing charity. To all our Listening, Support and Shop Volunteers, your support is vital and deeply appreciated.

I look forward to the year ahead with optimism and determination as we continue to do what we do best, listen.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



O Tudor

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre 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.



Paul Daley ATT

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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Voluntary income	2	22,991	492	23,483	12,715
Activities to generating funds	3	33,525	-	33,525	35,714
Investment income	4	<u>7,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,732</u>	<u>5,930</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>64,248</u>	<u>492</u>	<u>64,740</u>	<u>54,359</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Listening service	5	27,829	492	28,321	36,685
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs		31,466	-	31,466	28,236
Governance		<u>2,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,194</u>	<u>3,979</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>61,489</u>	<u>492</u>	<u>61,981</u>	<u>68,900</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		2,759	-	2,759	(14,541)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>304,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,169</u>	<u>318,710</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>306,928</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>306,928</u></u>	<u><u>304,169</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	225,000	-	225,000	225,000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	3,400	-	3,400	1,566
Cash at bank		<u>78,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,772</u>	<u>77,847</u>
		82,172	-	82,172	79,413
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(244)	-	(244)	(244)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>81,928</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,928</u>	<u>79,169</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>306,928</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,928</u>	<u>304,169</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>306,928</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>306,928</u></u>	<u><u>304,169</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11				
Unrestricted funds				<u>306,928</u>	<u>304,169</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>306,928</u></u>	<u><u>304,169</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
 .....  
 O Tudor - Trustee

# BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

## 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**

Voluntary income including donations, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature, is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods;
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

#### **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.

Costs of generating funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

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

#### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

#### **Support Costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Freehold property is included on the balance sheet at cost.

Fixtures and fittings are included at cost less accumulated depreciation.

#### **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.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

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.

**2. VOLUNTARY INCOME**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	19,668	9,690
Legacies	1,776	-
Grants	<u>2,039</u>	<u>3,025</u>
	<u>23,483</u>	<u>12,715</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
HMP Kirkham volunteers	491	1,028
Listener scheme prison grant	<u>1,548</u>	<u>1,997</u>
	<u>2,039</u>	<u>3,025</u>

**3. ACTIVITIES TO GENERATING FUNDS**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Shop income	33,525	35,574
200 Club	-	<u>140</u>
	<u>33,525</u>	<u>35,714</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rents received	6,375	4,868
Interest receivable	<u>1,357</u>	<u>1,062</u>
	<u>7,732</u>	<u>5,930</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Listening service	28,321	-	28,321
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs	31,466	-	31,466
Governance	<u>-</u>	<u>2,194</u>	<u>2,194</u>
	<u>59,787</u>	<u>2,194</u>	<u>61,981</u>

**6. 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**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**7. STAFF COSTS**

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

	2025	2024
Fundraising trading	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

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

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>225,000</u>	<u>27,005</u>	<u>252,005</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>27,005</u>	<u>27,005</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>225,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,000</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>225,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,000</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	<u>3,400</u>	<u>1,566</u>

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>244</u>	<u>244</u>

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31/3/25
			£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	304,169	2,759	306,928
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>304,169</u>	<u>2,759</u>	<u>306,928</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	64,248	(61,489)	2,759
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
HMP Kirkham volunteers	492	(492)	-
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>64,740</u>	<u>(61,981)</u>	<u>2,759</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/23	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31/3/24
			£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	318,710	(14,541)	304,169
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>318,710</u>	<u>(14,541)</u>	<u>304,169</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	53,331	(67,872)	(14,541)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
HMP Kirkham volunteers	1,028	(1,028)	-
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>54,359</u>	<u>(68,900)</u>	<u>(14,541)</u>

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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	318,710	(11,782)	306,928
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>318,710</u>	<u>(11,782)</u>	<u>306,928</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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	117,579	(129,361)	(11,782)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
HMP Kirkham volunteers	1,520	(1,520)	-
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>119,099</u>	<u>(130,881)</u>	<u>(11,782)</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

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

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations	19,668	9,690
Legacies	1,776	-
Grants	<u>2,039</u>	<u>3,025</u>
	23,483	12,715
<b>Activities to generating funds</b>		
Shop income	33,525	35,574
200 Club	<u>-</u>	<u>140</u>
	33,525	35,714
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	6,375	4,868
Interest receivable	<u>1,357</u>	<u>1,062</u>
	<u>7,732</u>	<u>5,930</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	64,740	54,359
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Employment costs	22,024	14,369
Establishment costs	17,041	20,035
Repairs & maintenance	12,051	16,005
Travel	3,442	4,417
Telephone	2,661	4,117
Postage and stationery	1,800	2,589
Advertising	766	1,380
Fundraising	2	-
Fixtures and fittings	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>
	59,787	62,921
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Branch contribution	924	2,817
Subscriptions	40	40
Independent examiner	1,230	1,122
Consultancy	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>2,194</u>	<u>5,979</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>61,981</u>	<u>68,900</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u><u>2,759</u></u>	<u><u>(14,541)</u></u>

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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170657

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1170657

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024  
FOR  
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**SAMARITANS**

**Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre**

Jones Harris Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
17 St Peters Place  
Fleetwood  
Lancashire  
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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**TRUSTEES**

N Bachmann (appointed 23.7.23)  
S Brookes (appointed 23.7.23)  
A Collinge  
P M Desborough  
D Grundy  
H Harrop  
A Howarth  
C Lamb  
O Tudor - Director  
J Rowland  
K Smith  
D Whitehead (appointed 23.7.23)

**DIRECTOR**

O Tudor

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

16 Edward Street  
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**REGISTERED CHARITY  
NUMBER**

1170657

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Jones Harris Limited  
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**BANKERS**

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## **BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Samaritans Organisation as a whole includes more than 200 branches/satellites and hubs across the UK and Ireland, either as full or affiliated members of the Samaritans Central Charity.

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Samaritans is an affiliated member.

It is through the volunteers within these units that the Samaritans provide a confidential emotional support service via the telephone, email or a new 'wechat' service.

The governing body of the Central Charity is the Board of Trustees supported by various committees to which is delegated the various aspects of running the organisation.

All of our branch trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and are in receipt of the Charity Commission Guideline booklet, in addition they have all completed the online Learning Trustee training and obtained their certificates.

##### **Governing document**

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in December 2016 as charity number 1170657.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objectives of the Charity are:

To enable persons in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre 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.

##### **KEY OBJECTIVES**

###### **Emotional support**

To continue to provide emotional support by telephone, email and reaching out activities. Samaritans' vision is for a society in which:

Fewer people die by suicide.

People are able to explore their feelings.

People are able to acknowledge and respect the feelings of others.

The importance of having the opportunity to explore difficult feelings.

###### **Publicity and recruitment**

To increase awareness of the Samaritans service in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre area and also to increase the number of volunteers in order to improve and expand our availability.

###### **Fund-raising**

To continue trading in our Charity Shop, collecting goods and saleable stock. We are grateful to all donors who have generously supported us throughout the year.

## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Charity shop

It was a year of change for our shop based at 66, Topping Street, Blackpool.

The Trustees decided that part of a legacy received in 2022/23 would be used for refurbishments. That work took place during this financial year giving the premises a new look for volunteers and customers alike.

After 30+ years, Sylvia decided to retire from her role as shop manager. Thanks and best wishes for her future were expressed at a function held in Edward Street where a gift from branch volunteers was presented.

The Director and Vice Director interviewed candidates for the vacant post and were pleased to announce that Chantelle had been appointed who took up the role in February.

##### HMP Kirkham

Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans have a strong relationship with HMP Kirkham, which is a Category 'D' - Open Prison, where we support and train 'Listeners' who are prisoners selected by Samaritans who form the Prison team. There are fortnightly meetings which give the Branch Prison Team opportunity to support Listeners and ensure the Listener Scheme is running effectively within the prison setting. This is also done by working closely with the 'Safer Custody' team working for the Prison Service at HMP Kirkham. Listeners provide emotional support to other prisoners who may be having a difficult time, experiencing overwhelming feelings of sadness or despair. Awareness and fundraising events are another element of the Listener Scheme at HMP Kirkham to build upon a worthy and beneficial relationship between Samaritans and the Prison Service.

