SAMARITANS OF LANCASTER & DISTRICT

England & Wales · Charity number 1173652

Details

Other names	SAMARITANS OF LANCASTER AND DISTRICT
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-07-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	The Samaritans 21 Sun Street Lancaster LA1 1EW
Phone	020 8394 8300
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Website	www.samaritans.org/lancaster

Activities

Objects: TO ENABLE PERSONS IN LANCASTER & DISTRICT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE 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; ANDTO COLLABORATE WITH AND SUPPORT SAMARITANS CENTRAL CHARITY AND ITS AFFILIATED BRANCHES IN FULFILLING THESE OBJECTS.

Activities: We offer 24/7 emotional support by telephone, email, webchat and face to face to anyone who is in distress and despair including people who are feeling suicidal. We also do outreach work in schools and prisons and also have partnership with Network Rail.

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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

- Cumbria
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£67,277	£33,367	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,215	£28,742	-	-
2023-03-31	£27,753	£36,890	-	-
2022-03-31	£46,323	£31,808	-	-
2021-03-31	£54,687	£35,066	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Yvonne Walsh		2025-11-26
Christine Margaret Ingham		2022-08-17
Dr Christine Hough		2020-09-23
Helen Murfin		2020-09-23
Jane Clarke		2020-09-23
Joan Guenault		2023-07-06
John Joseph McGovern		2024-09-19
Julie Elizabeth Parker		2024-09-19
June Ellis		2021-10-04
Kelvyn Justin Simon James		2025-11-26
Marian Kathleen Judith Whitwood		2021-10-04
Paul Hearne		2024-09-19
Tracey Jane Duffy		2022-07-01

Linked charities

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SAMARITANS OF LANCASTER & DISTRICT

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Accounts

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Registered Charity No. 1173652
21 Sun Street, Lancaster LA1 1EW

Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31st March 2025

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

The incorporated charity number 1173652 was started in October 2017 under the constitution dated July 2017. The Trustees of the charity are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Those who have acted from 1 April 2024, up to the date of this report, are as follows:

Name	Office held	Dates acted if not for whole period
Chris Ingham	Director	
Tracey Duffy	Vice director	
Carol Brearley	Secretary	Resigned 19th Sept 2024
Jane Clarke	Secretary	
June Ellis	Treasurer	
Chris Hough		
Helen Murfin		
Jude Whitwood		
Michael Brogan		
Joan Gunenault		
John McGovern		Appointed 19th Sept 2024
Paul Hearne		Appointed 19th Sept 2024
Julie Parker		Appointed 19th Sept 2024

The organisation and financial affairs of the charity are managed by the Branch Leadership Team (BLT), comprising Director, Deputy Directors, and Trustees. The BLT determines policy for and receives reports from teams and individuals who work for the charity. The Trustees are responsible for overall governance and finance. The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures are established to manage those risks.

The charity's bankers are National Westminster PLC, 68 Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1LN.

A COIF Deposit Fund Account is held with CCLA Investment Management Ltd, One Angel Lane, London EC4R 3AB.

The Independent Examiner is Jennifer Beckett FCCA of Taylor Robertson and Willett Ltd, 95 King Street, Lancaster LA1 1RH.

This Trustees Annual Report forms an integral part of the full annual accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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Aims and Organisation

Samaritans of Lancaster & District work with the main aim of always being there for the assistance of any person who is experiencing feelings of suicide, despair, or distress, by providing confidential emotional support by telephone, e mail, or webchat. Our charitable purpose is all focused on Public Benefit. We are based at 21, Sun Street, Lancaster and we are primarily there to assist those in a geographical area which includes Lancaster, Morecambe, Lunesdale, Kendal, and South Lakeland, however through our internet-based platform system we now answer callers nationwide.

We are one of the 19 branches in the North West Region of Samaritans and have just over 120 volunteers. Lancaster Branch is one of over 200 branches linked in a nationwide organisation to Samaritans Central Charity. (Registered Charity no.219432). The Central Office supports the Branches, and sets and monitors standards of service and care by means of its regional structure.

