

**THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**Charity Commission Registered No 1170711**

**THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY  
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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**THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**  
**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)  
Teresa Sarah Ann Ponton  
Judith Houghton  
Yvonne Elizabeth Potts  
Mohamed Sidat  
Pauline Hughes  
Muhammad Furquan -appointed 3rd October 2024

The following Trustees have resigned  
Joyce Partlin - resigned 24th April 2024  
Jenna Shuttleworth - resigned 17th April 2024  
Heidi Marsden - resigned 3rd October 2024  
XX - Trustee with dispensation - resigned 3rd October 2024  
Janine Clitheroe - resigned 3rd October 2024

**Registered addresss**

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BB2 1DF

**Bankers**

Natwest Bank  
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**Independent Examiner**

Reverend Alan A Clements  
15 Carleton Road  
Great Knowley  
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**THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**  
**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 2025. 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 also 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 our Director Paula Fairbairn.

In total we currently have 8 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 their 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 provide 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 are continuing to increase the number of hours that the branch is open to meet the needs of our callers.

All volunteers have completed mandatory digital training modules as directed by our Central Charity.

We have opened up three telephone lines which allows more flexibility for our volunteers to sign up to duties when it is convenient for them.

We continue to run, each year, three training cohorts for potential new volunteers

**Director's Report**

I am in my second year as Director. The leadership team are going from strength to strength and have really supported me - I simply could not have done without them. Some are mentioned further below for specific challenges they have dealt with during the year, but any one not mentioned has also provided amazing support - you know who you are and thanks to each and every one of you.

One of the main challenges this year has been the implementation of the new Listening Centre brought in by Central Charity. The Listening Centre came with lots of challenges as we had to move from hard wired telephone lines (BT) to a Voice over Internet Provider (VoIP) (Gamma). The challenges (which really were many) included dealing with a number of initial Samaritans wide system "glitches" and changing our existing headsets to new headsets which met the VoIP requirements. We also provided each volunteer, who did not like using a headset, with their own personal handset. Monica 1 oversaw the Listening Centre implementation and I find it impossible to express adequately my enormous thanks to her for her role in this respect.

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**Director's Report (continued)**

An ever-present challenge is filling our shifts, to be there as much as possible for our callers. Following the implementation of the new Listening Centre, we were able to increase the number of listening stations from two (the minimum required) to three. Whilst this may seem to be a small change, in fact it provides volunteers with a lot more flexibility in booking their shifts, as a volunteer can become a "third" on duty, even right at the last minute. We continue to be flexible with our rota times and helping volunteers to balance their listening duties with their other life responsibilities as well as focusing on recruiting new volunteers wherever possible.

Each shift also requires a "Leader" who provides support to those on duty. Our Deputy for Leaders and Mentors, together with her team (of one!!) have done a great job in increasing the number of our Leaders whilst ensuring each new volunteer is provided with a mentor.

Filling shifts with volunteers and leaders is no easy process with theory and practice diverging hugely. This is where our Rota Secretary comes into herself. Many of us have been Rota Secretary, for a week or two, over the years and it can be one of the most thankless of tasks. That is why I offer my enormous thanks and recognition to our now regular Rota Secretary who does such a worthwhile job, largely behind the scenes.

Another ever-present challenge is fund raising, given we need to raise in excess of £30,000 each year, to run the branch. Our Deputy for Fundraising continues to ensure day-to-day fundraising is as successful as possible. In addition, John 26 has continued to do an amazing job in raising grants for the branch. It would be remiss of me not to mention Jean 26, a long serving listening volunteer, who for the last few years, as a support volunteer, has run "Pay for a Day" whereby local businesses are asked to pay for one day of our running costs. Jean has expended a huge number of hours on this process and has raised countless thousands of £s for the branch, over the years. She has now retired from this task but we will be ever grateful for her hard and successful work.

Prospective new volunteers apply through an online process, undergo a structured interview by two branch volunteers and, if accepted, then undertake training for three to four hours one evening a week for seven weeks before they come down, under supervision, into the duty room. Recognising the strong link between the recruitment and training process, our Deputy for Training has also taken on the oversight of recruitment which allowed us to have an oversight of the end-to-end journey through recruitment and training. Diane 7 continues to lead on the day-to-day recruitment process but under the oversight of Kathy 19.

Our Volunteer Care team have gone from strength to strength over the year and continue to contact all volunteers on a regular basis. Every listening volunteer was given the opportunity to complete a questionnaire on what helps and hinders about the current rota. Once the findings were analysed, it was agreed with our Vice Director that the current rota met the volunteers needs. We cannot be complacent in this respect and we regularly challenge ourselves as to any improvements that can be made.

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**Director's Report (continued)**

When we started our collaboration with Nightsafe, a local charity providing a drop-in facility and limited overnight accommodation for homeless 16-25 year olds, we agreed that we would attend every six weeks. In 2024 we increased our visits to every two weeks and our collaboration has grown from strength to strength.

During the year we were able, after an absence of a few years, to re-introduce on-going mentoring (OGM) the process by which each listening volunteer has a number of their calls listened into by a fellow volunteer and receives feedback on their call handling.

Another process overseen by our Deputy for Training and Recruitment.

The North West conference went ahead again at Lancaster University and we were able to send five volunteers to this event as well as having another four who assisted over the weekend. It was generally agreed that the event was well worth attending.

And, finally, thanks to every listening and support volunteer for everything you do to enable us to play our incredibly important part in being there for our callers.



**THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT**

**Financial Review**

The Branch has recorded a deficit on unrestricted funds of £4,256 for the year,  
(2024 £11,624)

**Reserves Policy**

The Trustees take into consideration the level of reserves to be held for the prudent management of our 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 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 2025 investments held were £80,500 (2024, £81,000) with interest received during the year of £3,022 (2024, £2,689). The charity also has a bank current account which at the year end held £21,569 (2024, £25,149).

**Risk Assessment**

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to assess and manage both the internal and external risks to which the branch may be 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 17th July 2025 and signed on it's behalf by:

Paula Fairbairn  
Trustee  
Director

Pauline Hughes  
Trustee  
Vice Director

Yvonne Potts  
Trustee

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**THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY  
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**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 2025 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.

Rev'd Alan A Clements  
15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley, PR6 8TQ  
Dated

**THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

		2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Note						
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and grants	4	19,809	2,522	22,331	19,367	2,000	21,367
Trading activities	5	3,368	0	3,368	5,627	0	5,627
Investment income	6	<u>3,022</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,022</u>	<u>2,689</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,689</u>
<b>Total income</b>		26,199	2,522	28,721	27,683	2,000	29,683
<b>Expenditure</b>	7	<u>(32,977)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(32,977)</u>	<u>(39,307)</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>(41,957)</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>		(6,778)	2,522	(4,256)	(11,624)	(650)	(12,274)
<b>Transfers - purchase of fixed assets</b>		2,522	(2,522)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net movement of funds</b>		<u>(4,256)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,256)</u>	<u>(11,624)</u>	<u>(650)</u>	<u>(12,274)</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**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net (Loss)	(4,256)	(12,274)
Adjustments for depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1027	506
Purchase of fixed assets	(6,664)	0
Changes in:		
Debtors and prepayments	1,165	(304)
Creditors and accruals	4,329	(11,579)
<b>Net cash movements</b>	<u>(4,399)</u>	<u>(23,651)</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and equivalents</b>	(4,399)	(23,651)
<b>Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>	<u>106,569</u>	<u>130,220</u>
<b>Cash and equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<u>102,170</u>	<u>106,569</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 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>		145,637		140,000
<b>Current assets</b>				
National Savings Income Bonds	80,500		81,000	
Debtors and prepayments	613		1,778	
Cash at bank	21,569		25,149	
Cash in hand	<u>101</u>		<u>420</u>	
	102,783		108,347	
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Sundry creditors and accruals	2,908		3,014	
NBC accrual	<u>9,792</u>		<u>5,357</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		90,083		99,976
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>235,720</u>		<u>239,976</u>
<b>Reserves as at 1st April 2024</b>		239,976		252,250
<b>Net loss for the year</b>		<u>4,256</u>		<u>12,274</u>
<b>Reserves at 31st March 2025</b>		<u>235,720</u>		<u>239,976</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>				
Restricted funds		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Unrestricted funds		<u>235,720</u>		<u>239,976</u>
		<u>235,720</u>		<u>239,976</u>

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17th July 2025 and signed on it's behalf by:

Paula Fairbairn  
Trustee  
Director

Pauline Hughes  
Trustee  
Vice Director

Yvonne Potts  
Trustee

**THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**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.

**THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY**  
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	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>4 Donations and grants</b>					0	
Donations	10,770	0	10,770	9,177	0	9,177
Grants	<u>9,039</u>	<u>2,522</u>	<u>11,561</u>	<u>10,190</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>12,190</u>
	19,809	2,522	22,331	19,367	2,000	21,367
<b>5 Trading Activities</b>						
Fundraising events	3,368	0	3,368	5,627	0	5,627
<b>6 Investment income</b>						
Savings bond interest	<u>3,022</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,022</u>	<u>2,689</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,689</u>
	<u>26,199</u>	<u>2,522</u>	<u>28,721</u>	<u>27,683</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>29,683</u>
<b>7 Cost of activities</b>						
Utilities	2,612	0	2,612	2,026	0	2,026
Housekeeping	2,823	0	2,823	2,965	0	2,965
Repairs and renewals	740	0	740	2,609	0	2,609
Conference and training	1,676	0	1,676	1,050	0	1,050
Travel	3,342	0	3,342	5,019	0	5,019
Stationery & photocopier	412	0	412	286	0	286
Telephones and IT	1,800	0	1,800	3,278	0	3,278
Insurance	1,077	0	1,077	1,053	0	1,053
Publicity and recruitment	3,141	0	3,141	4,671	650	5,321
NBC fees	9,792	0	9,792	5,357	0	5,357
Depreciation	1,027	0	1,027	506	0	506
Sundries	2,578	0	2,578	1,911	0	1,911
Fundraising	867	0	867	667	0	667
Darwen Project	0	0	0	1,077	2,000	3,077
HMP Garth expenses	1,090	0	1,090	1,832	0	1,832
Donation to Central Office	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>32,977</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32,977</u>	<u>39,307</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>41,957</u>

**8 Net Income**

Net income is stated after charging:

Depreciation of fixtures and fittings £1,027

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**9 Independent Examiners fee**

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



**THE SAMARITANS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, HYNDBURN AND RIBBLE VALLEY**  
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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 the Trustees in connection with its 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**

	<b>Freehold Property £</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1st April 2024	163,257	12,315	175,572
Additions	<u>0</u>	6,664	6,664
At 31st March 2025	<u>163,257</u>	<u>18,979</u>	<u>182,236</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1st April 2024	23,257	12,315	35,572
Charge for the year	<u>0</u>	<u>1,027</u>	<u>1,027</u>
At 31st March 2025	<u>23,257</u>	<u>13,342</u>	<u>36,599</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31st March 2025	<u>140,000</u>	<u>5,637</u>	<u>145,637</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.