##### Partnership/outreach

The goal of any Outreach project is firmly set in the goals of Samaritans, being "To reduce Suicides". I suppose the objective is clear, the results in black and white in the numbers of suicides per year and yet the methods are so very different.

In Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre we do both the traditional and we try the innovative. On the traditional we have presentations with any group that will have us, we fund raise with store bucket collections and our high street charity shop and also attend celebrity concerts for fund raising where we are invited. We supported our Central Office with take overs at Blackpool, Lytham and Fleetwood parkruns as part of involvement in the 2024 London Marathon.

Over the last few years we have also gone out to places where we would not normally be invited. With the growth in the need seen by business in the Mental Health field we have attempted to break this deep fear of talking about mental health. We have seen some great successes, where the last people a lot of these individuals would talk to have opened up in non-threatening presentations. It is within these two areas, the traditional and the innovative that we will concentrate over the next year.

##### Publicity

In 2023/24, publicity has concentrated on volunteers providing a presence in the community emphasising on awareness rather than engage in media campaigns.

##### Recruitment, selection and training

Samaritans recruited 4000 volunteers across the UK 2022/ 2023 which was an amazing achievement.

We held an open evening in April 2023 which gave people the opportunity to ask questions before they made any commitment. During 2023/2024 we have interviewed 37 potential volunteers who could proceed onto a training course. Of the 37 aforementioned prospective volunteers 22 chose to make the progression to become a full Samaritans volunteer. By March 2024 we now have 8 who are full volunteers, 4 who are trainees and 6 who are completing their training. We also have 1 person who is returning and has completed her Core Training online with the Central School. Many thanks to all those dedicated to increasing our volunteer numbers.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Reserves policy

The Trustees take into consideration the level of reserves to be held for the prudent management of working assets, commitments and contingencies. Trustees have decided to hold reserves of £60,000 in regard to this.

The total reserves at 31 March 2024 were £304,169, of which Fixed Assets represented £225,000, therefore the free reserves were £79,169.

## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

With a new Director appointed in September 2023, bringing with it new beginnings, new challenges, and new opportunities. I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for what we as an organisation can and have achieved together. This year has seen some big changes, but our core service and mission always remain the same.

The cost-of-living crisis continued to grip the UK and runs deep in every community, consequently it is having a significant impact on people's mental health. Since answering our first call in 1953, Samaritans has been there for people during their most difficult times, and we are needed as much now as ever before. The cost-of-living crisis means many people are finding it much harder to make ends meet.

In 2022, there wasn't a single second when a volunteer in the UK wasn't on the phone to someone. As a branch, we are proud to have supported those callers who needed it most.

Our branch has continued to be in the top 25% of all branches as regards volunteers sacrificing all or a major part of a night's sleep to respond to those in crisis. Due to the cost-of-living crisis we have seen an increase in first-time calls for help from people opening up about their financial worries. Other issues such as loneliness, mental health and bereavements continue to be top of the list.

As a charity we have continued to benefit from a variety of sources of support to help keep the branch financially sound. We have received numerous donations over the course of the year from individuals, businesses and a trade union as well as via participation in fundraising events. In addition, the branch has received a number of stock donations for our shop with a large delivery of over 1,000 items from a TV Production Company, kindly supported by Courtenay Smart-Jones.

Our 'PFAD' scheme (paying for the operation of the branch for a day) contributions has continued to be supported by local businesses and individuals.

One of our rental flats had to be re-let, a small investment was made to bring it back up to standard and an increase in rent was implemented on both flats.

We received a contribution to branch overheads from Prison Listening Scheme in addition to the reimbursements in respect of expenses incurred by our volunteers visiting H.M.P. Kirkham. Our new Prison Deputy Director, Lou continues to build on the relationship with the Governor at H.M.P. Kirkham.

Samaritans Central Charity was the main charity partner for the London Marathon 2024. This resulted in some fantastic awareness for the charity as well as extra income. Scott, one of our volunteers ran the London Marathon in aid of our branch and raised £2,020.74. We cannot express our gratitude enough to Scott for supporting our branch.

The Branch Leadership Team remained vigilant regarding our financial integrity and are continuously well-guided by our Treasurer to enable the provision of safe and fully functioning accommodation from which to deliver our service.

With outgoings at the forefront, careful consideration has been given to all areas of expenditure. The annual budget is set each year and our Treasurer ensures tight control over this. The up-to-date income and expenditure position is reviewed at each six-weekly Branch Leadership Team meeting.

We have a clear structure in our operating agreement, issued to all branches by Samaritans Central Office. We can confirm that the major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures put in place to manage them.

As an affiliated (self-funded) branch we have been able to cover our daily running costs during the year from the sources mentioned above.

Our costs, in addition to our Listening services, include core development training and on-going development for all volunteers as well as us resuming our Outreach activities.

Moving into 24/25, we are expecting to see our budget increase due to the changes that have happened with our shop. After 30 years, Sylvia, our Shop Manager decided to retire, shortly followed by Ruth's departure and we welcomed Chantelle at the start of 2024. The Trustees made the decision to appoint Chantelle with a full-time contract to allow us to focus further our efforts on increasing the income from the shop. A refurb also took place in 2023, to modernise and refresh the look of the shop, thanks go to Angie for her support in turning this around and also to the support of Trinity Hospice for their help and guidance during this period. We have seen the shop and the branch integrate further this year and we are grateful for all our volunteers who continue to generously give time and energy out of their busy lives to support our organisation.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The Trustees have had a lot of decisions to make over this past year in order to allow us to continue to sustain ourselves as a charity for the many years to come. We have a knowledgeable team and one that is dedicated to supporting each other. I want to thank them for their support to me as a new Director.

I'd also like to express my thanks to all our Listening, Support and Shop Volunteers without whom we could not operate.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



O Tudor

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**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').

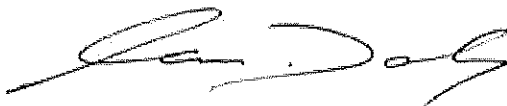
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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.



Paul Daley ATT

Jones Harris Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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FY7 6EB

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Voluntary income	2	11,687	1,028	12,715	27,968
Activities to generating funds	3	35,714	-	35,714	32,859
Investment income	4	<u>5,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,930</u>	<u>7,931</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>53,331</u>	<u>1,028</u>	<u>54,359</u>	<u>68,758</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities	5				
Listening service		35,657	1,028	36,685	30,200
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs		28,236	-	28,236	18,177
Governance		<u>3,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,979</u>	<u>1,298</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>67,872</u>	<u>1,028</u>	<u>68,900</u>	<u>49,675</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(14,541)	-	(14,541)	19,083
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>318,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,710</u>	<u>299,627</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>304,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,169</u>	<u>318,710</u>


The notes form part of these financial statements

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	225,000	-	225,000	225,009
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	1,566	-	1,566	3,797
Cash at bank		<u>77,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,847</u>	<u>91,599</u>
		79,413	-	79,413	95,396
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(244)	-	(244)	(1,695)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>79,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,169</u>	<u>93,701</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>304,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,169</u>	<u>318,710</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>304,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,169</u>	<u>318,710</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11				
Unrestricted funds				<u>304,169</u>	<u>318,710</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>304,169</u>	<u>318,710</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



O Tudor

The notes form part of these financial statements

## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### 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**

Voluntary income including donations, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature, is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods;
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

##### **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.

Costs of generating funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

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

##### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

##### **Support Costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Freehold property is included on the balance sheet at cost.

Fixtures and fittings are included at cost less accumulated depreciation.

##### **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.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

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.

