

THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Charity Commission Registered No 1170711

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The principal objective of the charity is to provide assistance to individuals who are suicidal, despairing or in distress and to advance education by providing society with a better understanding of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings that may lead to suicide.

Trustees

Paula Fairbairn - Director (ex officio)
Susan Margaret Clarke - Treasurer (ex officio)
Janine Clitheroe
Judith Houghton

The following Trustees were appointed on
28th September 2023

Teresa Sarah Ann Ponton
Yvonne Elizabeth Potts
Mohamed Sidat
Pauline Hughes
Joyce Partlin
Jenna Shuttleworth
Heidi Marsden
XX - Trustee with dispensation

The following Trustees resigned on 28th September 2023

Margaret Jepson
Monica Devlin
Jane Houghton-Fenning

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TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees of The Samaritans of Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley have pleasure in presenting their Report and unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024. The legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The Financial Statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires Trustees to prepare statements of account for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable the Trustees to ascertain the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2000. 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. In this respect, the Trustees are pleased to report that the safeguards re fraud prevention are set out in a document entitled "Branch Fraud Safeguards re Payments" which is available, in branch, to all volunteers.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Samaritans of Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley is a branch of the national Samaritans organisation but is a separate registered charity with independent management.

Whilst the governing body is the Trustees, day-to-day operational management is undertaken by the Branch Leadership team, appointed and led by Paula Fairbairn from 28th September 2023. In total we currently have 10 Trustees, two of whom are ex-officio, the Director and the Treasurer with the remainder having been elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting. The Branch Leadership Team and the Trustees meet on a regular basis to discuss branch leadership matters. For each meeting the Director and Acting Secretary produce an agenda which includes Trustee conflicts of interest, finance, health and safety, risk management, volunteer care, publicity, outreach, training, recruitment, IT and prison matters. For each meeting the Secretary produces minutes which are available, in branch, to all volunteers.

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Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

All Trustees are required to undertake an online training course entitled "Trustees and Branch Leadership Team Induction", developed by Central Charity. They are also required to sign a Trustee Code of Conduct form which includes statements on their responsibilities to disclose any conflicts of interest.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities, which is an annual process.

The Trustees consider that they have met as required and discharged our duties in the best interests of the branch.

Objectives

The objects of the Charity are:

To support people who are experiencing feelings of distress or 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 objectives.

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Key Objectives

To maintain the service provided to our callers.

To provide ongoing support to our volunteers to enable them to continue to deliver our service.

To continue to recruit volunteers in order to deliver the best possible service.

Headline Performance

We have increased the number of hours that the branch is open to meet the needs of callers during the night.

All volunteers have completed mandatory digital training modules as directed by Central Charity. In June 2023 we reopened the branch to face-to-face callers from the local community.

There have been three cohorts of volunteers trained during the year, a welcome addition to our total number of volunteers.

Director's Report

I became Director at last year's AGM, held on 28th September, when I was proud to take over from Margaret 28. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Margaret and her team for their work, in particular noting that they continued in office for an additional year when the Director designate was unable to take up the position.

My first task was to appoint Pauline 10 as my Vice Director, together with a new leadership team. My thanks go to them for the fantastic support they have provided to me - it feels that we have moulded into a great team that is very supportive of one another and achieving a lot. I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees for their support and diligence in fulfilling their roles.

Having mentioned Pauline 10 as my Vice Director, I must follow this up by commenting on her role as lead for volunteer care. I think Pauline and her team have done a great job in raising the profile, both proactively and reactively, of being there for our volunteers. They really are doing a fantastic job,

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Director's Report (continued)

A constant challenge is filling our shifts, to be there as much as possible for our callers, and there are many aspects to achieving this. Samaritans vision is for branches to be available to callers 70% during the day (6am - 10pm), 20% during twilight hours (10pm - 2am) and 10% overnight (2am - 6am) and we are working very hard to achieve this. Whilst, if all our shifts were kept open, we would meet this target, unfortunately shift closures because of volunteer unavailability, means that we are still not meeting the 10% overnight aspiration. In February we made some changes to the rota following recommendations from an internal working party set up to address a number of concerns including, but not limited to, the overnight challenge and these changes have definitely helped. But we have been doing, and continue to do, much more.