Review of Progress and Achievements

The quality and extent of the service we can provide to those who are in need is dependent on having enough trained Samaritans. During the last year we have recruited, trained, and mentored 20 listening volunteers and 10 support volunteers. This along with a high retention of volunteers means we are growing in numbers year on year. We deliver our Continuous development training for all volunteers as a mixture of zoom and face to face which is going well. We will continue to recruit more volunteers to extend the Service we can offer.

Samaritans continue to provide a "listening ear" to vulnerable, distressed, and suicidal callers, however they choose to contact us, whether by telephone, email, or webchat. The email service is now provided through a Central Hub of volunteers since April 2023. Some of our branch volunteers are also part of this Hub. Our callers come from all walks of life that reflects the society we live in. The extra pressures people are facing today have resulted in an increase of people contacting us about a range of concerns and needing to have a safe place to talk and be listened to.

We remain involved in prison support with our listener scheme, and continue our positive relationship with HMP Lancaster Farms, a Category C adult male prison, where we recruit, train, and support a team of Listeners who support other prisoners regularly. We also offer support to staff on an on-going basis.

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We have this year consolidated our work in education establishments to include schools, colleges, and universities. This involves providing awareness training to staff and students and the delivery of short projects depending on identified need.

Our Outreach team has been busy throughout the year raising awareness of our Service and reaching out to communities that may need us. Some examples are attending Pride events, organising stalls in Lancaster and Morecambe, presentations, and information sessions to various local groups. Developing our partnership with Network Rail which includes having a presence at the local train stations several times a year and offering support to staff when required. We have worked alongside a variety of partners i.e. voluntary sector, health, Lancaster City Council, and the police in the district to raise awareness of suicide prevention and services that are available to all. These activities have included extending our Brew Monday project which this year included over 22 groups.

Our Samaritan shop in Lancaster City Centre this year has recruited more volunteers and extended its opening times to support the branch by raising funds for our work.

We have also made significant progress in identifying options to move our premises and raising funds for this to take place in the year to come.

At Lancaster & District our calls are routed via the National Freecall number 116 123. This facility has produced a large increase in the number of calls we receive, as now we are available to those who need us whether they have funds or not, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. Thanks to all our volunteers, without whom this would not be possible. During 2024 Lancaster and District branch answered 15462 calls over 5427 hours, and replied to 1202 webchat callers.

Review of Financial Position

Total income for the year was £67277. Of this £10055 was Restricted, being donations, grants and fundraising income, raised for our Building Fund. £23688 was donations, grants and fundraising income set aside as a Designated Building Fund, at the discretion of the Trustees. This can be moved back to General Funds by the Trustees if required. Breakdown of the income can be seen in Notes 2 and 3 of the accounts.

The Unrestricted Income for general purposes was £33534 compared to £28216 for the year to 31 March 2024. We again benefitted from a generous a grant of £3,500 from the Frieda Scott Charitable Trust for volunteer travel expenses, which has been very welcome, as volunteer expenses totalled £9355 in 2024/25. We are keen to offer reimbursement of expenses to all our volunteers, who are so generous with their time, especially in the current financial climate. We received continuing support from Lancaster City Council, with a grant of

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025 (cont)

£2400, (an increase of £100 from the previous year) and with discretionary rates relief on 21, Sun Street and on our shop at 12, Damside Street. Our work and support of the local prison provides significant income from the Prison Service (£2039), which is now all unrestricted, but used in the first instance for expenses related to our prison work.

We have again received many donations from individuals and other organisations, often through their fundraising efforts. Of particular note this year, was Fundraising by branches of Home Bargains, in the North West, part of which was a sponsored Sky Dive by some of their staff! Our share at Lancaster, of the funds raised was an amazing £3350. It is a great encouragement to know that our efforts are so widely appreciated.

Our Charity shop this year raised £10910, compared to £ 4840 in the year to 31 March 2024. The shop has been recruiting additional volunteers, to be able to open more days, and has made use of sales on e-bay and directly with local specialised shops, to increase sales. The shop plays an important role in providing funds for our work at the Centre and in raising public awareness of Samaritans, and we are very grateful for the efforts of our shop volunteers and all who donate goods for sale.

Expenditure this year on general unrestricted funds was £31045, giving us a surplus for the year of £2489, compared to £1979 in 2023/24. Surplus on General Unrestricted Funds was affected by decisions to allocate some income received to the Designated Building Fund.