**2. VOLUNTARY INCOME**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	9,690	12,499
Legacies	-	12,755
Grants	<u>3,025</u>	<u>2,714</u>
	<u>12,715</u>	<u>27,968</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Listener scheme prison grant	1,997	1,560
HMP Kirkham volunteers	<u>1,028</u>	<u>1,154</u>
	<u>3,025</u>	<u>2,714</u>

**3. ACTIVITIES TO GENERATING FUNDS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Shop income	35,574	32,823
200 Club	<u>140</u>	<u>36</u>
	<u>35,714</u>	<u>32,859</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rents received	4,868	7,708
Interest receivable	<u>1,062</u>	<u>223</u>
	<u>5,930</u>	<u>7,931</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Listening service	36,685	-	36,685
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs	26,236	2,000	28,236
Governance	-	3,979	3,979
	<u>62,921</u>	<u>5,979</u>	<u>68,900</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**7. STAFF COSTS**

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

	2024	2023
Fundraising trading	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

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

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>225,000</u>	<u>27,005</u>	<u>252,005</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2023	-	26,996	26,996
Charge for year	-	9	9
At 31 March 2024	-	<u>27,005</u>	<u>27,005</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>225,000</u>	-	<u>225,000</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>225,000</u>	9	<u>225,009</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

<b>9.</b>	<b>DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	2024	2023
		£	£
	Prepayments	<u>1,566</u>	<u>3,797</u>
<b>10.</b>	<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	2024	2023
		£	£
	Other creditors	<u>244</u>	<u>1,695</u>
<b>11.</b>	<b>MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		
		Net movement in funds	At
	At 1/4/23	£	31/3/24
		£	£
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
	General fund	318,710	(14,541)
		<u>318,710</u>	<u>304,169</u>
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>318,710</u>	<u>(14,541)</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	53,331	(67,872)	(14,541)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
HMP Kirkham volunteers	1,028	(1,028)	-
	<u>54,359</u>	<u>(68,900)</u>	<u>(14,541)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>54,359</u>	<u>(68,900)</u>	<u>(14,541)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	Net movement in funds	At
At 1/4/22	£	31/3/23
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
General fund	299,627	19,083
	<u>299,627</u>	<u>318,710</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>299,627</u>	<u>19,083</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	67,604	(48,521)	19,083
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
HMP Kirkham volunteers	1,154	(1,154)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>68,758</u>	<u>(49,675)</u>	<u>19,083</u>

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

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	299,627	4,542	304,169
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>299,627</u>	<u>4,542</u>	<u>304,169</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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	120,935	(116,393)	4,542
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
HMP Kirkham volunteers	2,182	(2,182)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>123,117</u>	<u>(118,575)</u>	<u>4,542</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**  
**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations	9,690	12,499
Legacies	-	12,755
Grants	<u>3,025</u>	<u>2,714</u>
	12,715	27,968
<b>Activities to generating funds</b>		
Shop income	35,574	32,823
200 Club	<u>140</u>	<u>36</u>
	35,714	32,859
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	4,868	7,708
Interest receivable	<u>1,062</u>	<u>223</u>
	<u>5,930</u>	<u>7,931</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	54,359	68,758
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Employment costs	14,369	9,876
Establishment costs	20,035	15,050
Repairs & maintenance	16,005	11,541
Travel	4,417	5,875
Telephone	4,117	895
Postage and stationery	2,589	2,228
Advertising	1,380	2,889
Sundries	-	20
Fixtures and fittings	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>
	62,921	48,377
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Branch contribution	2,817	256
Subscriptions	40	40
Independent examiner	1,122	1,002
Consultancy	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,979</u>	<u>1,298</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>68,900</u>	<u>49,675</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(14,541)</u>	<u>19,083</u>

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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170657

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1170657

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023  
FOR  
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

Jones Harris Limited  
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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**TRUSTEES**

A Collinge  
P Evans - Director  
D Grundy  
H Harrop  
J Rowland  
K Smith  
S Taylor  
P M Desborough (appointed 21.7.22)  
A Howarth (appointed 21.7.22)  
C Lamb (appointed 21.7.22)  
O Tudor (appointed 21.7.22)

**DIRECTOR**

P Evans

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

16 Edward Street  
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**REGISTERED CHARITY  
NUMBER**

1170657

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Jones Harris Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
17 St Peters Place  
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**BANKERS**

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Oxford Square  
1 Newhouse Lane  
Blackpool  
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## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. 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).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Samaritans Organisation as a whole includes more than 200 branches/satellites and hubs across the UK and Ireland, either as full or affiliated members of the Samaritans Central Charity.

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Samaritans is an affiliated member.

It is through the volunteers within these units that Samaritans provide confidential emotional support service via the telephone, email and a new 'webchat' service among other ways.

The governing body of the Central Charity is the Board of Trustees supported by various committees to which is delegated the various aspects of running the organisation.

All of our branch trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and are in receipt of the Charity Commission Guideline booklet, in addition they have all completed the online Learning Trustee training and obtained their certificates.

#### **Governing document**

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in December 2016 as charity number 1170657

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objectives of the Charity are:

To enable persons in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre 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.

#### **KEY OBJECTIVES**

##### **Emotional support**

To continue to provide emotional support by telephone, email and reaching out activities. Samaritans' vision is for a society in which:

Fewer people die by suicide.

People are able to explore their feelings.

People are able to acknowledge and respect the feelings of others.

Our values are based on these beliefs:

The importance of having the opportunity to explore difficult feelings.

##### **Publicity and recruitment**

To increase awareness of the Samaritans service in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre area and also to increase the number of volunteers in order to improve and expand our availability.

##### **Fund-raising**

To continue trading in our Charity Shop, collecting goods and saleable stock. We are grateful to all donors who have generously supported us throughout the year.

## **BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charity shop**

Our shop on Topping Street provides a visible reminder of our presence within the community as does the warmth of the service provided by its manager and volunteers - collecting, sorting and selling items donated by the local community, this raises much needed funds allowing us to provide our listening service.

##### **HMP Kirkham**

We have a very positive relationship with HMP Kirkham which is a Category 'D' establishment i.e. an 'Open' prison where we support and train Listeners who are prisoners selected by Samaritans.

They provide emotional support to fellow prisoners following Samaritan guidelines. That support is given in confidence within the prison to those experiencing feeling of distress and despair.

##### **Partnership/outreach**

Throughout the year we promoted our outreach work by attending a number of local events where we were able to network with other like-minded organisations and meet with the general public in order to increase the profile of Samaritans within our area.

Reaching out to young people remains high on our list of priorities and we continued our working partnership with Blackpool and the Fylde college to help support their students and raise awareness of the emotional support we offer. We have been involved at local rail stations during the year by engaging with rail passengers and encouraging them to open up about their worries and this has confirmed that offering support in an outside setting is an area we should focus on.

Identifying high risk locations with advice from local authorities enabled us to display further Samaritan signage and we will continue to look for ways of reaching out to people.

##### **Publicity**

Our primary source of advertising in the past year has been the local newspaper, the Blackpool Evening Gazette.

Following a change to Samaritans national policy the only social media stream we have been able to use to publicise (including fundraising) our branch and the Samaritans services is Twitter.

##### **Recruitment, selection and training**

It is a sobering statistic from Central Office (Sams Home 2021) that nationally only 10% of initial enquiries about volunteering with Samaritans result in a fully trained volunteer.

Recruitment and Selection for listening and support volunteers has continued throughout 2022/2023 with a gradual reintroduction of more face to face interviews and an information evening last November.

Despite the many challenges that all charities are facing with the recruitment process, the team have interviewed and agreed that 25 potential volunteers could proceed onto a training course. This represents approximately 50% of initial applications/ enquiries.

Of the 25 aforementioned prospective volunteers, 18 chose to undertake their training journey within the branch. By 25th March 2023, 5 had progressed to become full volunteers, 3 are at the probationary stage and a remaining 7 had completed Core Development training.

Many thanks to all those dedicated to increasing our volunteer numbers.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees take into consideration the level of reserves to be held for the prudent management of working assets, commitments and contingencies.