So what else are we doing? A high focus issue is the need for us to raise between £30K and £40K per year to enable the branch to operate on a break even basis, at a time when income generation and expense increase risks are very uncertain - see comments on this in the Trustees Report above. Whilst our general fundraising activities, led by Margaret 28, have been successful to date, traditional opportunities are declining. Those traditional activities continue to be augmented considerably by John 26 who has been hugely successful in obtaining grants from a wide range of organisations. But we need to seek out new sustainable opportunities. All volunteers have been asked for ideas and also everyone has been asked if they wish to join a "fundraising ideas" working party being set up in the near future.

When I took up my role, I created a new Deputy Director role for Outreach & Community. Fatemah 2 has been very active in this role and, in particular, has arranged for us to work in partnership with Nightsafe who operate in a building some 10 minutes walk from the branch. Nightsafe is an organisation supporting 16 to 25 year olds who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and provides short-term accommodation as well as a drop-in day centre, providing support, information, advice and guidance. The expectation is that a couple of listening volunteers will attend Nightsafe at lunchtime, initially every 6 weeks or so, to be available to provide general support, as well as emotional support if required. I feel this is a fantastic opportunity for us to raise awareness of our services within the local community. In addition, we are currently in talks with the Blackburn hospital A&E department as to whether we can provide a regular emotional support service to those attending A&E. I must stress that this is in the initial scoping stage and already a number of significant challenges have been identified, so there is no guarantee that we will be able to achieve a positive outcome in this respect.

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Director's Report (continued)

To my considerable surprise, just over two months into my role, I received notice from Central Office that they were starting the Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) review of the branch. The preparation for this process involved a huge amount of work for me just at the time when I was undergoing a very substantial learning curve to come to terms with my new role and its challenges. Whilst this was a real challenge so early in my term of office somewhat ironically I believe the work under taken has been very positive for the branch, particularly from a governance and risk perspective.

There has been a considerable change in the demographics of our volunteers in recent years, resulting in a significant number of shorter serving listening volunteers. This change, combined with the isolation caused during the covid years, has resulted in fewer volunteers knowing one another. To try to address this issue, I asked Michelle 3 to take the lead on organising social events for our volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michelle and her team for organising a very successful first event in branch and look forward to many more such events.

I started this report with thanks to past and present colleagues, and others have been mentioned along the way. I will end my report with a number of additional comments and thanks. It is only when you have "line of sight" on all activities that you fully appreciate how much support volunteers give and how hard they work. So, in alphabetical order, I will start with Diane 7, who has taken on the lead role for recruitment, and her team. Currently, recruitment seems to be going very well and I have no concerns whatsoever at this time. Next, to Kate 5 who agreed to take on the role of Acting Secretary and has really got to grips with the role, providing great support to me in this respect. Kathy 18 agreed to take on the previously vacant role of Deputy for training and has got a very supportive team. Again, I can just leave her to it with my thanks. Janine 1 is my Deputy for Leaders and Mentors, supported in particular by Yvonne 3. The number of Leaders and Mentors has increased under their stewardship but, probably more importantly, so has the support for them - thanks to Janine and her team. Unexpectedly, my Deputy for prisons, Ian 5, had to resign for personal reasons and Margaret 28 stepped into the role, initially temporarily but now permanently. Thanks to her and her team for their continued support for the Listeners in Garth prison. Mike 19, as Health and Safety Officer and covering Risk, together with his team, is there to ensure that we meet our legal responsibilities in this respect and, most importantly, to ensure as far as possible that we all remain safe in our roles. I doubt that anyone other than myself appreciates how much work Monica 1 does behind the scenes to keep our IT requirements on track, keeping us in line with our data protection responsibilities and ensuring, with her team, that DBS applications run as smoothly as possible - thank you Monica. Sue 26, as our Treasurer, simply keeps everything running smoothly in that respect - thanks Sue. But finally, thanks to every listening volunteer and support volunteer for everything you do to enable us to play our incredibly important role in being there for our callers.