Our general reserves at 31 March 2025 stand at £92845. This is more than the 18 months running expenses we would normally seek to hold due to a decision we took in 2023 to move premises. Early in 2023 we undertook a review of the suitability of our premises going forward, and whether a move to new premises might be advisable or possible. To enable this to become a reality we have ring fenced this funding to help achieve the move along with setting up a fundraising group to support this decision. This led to the establishment of the Restricted and Designated Building Funds in the year to 31 March 2025.
Balances on the Building Funds at 31 March 2025 were:
Restricted Building Fund £10055
Designated Building Fund £21866

There is also a Restricted balance remaining on the Morecambe Men's Committee, £1995, which continues to be used for outreach work in Morecambe as appropriate.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Christine Ingham ..... (Director)

12 October 2025

Samaritans of Lancaster and District

Registered Charity No 1173652

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Samaritans of Lancaster and District

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 7 following.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jennifer Beckett F.C.C.A.
Taylor, Robertson and Willett Ltd
Accountants
95 King Street Lancaster

1st October 2025

Samaritans of Lancaster and District

Registered Charity No. 1173652

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.24
		Designated	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Incoming Resources						
Donations, Grants and Gift Aid	2	£21,515	£2,389	£17,180	£41,084	£14,966
Fundraising Events	3	£2,173	£7,665	£1,351	£11,189	£4,769
Surplus from Shop	4	£0	£0	£10,910	£10,910	£4,840
Legacies	2	£0	£0	£0	£0	£5,000
Deposit Interest		£0	£0	£4,094	£4,094	£3,640
TOTAL Incoming Resources		**£23,688**	**£10,055**	**£33,534**	**£67,277**	**£33,215**
Resources Expended						
Direct Charitable Expenditure	5, 6	£313	£0	£24,323	£24,637	£20,579
Publicity costs		£0	£500	£1,157	£1,657	£4,722
Management and Administration Costs	5, 7	£1,509	£0	£5,565	£7,074	£3,441
TOTAL Resources Expended		**£1,822**	**£500**	**£31,045**	**£33,367**	**£28,742**
NET Incoming Resources for the period		**£21,866**	**£9,555**	**£2,489**	**£33,910**	**£4,473**
Unrealised Gains and Losses						
Gain on Revaluation of Tangible Fixed Assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Net Movement in Funds		**£21,866**	**£9,555**	**£2,489**	**£33,910**	**£4,473**
Fund Balances brought forward		**£0**	**£2,495**	**£257,180**	**£259,675**	**£255,201**
Transfer between funds	9	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**
Fund Balances carried forward	8, 9	**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£259,669**	**£293,585**	**£259,675**

The following notes (notes 1 to 10 on pages 3 to 7) form part of these accounts.

J Ellis ..... (Hon. Treasurer)

Chris Ingham ..... (Director)

Samaritans of Lancaster and District
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025

	Note	Year to 31.3.25 Designated	Year to 31.3.25 Restricted	Year to 31.3.25 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.25 Total	Year to 31.3.24
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	£0	£0	**£166,824**	**£166,824**	**£167,398**
Current Assets						
COIF Deposit Account		£21,866	£12,050	£72,230	£106,146	£82,052
NatWest Current account (ending '172)		£0	£0	£20,634	£20,634	£8,397
NatWest Current account (ending '180)		£0	£0	£1,247	£1,247	£1,767
Cash in hand		£0	£0	£18	£18	£14
Debtors and Prepayments		£0	£0	£115	£115	£438
Total Current Assets		**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£94,244**	**£128,159**	**£92,668**
Current Liabilities						
Creditors and Accruals		£0	£0	£1,223	£1,223	£391
Deferred Income		£0	£0	£175	£175	£0
Total Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£0**	**£1,398**	**£1,398**	**£391**
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£92,846**	**£126,761**	**£92,277**
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£259,669**	**£293,585**	**£259,675**
Represented by	9	£21,866	£12,050	£259,669	£293,585	£259,675
TOTAL		**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£259,669**	**£293,585**	**£259,675**

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Note 1. Accounting policies.

(i) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) on Accounting by Charities.

(ii) All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when received, unless the Trustees deem that income receivable from recovered tax or from legacies would alter the SOFA materially.