Branch day to day expenditure has averaged £50,315 over the past seven years ending 31st March 2023. Due to increasing costs in utilities and general purchases, the Trustees have decided to hold reserves of £60,000 in 2023/2024.

## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023

#### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

With the ending of the pandemic the branch quickly returned to normal thanks to the efforts of our volunteers both at the Centre and in our charity shop.

The quantity of calls responded to via phone and email remained at the high levels experienced during covid, largely because of its ongoing mental health impacts and the delays in treatment experienced by people wishing to access NHS support services. Issues such as loneliness, bereavement and family/relationship problems figured significantly in the type of calls received. During the second half of the year what has been described as the 'cost of living crisis' has also added a new dimension to the calls received.

Samaritans nationally during the year introduced an initiative to improve the rate of calls handled between the hours of 11pm and 6am by encouraging more volunteers to attend these hours. Our branch has been in the top 25% of all branches as regards volunteers sacrificing all or a major part of a night's sleep to respond, a generous achievement especially for those with existing 'full lives'.

As a charity we have continued to benefit from a variety of sources of support to help keep the branch financially sound.

We have received numerous donations over the course of the year from individuals, businesses and a trade union as well as via participation in fundraising events. In addition, the branch has received donations from bereaved families plus one particularly generous legacy, shared with the Samaritans branch in Leeds.

Our 'PFAD' scheme (paying for the operation of the branch for a day) contributions has continued to be supported by local businesses and individuals.

Our volunteers also attended the Lytham Festival to provide assistance to the events' patrons and to collect donations this support earned.

Both of our two rental flats have remained occupied over the year rewarding us with the regular income sought from investing time, effort and money to bring them up to a lettable standard.

We received a contribution to branch overheads from Prison Listening Scheme in addition to the reimbursements in respect of expenses incurred by our volunteers visiting H.M.P. Kirkham.

Some volunteers generously requested contributions to the branch in respect of their birthdays and other 'milestone events' via their individual Facebook pages.

The Branch Leadership Team remained vigilant regarding our financial integrity and are well-guided by our Treasurer to enable the provision of safe and fully functioning accommodation from which to deliver our service.

With outgoings at the forefront, careful consideration has been given to all areas of expenditure. The annual budget is set each year and our Treasurer ensures tight control over this. The up-to-date income and expenditure position is reviewed at each six-weekly Branch Leadership Team meeting.

We have a clear structure in our operating agreement, issued to all branches by Samaritans Central Office. We can confirm that the major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures put in place to manage them.

As an affiliated (self-funded) branch we have been able to cover our daily running costs during the year from the sources mentioned above.

Our costs, in addition to our Listening services, include core development training and on-going development for all volunteers as well as us resuming our Outreach activities.

We are very fortunate to have our shop volunteers, with Sylvia, our shop manager at the forefront of our public face and community presence. The people of Blackpool and surrounding area continue to generously donate their goods and, as crucially, purchase from us. This 'recycling' has been good for us and the community, as well as the Environment.

All our volunteers continue to generously give time and energy out of their busy lives to be there for callers in addition to filling various roles in branch, without which it could not function efficiently, nor possibly even exist.

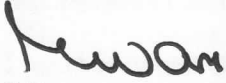
The Trustees sometimes have difficult decisions to make, but we have a knowledgeable and experienced committee, open-minded and one which adapts to the new challenges ahead. I want to thank them for their dedication and generosity with their time and energy.

My fellow volunteers have given great support to the Branch as well as each other, over the past 12 months. We have also been able to recruit new volunteers who have made a significant contribution to supporting our callers and enabling us to continue to successfully provide our much-needed services.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



P Evans

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**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.



Paul Daley ATT

Jones Harris Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
17 St Peters Place  
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13 June 2023

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Voluntary income	2	26,814	1,154	27,968	14,859
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants for generating funds	5	-	-	-	2,829
Activities to generating funds	3	32,859	-	32,859	28,748
Investment income	4	<u>7,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,931</u>	<u>2,732</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>67,604</u>	<u>1,154</u>	<u>68,758</u>	<u>49,168</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Listening service	6	29,046	1,154	30,200	31,248
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs		18,177	-	18,177	32,237
Governance		<u>1,298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,298</u>	<u>970</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>48,521</u>	<u>1,154</u>	<u>49,675</u>	<u>64,455</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		19,083	-	19,083	(15,287)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>299,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,627</u>	<u>314,914</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>318,710</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>318,710</u></u>	<u><u>299,627</u></u>

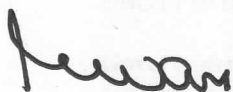
**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	225,009	-	225,009	225,012
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	3,797	-	3,797	382
Cash at bank		<u>91,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,599</u>	<u>76,740</u>
		95,396	-	95,396	77,122
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,695)	-	(1,695)	(2,507)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>93,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,701</u>	<u>74,615</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>318,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,710</u>	<u>299,627</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>318,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,710</u>	<u>299,627</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12				
Unrestricted funds				<u>318,710</u>	<u>299,627</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>318,710</u>	<u>299,627</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



P Evans

# BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2023

### 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

Voluntary income including donations, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature, is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods;
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

#### 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.

Costs of generating funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

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

#### Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

#### Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Freehold property is included on the balance sheet at cost.

Fixtures and fittings are included at cost less accumulated depreciation.

#### 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.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

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.

**2. VOLUNTARY INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	12,499	7,156
Legacies	12,755	-
Grants	<u>2,714</u>	<u>7,703</u>
	<u>27,968</u>	<u>14,859</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Listener scheme prison grant	1,560	2,426
Samaritan pears funding	-	4,566
HMP Kirkham volunteers	<u>1,154</u>	<u>711</u>
	<u>2,714</u>	<u>7,703</u>

**3. ACTIVITIES TO GENERATING FUNDS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Shop income	32,823	28,527
200 Club	<u>36</u>	<u>221</u>
	<u>32,859</u>	<u>28,748</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rents received	7,708	2,712
Interest receivable	<u>223</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>7,931</u>	<u>2,732</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		2023	2022
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Grants for generating funds	<u>-</u>	<u>2,829</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

		2023	2022
		£	£
HMRC job retention scheme		-	162
Blackpool council restart grant		<u>-</u>	<u>2,667</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>2,829</u>

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Listening service	30,200	-	30,200
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs	18,177	-	18,177
Governance	<u>-</u>	<u>1,298</u>	<u>1,298</u>
	<u>48,377</u>	<u>1,298</u>	<u>49,675</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

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

	2023	2022
Fundraising trading	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

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for the year ended 31 March 2023

**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>225,000</u>	<u>27,005</u>	<u>252,005</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2022	-	26,993	26,993
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>26,996</u>	<u>26,996</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2023	<u>225,000</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>225,009</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>225,000</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>225,012</u>

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	<u>3,797</u>	<u>382</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	<u>1,695</u>	<u>2,507</u>

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	299,627	19,083	318,710
	<u>299,627</u>	<u>19,083</u>	<u>318,710</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	67,604	(48,521)	19,083
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
HMP Kirkham volunteers	<u>1,154</u>	<u>(1,154)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>68,758</u>	<u>(49,675)</u>	<u>19,083</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
for the year ended 31 March 2023

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	312,498	(12,871)	299,627
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Lottery RC North West	1,977	(1,977)	-
Shop manager wages	<u>439</u>	<u>(439)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,416</u>	<u>(2,416)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>314,914</u>	<u>(15,287)</u>	<u>299,627</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	43,729	(56,600)	(12,871)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Lottery RC North West	-	(1,977)	(1,977)
Shop manager wages	162	(601)	(439)
Samaritan pears fund	4,566	(4,566)	-
HMP Kirkham volunteers	<u>711</u>	<u>(711)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,439</u>	<u>(7,855)</u>	<u>(2,416)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>49,168</u>	<u>(64,455)</u>	<u>(15,287)</u>