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Financial Review

The Branch has recorded a deficit on unrestricted funds of £11,624 for the year,
(2023 £18,422)

Reserves Policy

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

In normal circumstances the Trustees aim to hold reserves at a minimum the equivalent to normal operating expenditure over an 18 month period.

However, due to the current economic situation, the Trustees feel that it would be prudent to hold all reserves indefinitely to meet ongoing expenditure only.

Previously, our policy of making excess reserves available for the benefit of the Samaritan organisation, as a whole, was suspended. This year the Trustees decided to make an exception to this policy and donated £5000 to Samaritans Central Office for the new technology network. However, until the economic situation improves, this policy will be reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds, taking account of the requirement that such investments must be secure and that the value of the capital involved must be maintained. The Trustees feel that the investment in National Savings Income Bonds satisfies these criteria. At 31st March 2024 investments held were £81,000 (2023, £81,000) with interest received during the year of £2,689 (2023, £894).

The charity also has a bank current account which at the year end held £25,149 (2023, £49,067).

Risk Assessment

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to assess and manage both the internal and external risks to which the branch is exposed. The Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks or actions are being taken to do so. The Trustees review the Branch Risk Register at each of their meetings, to consider whether any changes should be made, both to the risk exposure and actions required.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to appoint Reverend Alan A Clements as Independent Examiner will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

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Public Benefit

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th August 2024 and signed on it's behalf by:



Paula Fairbairn
Trustee
Director



Pauline Hughes
Trustee
Vice Director



Janine Clitheroe
Trustee

The Samaritans of Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Samaritans of Blackburn with
Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley**

I report on the financial statements of The Samaritans of Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to:

- 1) examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- 2) to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 3) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements -
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion should be drawn in order to enable the proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alan A Clements

Rev'd Alan A Clements

15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley, PR6 8TQ

Dated *24th August 2024*

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*Fellow Association
of Charity Independent-
Examiners.*

THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

		2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments							
Donations and grants	4	19,367	2,000	21,367	16,688	3,731	20,419
Trading activities	5	5,627	0	5,627	6,737	0	6,737
Investment income	6	<u>2,689</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,689</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>894</u>
Total income		27,683	2,000	29,683	24,319	3,731	28,050
Expenditure	7	<u>39,307</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>41,957</u>	<u>42,741</u>	<u>6,238</u>	<u>48,979</u>
Net expenditure							
and net movement of funds		<u>(11,624)</u>	<u>(650)</u>	<u>(12,274)</u>	<u>(18,422)</u>	<u>(2,507)</u>	<u>(20,929)</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net (Loss)	(12,274)	(20,929)
Adjustments for depreciation of tangible fixed assets	506	2,312
Changes in:		
Debtors and prepayments	(304)	(212)
Creditors and accruals	(11,579)	3,131
Net cash movements	<u>(23,651)</u>	<u>(15,698)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and equivalents	(23,651)	(15,698)
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>130,220</u>	<u>145,918</u>
Cash and equivalents at the end of the year	<u>106,569</u>	<u>130,220</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements

THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets		140,000		140,506
Current assets				
National Savings Income Bonds	81,000		81,000	
Debtors and prepayments	1,778		1,474	
Cash at bank	25,149		49,067	
Cash in hand	420		153	
	108,347		131,694	
Current liabilities				
Sundry creditors and accruals	3,014		542	
NBC accrual	5,357		19,408	
Net current assets		99,976		111,744
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>239,976</u>		<u>252,250</u>
Reserves as at 1st April 2023		252,250		273,179
Net loss for the year		<u>(12,274)</u>		<u>(20,929)</u>
Reserves at 31st March 2024		<u>239,976</u>		<u>252,250</u>
The funds of the charity				
Restricted funds		0		650
Unrestricted funds		<u>239,976</u>		<u>251,600</u>
		<u>239,976</u>		<u>252,250</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th August 2024 and signed on it's behalf by:

Paula Fairbairn

Paula Fairbairn
Trustee
Director

Pauline Hughes

Pauline Hughes
Trustee
Vice Director

Janine Clitheroe

Janine Clitheroe
Trustee

THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1 General information

The charity is a registered charity and a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

2 Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 and Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities.