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

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	312,498	6,212	318,710
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Lottery RC North West	1,977	(1,977)	-
Shop manager wages	<u>439</u>	<u>(439)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,416</u>	<u>(2,416)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>314,914</u>	<u>3,796</u>	<u>318,710</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	111,333	(105,121)	6,212
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Lottery RC North West	-	(1,977)	(1,977)
Shop manager wages	162	(601)	(439)
Samaritan pears fund	4,566	(4,566)	-
HMP Kirkham volunteers	<u>1,865</u>	<u>(1,865)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>6,593</u>	<u>(9,009)</u>	<u>(2,416)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>117,926</u>	<u>(114,130)</u>	<u>3,796</u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations	12,499	7,156
Legacies	12,755	-
Grants	<u>2,714</u>	<u>7,703</u>
	27,968	14,859
<b>Activities to generating funds</b>		
Shop income	32,823	28,527
200 Club	<u>36</u>	<u>221</u>
	32,859	28,748
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	7,708	2,712
Interest receivable	<u>223</u>	<u>20</u>
	7,931	2,732
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>2,829</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	68,758	49,168
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Employment costs	9,876	9,080
Establishment costs	15,050	10,965
Repairs & maintenance	11,541	30,067
Travel	5,875	4,523
Telephone	895	4,119
Postage and stationery	2,228	2,120
Advertising	2,889	2,556
Sundries	20	51
Fixtures and fittings	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
	48,377	63,485
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Branch contribution	256	-
Subscriptions	40	40
Independent examiner	<u>1,002</u>	<u>930</u>
	1,298	970
Total resources expended	<u>49,675</u>	<u>64,455</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>19,083</u>	<u>(15,287)</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170657

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1170657

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022  
FOR  
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

Jones Harris Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
17 St Peters Place  
Fleetwood  
Lancashire  
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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	A Collinge P Evans - Director S Fenney J Goldin L Green D Grundy (appointed 23.7.21) H Guest H Harrop J Rowland K Smith (appointed 23.7.21) S Taylor
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	P Evans
<b>PRINCIPAL ADDRESS</b>	16 Edward Street Blackpool Lancashire FY1 1BA
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1170657
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Jones Harris Limited Chartered Accountants 17 St Peters Place Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6EB
<b>BANKERS</b>	HSBC UK Oxford Square 1 Newhouse Lane Blackpool Lancashire FY4 4YH

## **BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Samaritans Organisation as a whole includes 201 branches. Each of these branches made a decision to either join or affiliate to the Samaritans Central Charity and it is through the volunteers in the branch that Samaritans provide confidential emotional support.

The governing body of the Central Charity is the Board of Trustees supported by six committees. Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans has a Management Committee consisting of 11 Trustees. The Branch Director has overall responsibility for the charity with deputies to assist in varying roles within the branch.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. 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. All trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and are in receipt of the Charity Commission Guideline booklet. Also, all trustees have completed the E-Learning Trustee training and obtained their certificates.

During the year risk management activities have been undertaken and are continually ongoing, covering all areas including Health & Safety & Fire Risk. Action was taken in the areas where the need for improvement was identified. The assessments covered the Branch in Edward Street and the Charity Shop in Topping Street

#### **Governing document**

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in December 2016 as charity number 1170657.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objectives of the Charity are:

To enable persons in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre 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.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**KEY OBJECTIVES**

**Emotional support**

To continue to provide emotional support by telephone, email and reaching out activities. Samaritans' vision is for a society in which:

Fewer people die by suicide.

People are able to explore their feelings.

People are able to acknowledge and respect the feelings of others.

Our values are based on these beliefs:

The importance of having the opportunity to explore difficult feelings.

That everyone has the right to make fundamental decisions about their own life, including the right to die by suicide.

**Publicity and recruitment**

To increase awareness of the Samaritans service in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre area and also to increase the number of volunteers in order to improve and expand our availability.

**Fund-raising**

To continue trading in our Charity Shop, collecting goods and saleable stock. We are grateful to all donors who have generously supported us throughout the year.

To maintain contact with businesses who have contributed to our Pay for a Day initiative.

## **BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charity shop**

Our shop on Topping Street provides a visible reminder of our presence within the community as does the warmth of the service provided by its manager and volunteers. Following a trading year which was interrupted by closures due to the pandemic, Blackpool Council provided a restart grant of £2,667 in April 2021.

##### **HMP Kirkham**

We have a very positive relationship with HMP Kirkham which is a Category 'D' establishment i.e. an 'Open' prison where we support and train Listeners who are prisoners selected by Samaritans.

During the past year, Covid 19 restrictions have again disrupted Listener Meetings, but where possible, Listeners continued to offer emotional support to fellow prisoners, throughout this time.

##### **Partnership/outreach**

During the year we were able to restart a few of our Outreach activities once again, although there were still many restrictions in place.

Supporting young people is high on our list of priorities and towards the end of the year our Outreach team received an invitation to attend several well-being days at our local College and it was good to be able to communicate face to face once again and talk about the different ways in which we could be contacted.

We were able to continue with our plan to focus on men's mental health issues by supporting a locally held event for International Men's Day and attending a health and well-being day at Kirkham Prison.

Reaching out to those who are at risk by raising awareness of our service will remain our priority and enable people to benefit from the support we can offer.

##### **Publicity**

Our primary source of advertising in the past year has been the local newspaper, the Blackpool Evening Gazette.

Following a change to Samaritans national policy the only social media stream we have been able to use to promote the branch, Samaritans service and aid fundraising activities has been our Twitter account. Unfortunately, this source ceased midway through the year but we expect to reinstate it early in the coming year.

We also updated the signage at our centre on Edward Street to improve local visibility and provided a much-needed facelift to the building's appearance.

##### **Recruitment, selection and training**

During the year ending 31st March 2022, Recruitment and Selection of potential new volunteers continued, due to Covid restrictions, primarily via video interviews. These were very successful with the accepted applicants progressing through training, resulting in a total of 19 new volunteers in the Branch. With the recent relaxation of Covid restrictions it is intended to resume face to face interviews in Branch, offering video appointments as an alternative.

Many thanks to all those dedicated to increasing our volunteer numbers - Fran, Deputy Director for Recruitment/Selection, and her team of volunteers, and Chrissie, Deputy Director for Training and Mentoring, and her team for all the time they give.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees take into consideration the level of reserves to be held for the prudent management of working assets, commitments and contingencies.

Branch day to day expenditure averaged £52,400 in the nine years ending 31st March 2022. As inflation is widely estimated to rise during the forthcoming financial year and utility companies have quoted increased prices when contracts are to be renewed, the Trustees have decided to hold reserves of £60,000 in 2022/2023.

## **BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022**

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

The continuation of the pandemic again provided for another challenging year for the branch. As was the case throughout the UK we benefited from the vaccination programme and subsequent moves to the introduction of less severe restrictions.

Demands on our telephone and email services continued to remain at a high level due to the pandemic, in particular as a result of the reduction in availability of NHS mental health services and other related issues such as loneliness and bereavement.

As a charity we continued to benefit from a variety of initiatives designed to make up for restrictions on our fundraising activities.

Funding provided via Central Charity in June 2021 was used to improve the appearance of 16, Edward Street.

We also received a contribution to branch overheads from Prison Listening Scheme in addition to the reimbursements in respect of expenses incurred by our volunteers visiting H.M.P. Kirkham.

Some volunteers generously requested contributions to the Branch in respect of their birthdays via their own Facebook pages; plus there was a Samaritans walk and the Samarathon initiative which resulted in additional donations.

The Branch Leadership Team remained vigilant regarding our financial integrity and are well-guided by our Treasurer to enable the provision of safe and fully functioning accommodation from which to deliver our service.

Sadly, because of the pandemic restrictions we continued to be unable to run many of our traditional external fundraising events but latterly some 'Outreach' activities detailed in our report were resumed.

Both of our two rental flats are now occupied with one undergoing a major refurbishment to bring it up to contemporary standards during the winter. As a result, it has been quickly let.

With outgoings at the forefront, careful consideration has been given to all areas of expenditure. The annual budget is set each year and our Treasurer ensures tight control over this. The up-to-date income and expenditure position is to be reviewed at each six-weekly Branch Leadership Trustees meeting.

We have a clear structure in our Operating Agreement, issued to all branches by Samaritans Central Office. We can confirm that the major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures put in place to manage them.

We are a self-funding branch and until this year have been able to cover our daily running costs mainly from the proceeds of our charity shop plus generous, unsolicited donations during the year.

Our costs, in addition to our Listening services, include initial and on-going training for all volunteers as well as supporting our resuming Outreach activities.

In Our 'Pay for a Day' campaign, we ask local businesses if they could support the branch by covering a day's running costs. This has continued successfully from the previous year and we are grateful that businesses remain very generous during what have been challenging trading times.

We are very fortunate to have our shop volunteers, with Sylvia, our shop manager at the forefront of our public face and community presence. The people of Blackpool and surrounding area continue to generously donate their goods and, as crucially, purchase from us. This 'recycling' has been good for us, and good for the Environment.

All of our volunteers continue to generously give time and energy out of their busy lives to be there for callers as well as carrying out various roles in branch, without which it could not function efficiently, nor even exist.

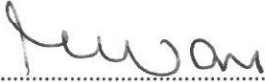
The Trustees sometimes have challenging and difficult decisions to make. We have a knowledgeable and experienced committee, open-minded and one which adapts to the new challenges ahead. I want to thank them for their dedication and commitment.

My fellow volunteers have given great support to the Branch as well as each other, during the past 12 months. We have also been able to recruit new volunteers who are already making a significant contribution to supporting our callers and enabling us to continue to successfully provide our much-needed services.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
P Evans - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 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 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.



Paul Daley ATT  
Jones Harris Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Voluntary income	2	9,582	5,277	14,859	78,277
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants for generating funds	5	2,667	162	2,829	4,395
Activities to generating funds	3	28,748	-	28,748	9,149
Investment income	4	<u>2,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,732</u>	<u>3,016</u>
<b>Total</b>		43,729	5,439	49,168	94,837
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Listening service	6	23,994	7,254	31,248	27,850
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs		31,636	601	32,237	41,802
Governance		970	-	970	940
<b>Total</b>		<u>56,600</u>	<u>7,855</u>	<u>64,455</u>	<u>70,592</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(12,871)	(2,416)	(15,287)	24,245
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		312,498	2,416	314,914	290,669
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>299,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,627</u>	<u>314,914</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	225,012	-	225,012	225,016
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	382	-	382	991
Cash at bank		<u>76,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,740</u>	<u>91,414</u>
		77,122	-	77,122	92,405
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(2,507)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,507)</u>	<u>(2,507)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>74,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,615</u>	<u>89,898</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>299,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,627</u>	<u>314,914</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>299,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,627</u>	<u>314,914</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12				
Unrestricted funds				299,627	312,498
Restricted funds				<u>-</u>	<u>2,416</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>299,627</u>	<u>314,914</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....  
P Evans - Trustee

## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 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**

Voluntary income including donations, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature, is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods;
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

##### **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.

Costs of generating funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

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

##### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

##### **Support Costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Freehold property is included on the balance sheet at cost.

Fixtures and fittings are included at cost less accumulated depreciation.

##### **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.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

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.

**2. VOLUNTARY INCOME**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	7,156	10,282
Grants	<u>7,703</u>	<u>67,995</u>
	<u>14,859</u>	<u>78,277</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
N.O.M.S.	-	499
Lottery community fund boiler grant	-	3,650
Business support grant	-	10,000
Listener scheme prison grant	2,426	1,314
Covid 19 business grants	-	5,669
Blackpool council LRSG	-	4,000
Lottery RC North West region	-	18,522
Lottery community support	-	8,232
Council property improvement fund	-	16,109
Samaritan Pears funding	4,566	-
HMP Kirkham volunteers	<u>711</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7,703</u>	<u>67,995</u>

**3. ACTIVITIES TO GENERATING FUNDS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Shop income	28,527	9,019
200 Club	<u>221</u>	<u>130</u>
	<u>28,748</u>	<u>9,149</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rents received	2,712	2,903
Interest receivable	<u>20</u>	<u>113</u>
	<u>2,732</u>	<u>3,016</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants	<u>2,829</u>	<u>4,395</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
HMRC job retention scheme	162	4,395
Blackpool council restart grant	<u>2,667</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,829</u>	<u>4,395</u>

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Listening service	31,248	-	31,248
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs	32,237	-	32,237
Governance	<u>-</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>970</u>
	<u>63,485</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>64,455</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**8. STAFF COSTS**

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

	2022	2021
Fundraising trading	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>225,000</u>	<u>27,005</u>	<u>252,005</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2021	-	26,989	26,989
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>26,993</u>	<u>26,993</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2022	<u>225,000</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>225,012</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>225,000</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>225,016</u>

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	<u>382</u>	<u>991</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	<u>2,507</u>	<u>2,507</u>

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	312,498	(12,871)	299,627
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Lottery RC North West	1,977	(1,977)	-
Shop manager wages	<u>439</u>	<u>(439)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,416</u>	<u>(2,416)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>314,914</u>	<u>(15,287)</u>	<u>299,627</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	43,729	(56,600)	(12,871)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Lottery RC North West	-	(1,977)	(1,977)
Shop manager wages	162	(601)	(439)
Samaritan Pears funding	4,566	(4,566)	-
HMP Kirkham volunteers	<u>711</u>	<u>(711)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,439</u>	<u>(7,855)</u>	<u>(2,416)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>49,168</u>	<u>(64,455)</u>	<u>(15,287)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	286,399	26,099	312,498
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Maintenance fund	4,270	(4,270)	-
Lottery RC North West	-	1,977	1,977
Shop manager wages	<u>-</u>	<u>439</u>	<u>439</u>
	<u>4,270</u>	<u>(1,854)</u>	<u>2,416</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>290,669</u>	<u>24,245</u>	<u>314,914</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	43,430	(17,331)	26,099
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
N.O.M.S.	499	(499)	-
Maintenance fund	-	(4,270)	(4,270)
Lottery boiler fund	3,650	(3,650)	-
Lottery RC North West	18,522	(16,545)	1,977
Shop manager wages	4,395	(3,956)	439
Lottery community support fund	8,232	(8,232)	-
Property improvements fund	<u>16,109</u>	<u>(16,109)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>51,407</u>	<u>(53,261)</u>	<u>(1,854)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>94,837</u>	<u>(70,592)</u>	<u>24,245</u>

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

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	286,399	13,228	299,627
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Maintenance fund	4,270	(4,270)	-
	<u>290,669</u>	<u>8,958</u>	<u>299,627</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>290,669</u>	<u>8,958</u>	<u>299,627</u>

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	87,159	(73,931)	13,228
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
N.O.M.S.	499	(499)	-
Maintenance fund	-	(4,270)	(4,270)
Lottery boiler fund	3,650	(3,650)	-
Lottery RC North West	18,522	(18,522)	-
Shop manager wages	4,557	(4,557)	-
Lottery community support fund	8,232	(8,232)	-
Property improvements fund	16,109	(16,109)	-
Samaritan Pears funding	4,566	(4,566)	-
HMP Kirkham volunteers	<u>711</u>	<u>(711)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>56,846</u>	<u>(61,116)</u>	<u>(4,270)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>144,005</u>	<u>(135,047)</u>	<u>8,958</u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**  
**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations	7,156	10,282
Grants	<u>7,703</u>	<u>67,995</u>
	14,859	78,277
<b>Activities to generating funds</b>		
Shop income	28,527	9,019
200 Club	<u>221</u>	<u>130</u>
	28,748	9,149
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	2,712	2,903
Interest receivable	<u>20</u>	<u>113</u>
	2,732	3,016
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	<u>2,829</u>	<u>4,395</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	49,168	94,837
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Employment costs	9,080	7,676
Establishment costs	10,965	10,756
Repairs & maintenance	30,067	41,778
Travel	4,523	2,147
Telephone	4,119	2,047
Postage and stationery	2,120	2,275
Advertising	2,607	2,968
Fixtures and fittings	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	63,485	69,652
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Subscriptions	40	40
Independent examiner	<u>930</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>970</u>	<u>940</u>
Total resources expended	<u>64,455</u>	<u>70,592</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(15,287)</u>	<u>24,245</u>