3 Accounting Policies

- a Basis of preparation - these accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.
- b Going concern - the Trustees see no material uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to continue in operation.
- c Fund accounting - unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the charity's purposes. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for a particular future project or commitment. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor and fall into one of two classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.
- d Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. Gifts in kind are valued and brought in as income and the appropriate expenditure.
- e Gross fundraising income from events organised by the charity itself is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. Where deemed material, fundraising proceeds not yet received by the charity at the year end have also been taken to income at the Trustees estimate of likely receivable amount.
- f Covenants, Gift Aid and other income receivable by the charity in respect of which a claim for repayment of tax has or will be made, is grossed up for the tax recoverable and this gross amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- g Income from legacies is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received or when the Trustees are satisfied that the charity has a legally enforceable right of receipt of a conservative measurable sum.

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3 Accounting Policies (continued)

- h Revenue grants for immediate financial support and assistance are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on receipt and on satisfaction of any preconditions.
- i Costs of generating funds are those incurred in fund raising, publicity and public relations.
- j Support costs represent the costs of managing and administering the charity.
- k Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets of material value held by the charity for its own use on a straight line basis so as to write off their cost over their estimated useful lives as follows:
- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Freehold property | At valuation |
| Fixtures and fittings | 4 years |
| Computers | 3 years |
| Telephony | 2 years |
- l No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charity is entitled to the exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

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	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
4 Donations and grants		0				
Donations	9,177	0	9,177	9,832	0	9,832
Grants	<u>10,190</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>12,190</u>	<u>6,856</u>	<u>3,731</u>	<u>10,587</u>
	19,367	2,000	21,367	16,688	3,731	20,419
5 Trading Activities						
Fundraising events	5,627	0	5,627	6,737	0	6,737
6 Investment income						
Savings bond interest	<u>2,689</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,689</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>894</u>
	<u>27,683</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>29,683</u>	<u>24,319</u>	<u>3,731</u>	<u>28,050</u>
7 Cost of activities						
Utilities	2,026	0	2,026	1,457	526	1,983
Housekeeping	2,965	0	2,965	2,670	0	2,670
Repairs and renewals	2,609	0	2,609	2,297	0	2,297
Conference and training	1,050	0	1,050	3,410	0	3,410
Travel	5,019	0	5,019	2,795	1,050	3,845
Stationery & photocopier	286	0	286	354	0	354
Telephones and IT	3,278	0	3,278	1,466	424	1,890
Insurance	1,053	0	1,053	1,007	0	1,007
Publicity and recruitment	4,671	650	5,321	1,755	4,238	5,993
NBC fees	5,357	0	5,357	19,123	0	19,123
Depreciation	506	0	506	2,312	0	2,312
Sundries	1,911	0	1,911	1,541	0	1,541
Fundraising	667	0	667	1,220	0	1,220
Darwen Project	1,077	2,000	3,077	0	0	0
HMP Garth expenses	1,832	0	1,832	1,334	0	1,334
Donation to Central Office	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>39,307</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>41,957</u>	<u>42,741</u>	<u>6,238</u>	<u>48,979</u>

8 Net Income

Net income is stated after charging:
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings

£506

9 Independent Examiners fee

The independent examiner received payment of £100 . No expenses were incurred.

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10 Employee and staff costs

There were no employees during the year and therefore no staff costs.

11 Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

None of the charity's Trustees were directly or indirectly remunerated in any way.

It is the policy of the charity to reimburse in full all expenses properly incurred by it's volunteers in connection with it's charitable activities.

12 Indemnity Insurance

The Samaritans have centrally provided professional indemnity insurance to protect volunteers, Trustees and other volunteer members of all Samaritan branches..

13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st April 2023 and at 31st March 2024	<u>163,257</u>	<u>12,315</u>	<u>175,572</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2023	23,257	11,809	35,066
Charge for the year	<u>0</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>506</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>23,257</u>	<u>12,315</u>	<u>35,572</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31st March 2024	<u>140,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>140,000</u>

In November 2020 a professional valuation of the property was carried out by T V Shaw Ltd. The valuation resulted in a deficit on cost of £23,257.