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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170657

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1170657**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021  
FOR  
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

Jones Harris Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
17 St Peters Place  
Fleetwood  
Lancashire  
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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

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**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	A Collinge S Fenney J Goldin L Green H Guest C Jolly J Rowland S Taylor P Evans Director (appointed 16.7.20) H Harrop (appointed 16.7.20) K Lee (appointed 16.7.20) J Smith (appointed 16.7.20)
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	P Evans
<b>PRINCIPAL ADDRESS</b>	16 Edward Street Blackpool Lancashire FY1 1BA
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1170657
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Jones Harris Limited Chartered Accountants 17 St Peters Place Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6EB
<b>BANKERS</b>	HSBC UK Oxford Square 1 Newhouse Lane Blackpool Lancashire FY4 4YH

# BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. 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).

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Samaritans Organisation as a whole includes 201 branches. Each of these branches made a decision to either join or affiliate to the Samaritans Central Charity and it is through the volunteers in the branch that Samaritans provide confidential emotional support.

The governing body of the Central Charity is the Board of Trustees supported by six committees. Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans has a Management Committee consisting of 12 Trustees. The Branch Director has overall responsibility for the charity with deputies to assist in varying roles within the branch.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. 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. All trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and are in receipt of the Charity Commission Guideline booklet. Also, all trustees have completed the E-Learning Trustee training and obtained their certificates.

During the year risk management activities have been undertaken and are continually ongoing, covering all areas including Health & Safety & Fire Risk. Action was taken in the areas where the need for improvement was identified. The assessments covered the Branch in Edward Street and the Charity Shop in Topping Street.

### Governing document

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in December 2016 as charity number 1170657.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Charity are:

To enable persons in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre 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.

### KEY OBJECTIVES

#### Emotional support

To continue to provide emotional support by telephone, personal visit, email and reaching out activities. Samaritans' vision is for a society in which:

Fewer people die by suicide.

People are able to explore their feelings.

People are able to acknowledge and respect the feelings of others.

Our values are based on these beliefs:

The importance of having the opportunity to explore difficult feelings.

That everyone has the right to make fundamental decisions about their own life, including the right to die by suicide.

#### Publicity and recruitment

To increase awareness of the Samaritans service in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre area and also to increase the number of volunteers in order to improve and expand our availability.

#### Fund-raising

To ensure that our Charity Shop remains as successful as in previous years, by collecting good and saleable stock. We are grateful to all donors who have generously supported us throughout the year.

## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2021

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Charity shop

The shop as with all non-essential retail has only been permitted to be open for certain periods during this financial year. It is hoped that during 2021/2022 we can resume trading on a weekly basis providing the branch with a major source of income.

##### HMP Kirkham

We have a very positive relationship with HMP Kirkham which is a category D establishment i.e., an "Open Prison"; where we support & train Listeners, who are prisoners selected by Samaritans.

During the past year when Covid 19 restrictions have prevented most Listener Meetings, the Safer Custody Officers have assisted us to set up a weekly telephone contact between the branch Prison Team & the Listeners. Where Listeners have been able, they have continued to offer confidential emotional support to fellow prisoners, throughout the pandemic.

##### Partnership/outreach

We are committed to raising the profile of Samaritans in the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre area in order that more people will be aware of our service and the support we offer.

It was a challenging year with restrictions and face to face activities suspended. However, at the beginning of the year we had the opportunity to give a talk and offer our support to several people in their workplace, including NHS workers.

Supporting young people is high on our list of priorities and we were invited by our local College to participate in their first virtual Freshers' Fair which gave us the opportunity to raise awareness of the service we offer and the different ways in which we can be contacted.

Future plans include focusing on men's health and well-being and supporting other high risk groups in the local community.

##### Publicity

During the past year the Trustees discussed the effectiveness of campaigns that have been used to raise awareness of the branch for those members of the public who may want to contact us as callers or to volunteer.

Apart from advertising in the Evening Gazette, a concerted effort was made to reach out through social media streams to help promote the branch, the Samaritans service and aid fundraising activities. The branch has also created a 'text to donate' number which has been used on social media as well as in a radio advert which was run throughout March 2021.

The branch website was updated and will be enhanced over the coming year.

##### Recruitment, selection and training

During the year ending 31st March 2021 it has not been possible to fulfil our commitment to Recruitment and Selection in the usual way, due to the Covid pandemic restrictions on face-to-face meetings. However, the team has utilised video and telephone interviews which were highly successful and have resulted in 9 more applicants beginning training, remotely, this month. We also have a healthy 'waiting list' of potential volunteers, who have interviewed successfully and will become the next cohort of trainees.

Many thanks to all those dedicated to increasing our volunteer numbers - Fran, Deputy Director for Recruitment/Selection, and her team of volunteers, and Kaz, Deputy Director for Training, and the Training Team for the time they all give to the Recruitment/Selection and Training Programme.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Reserves policy

The Trustees take into consideration the level of reserves to be held for the prudent management of working assets, commitments and contingencies.

Branch day to day expenditure averaged £53,000 in the eight years prior to these accounts. Due to the uncertainty of how shop sales will pick up after pandemic restrictions are lifted, the Trustees have decided to hold reserves for the forthcoming year at £60,000.

## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2021

#### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This has been a busy and challenging 12 months for the branch with multiple spells of severe and lesser severe Government restrictions imposed on society as the Covid-19 pandemic 'waxed and waned'. Due to the nature of our services and the various impacts of lockdowns and bereavements on the public's mental health call volumes well-exceeded previous levels and patterns.

The Branch Leadership Trustee Committee remain focused on our sustainability and financial security, whilst providing safe and fully functioning accommodation to deliver our service. As we continue to experience the pandemic, this remains our most important objective.

The Branch was forced to close its charity shop on Topping Street following the imposition of Public Health England's restrictions on trading by non-essential retailers in mid-March 2020. During the course of the next 12 months, it remained closed for three periods amounting to 34 weeks, with the remaining 18 weeks open for trading but with a greatly reduced footfall due to ongoing public fears of contracting the illness. Business also suffered significantly because of local road and other infrastructure works resulting in road closures and temporary rerouting of pedestrian accesses in and around Topping Street.

Fortunately, compensation for Covid-19 resulted in the shop being awarded six payments totalling £19,669 of Government funding paid via Blackpool Council, plus two grants amounting to £26,754 from the National Lottery. We were also able to make use of the Government scheme to 'furlough' our sole paid employee, the shop manager, throughout each period of closure.

Sadly, because of the pandemic restrictions we were unable to run our traditional external fundraising events (including attendance at Tram Sunday, Fleetwood; Christmas carol singing at local stores etc) as well as other 'Outreach' initiatives.

Of the two rental flats that we own, one was vacated early in 2021 and has been back on the market. We were also through a generous contribution from the Blackpool Council's Property Improvement Fund able to complete the external refurbishment of the shop.

With outgoings at the forefront, careful consideration has been given to all areas of expenditure. The annual budget is set each year and our Treasurer ensures tight control over this. The up-to-date income and expenditure position is reviewed at every six-weekly Branch Leadership Team meeting.

We have a clear structure in our operating agreement, issued to all 201 branches by Samaritans Central Office. We can confirm that the major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures established to manage them.

We are a self-funding branch and until this year have been able to cover our running costs of £147 per day mainly from the proceeds of our charity shop plus fund-raising events during the year.

Our costs, in addition to our Listening services, include initial and on-going training for all volunteers as well as supporting Outreach activities.

In Our 'Pay for a Day' campaign, we ask local businesses if they could support the branch by covering a day's running costs. This has continued successfully from the previous year and we have been fortunate that many have contributed for several days.

The grants/payments mentioned earlier, and 'Pay for a Day' donations have enabled us to survive when the Shop's income ceased or was much reduced.

We are very fortunate to have our shop volunteers, with Sylvia, our shop manager at the forefront of our 'public face' and community presence. The general public continuing to donate their goods for 'recycling' has been good for us, and good for the Environment.

All our volunteers continue to give time and energy out of their busy lives to be there for callers and carrying out various roles in branch, without which it could not function efficiently, nor even exist.

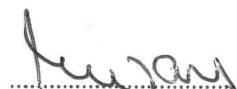
The Trustees sometimes have challenging and difficult decisions to make. We have a strong and experienced committee, open-minded and one which embraces forward thinking. I want to thank them on their dedication and commitment.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

My predecessor as Director, Angie, and fellow volunteers, have worked harder than ever during this pandemic to support the Branch as well as each other. We recognise there will be unexpected challenges ahead but using the additional experience and confidence built up over the past 12 months we expect to continue to successfully provide our vital services to the community.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Evans', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

P Evans - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**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.



Paul Daley ATT  
Jones Harris Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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FY7 6EB

16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Voluntary income	2	31,265	47,012	78,277	20,956
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants for generating funds	5	-	4,395	4,395	-
Activities to generating funds	3	9,149	-	9,149	29,185
Investment income	4	<u>3,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,016</u>	<u>5,993</u>
<b>Total</b>		43,430	51,407	94,837	56,134
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Listening service	6	8,094	19,756	27,850	30,836
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs		9,197	32,605	41,802	37,608
Governance		40	900	940	2,263
<b>Total</b>		<u>17,331</u>	<u>53,261</u>	<u>70,592</u>	<u>70,707</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		26,099	(1,854)	24,245	(14,573)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>286,399</u>	<u>4,270</u>	<u>290,669</u>	<u>305,242</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>312,498</u></u>	<u><u>2,416</u></u>	<u><u>314,914</u></u>	<u><u>290,669</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	225,016	-	225,016	225,021
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	991	-	991	662
Cash at bank		<u>88,998</u>	<u>2,416</u>	<u>91,414</u>	<u>64,986</u>
		89,989	2,416	92,405	65,648
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,507)	-	(2,507)	-
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>87,482</u>	<u>2,416</u>	<u>89,898</u>	<u>65,648</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>312,498</u>	<u>2,416</u>	<u>314,914</u>	<u>290,669</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>312,498</u>	<u>2,416</u>	<u>314,914</u>	<u>290,669</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12				
Unrestricted funds				312,498	286,399
Restricted funds				<u>2,416</u>	<u>4,270</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>314,914</u>	<u>290,669</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
P Evans - Trustee

## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2021

#### 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**

Voluntary income including donations, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature, is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods;
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

##### **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.

Costs of generating funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

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

##### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

##### **Support Costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Freehold property is included on the balance sheet at revalued amount, being its fair value at the date of the balance sheet.

Fixtures and fittings are included at cost less accumulated depreciation.

##### **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.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

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.

**2. VOLUNTARY INCOME**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	10,282	18,033
Grants	<u>67,995</u>	<u>2,923</u>
	<u>78,277</u>	<u>20,956</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
N.O.M.S.	499	1,923
Duchy of Lancaster	-	1,000
Lottery community fund boiler grant	3,650	-
Business support grant	10,000	-
Listener scheme prison grant	1,314	-
Covid 19 business grants	5,669	-
Blackpool council LRSG	4,000	-
Lottery RC North West region	18,522	-
Lottery community support	8,232	-
Council property improvement fund	<u>16,109</u>	-
	<u>67,995</u>	<u>2,923</u>

**3. ACTIVITIES TO GENERATING FUNDS**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Shop income	9,019	29,184
200 Club	<u>130</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>9,149</u>	<u>29,185</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rents received	2,903	5,616
Interest receivable	<u>113</u>	<u>377</u>
	<u><u>3,016</u></u>	<u><u>5,993</u></u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants	<u>4,395</u>	<u>-</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
HMRC job retention scheme	<u>4,395</u>	<u>-</u>

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Listening service	27,850	-	27,850
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs	41,802	-	41,802
Governance	<u>-</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>940</u>
	<u><u>69,652</u></u>	<u><u>940</u></u>	<u><u>70,592</u></u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

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

	2021	2020
Fundraising trading	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	<u>225,000</u>	<u>27,005</u>	<u>252,005</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2020	-	26,984	26,984
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>26,989</u>	<u>26,989</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2021	<u>225,000</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>225,016</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>225,000</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>225,021</u>

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	<u>991</u>	<u>662</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	<u>2,507</u>	<u>-</u>

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	286,399	26,099	312,498
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Maintenance fund	4,270	(4,270)	-
Lottery RC North West	-	1,977	1,977
Shop manager wages	<u>-</u>	<u>439</u>	<u>439</u>
	<u>4,270</u>	<u>(1,854)</u>	<u>2,416</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>290,669</u>	<u>24,245</u>	<u>314,914</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	43,430	(17,331)	26,099
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
N.O.M.S.	499	(499)	-
Maintenance fund	-	(4,270)	(4,270)
Lottery boiler fund	3,650	(3,650)	-
Lottery RC North West	18,522	(16,545)	1,977
Shop manager wages	4,395	(3,956)	439
Lottery community support fund	8,232	(8,232)	-
Property improvements fund	<u>16,109</u>	<u>(16,109)</u>	-
	<u>51,407</u>	<u>(53,261)</u>	<u>(1,854)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>94,837</u>	<u>(70,592)</u>	<u>24,245</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	278,242	8,157	286,399
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Maintenance fund	27,000	(22,730)	4,270
	<u>305,242</u>	<u>(14,573)</u>	<u>290,669</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>305,242</u>	<u>(14,573)</u>	<u>290,669</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	53,805	(45,648)	8,157
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
N.O.M.S.	1,329	(1,329)	-
Maintenance fund	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(23,730)</u>	<u>(22,730)</u>
	<u>2,329</u>	<u>(25,059)</u>	<u>(22,730)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>56,134</u>	<u>(70,707)</u>	<u>(14,573)</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	278,242	34,256	312,498
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Maintenance fund	27,000	(27,000)	-
Lottery RC North West	-	1,977	1,977
Shop manager wages	-	439	439
	<u>27,000</u>	<u>(24,584)</u>	<u>2,416</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>305,242</u>	<u>9,672</u>	<u>314,914</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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	97,235	(62,979)	34,256
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
N.O.M.S.	1,828	(1,828)	-
Maintenance fund	1,000	(28,000)	(27,000)
Lottery boiler fund	3,650	(3,650)	-
Lottery RC North West	18,522	(16,545)	1,977
Shop manager wages	4,395	(3,956)	439
Lottery community support fund	8,232	(8,232)	-
Property improvements fund	16,109	(16,109)	-
	<u>53,736</u>	<u>(78,320)</u>	<u>(24,584)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>150,971</u>	<u>(141,299)</u>	<u>9,672</u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations	10,282	18,033
Grants	<u>67,995</u>	<u>2,923</u>
	78,277	20,956
<b>Activities to generating funds</b>		
Shop income	9,019	29,184
200 Club	<u>130</u>	<u>1</u>
	9,149	29,185
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	2,903	5,616
Interest receivable	<u>113</u>	<u>377</u>
	3,016	5,993
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	<u>4,395</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	94,837	56,134
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Employment costs	7,676	8,095
Establishment costs	10,756	15,111
Repairs & maintenance	41,778	29,062
Travel	2,147	7,939
Telephone	2,047	1,821
Postage and stationery	2,275	3,988
Advertising	2,968	2,421
Fixtures and fittings	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
	69,652	68,444
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Branch contribution	-	1,323
Subscriptions	40	40
Independent examiner	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
	940	2,263
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>70,592</u>	<u>70,707</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>24,245</u>	<u>(14,573)</u>

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