(iii) Net fundraising income raised by the Friends of Samaritans and by our Charity shop is included when received, and any associated costs are separately disclosed in a note.

(iv) Premises overheads are aggregated and allocated to the various functional activities on a percentage basis determined by the Trustees and disclosed in a note.

(v) Any costs which cannot be specifically identified otherwise are included in the management and administration function.

(vi) Depreciation on equipment and furniture is written off on a straight line basis over 5 years. Freehold property is revalued at 5 year intervals with no depreciation allowance.

Note 2. Donations and grants				
Funds received from organisations during the period include:				
	Designated	**Restricted**	**Unrestricted**	**Total**
Frieda Scott Charitable Trust			£3,500	£3,500
Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)			£649	£649
NOMS (unrestricted)			£2,039	£2,039
CAF			£300	£300
Lancaster City Council VCSE Grant			£2,400	£2,400
Glasdon			£500	£500
Skipton Building Society			£1,000	£1,000
Home Bargains			£3,350	£3,350
Enthuse, Donr & Easyfundraising			£1,042	£1,042
Other donations, including those from individuals,	£550	£550	£1,997	£3,097
(including several funeral donations of supporters)				
Share from Samaritans CO - London Marathon			£150	£150
Tax recovered through Gift Aid			£253	£253
Anonymous donation	£20,965			£20,965
Grant - N Lancs Counselling		£1,839		£1,839
Total donations and grants	**£21,515**	**£2,389**	**£17,180**	**£41,084**
Legacies (Unrestricted)				
Total legacies				**£0**

Note 3. Fundraising Events				
	Designated	**Restricted**	**Unrestricted**	**Total**
Samarathon (incl Gift Aid)		£4,064		£4,064
Sarah Millican - share from Region			£755	£755
Other Outreach events			£166	£166
Other fundraising			£430	£430
Carus Green Golf Club (Lady Captain's Charity)	£2,173			£2,173
Heysham Golf Club (Lady Captain's Charity)		£3,196		£3,196
Wendy Taylor		£406		£406
Total fundraising	**£2,173**	**£7,665**	**£1,351**	**£11,189**

Note 4. Samaritans shop
12 Damside Street, Lancaster
Summary for the year ended 31 March 2025

Income (Unrestricted)		
Sales		£25,358
Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)		£808
total income		**£26,166**
Expenditure (Unrestricted)		
Rent	£10,800	
Insurance	£351	
Rates	£808	
Water, Light and Heat	£1,555	
Repairs & Renewals	£477	
Telephone & Broadband	£297	
Worldpay Charges	£591	
Sundry Expenses	£151	
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£18	
Stationery	£208	
total expenditure		**£15,257**
Surplus for the period		**£10,910**

Note 5. Premises Overheads	Year to 31.3.25 Designated	Year to 31.3.25 Restricted	Year to 31.3.25 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.24 Total
Water, Light and Heat	£0	£0	£2,908	£2,908	£2,096
Repairs and Renewals	£0	£0	£1,865	£1,865	£1,379
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£0	£0	£1,909	£1,909	£1,973
Office telephone & broadband	£0	£0	£507	£507	£857
Insurance	£0	£0	£1,410	£1,410	£1,372
Discretionary Rates relief (Lancaster City Council)	£0	£0	£649	£649	£666
Depreciation	£0	£0	£993	£993	£909
Total	**£0**	**£0**	**£10,241**	**£10,241**	**£9,252**
Allocated to:					
Direct charitable expenditure (85%)	£0	£0	£8,705	£8,705	£7,864
Management and Administration costs (15%)	£0	£0	£1,536	£1,536	£1,388
Total	**£0**	**£0**	**£10,241**	**£10,241**	**£9,252**

Note 6. Direct Charitable expenditure	Year to 31.3.25 Designated	Year to 31.3.25 Restricted	Year to 31.3.25 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.24 Total
Emergency telephone and email	£0	£0	£1,528	£1,528	£1,610
Volunteer training and support	£0	£0	£2,850	£2,850	£2,312
Volunteer travel expenses - local	£0	£0	£9,355	£9,355	£8,245
Director's expenses	£0	£0	£107	£107	£139
National/Regional meetings and travel	£0	£0	£1,664	£1,664	£284
Fundraising	£313	£0	£114	£427	£126
Share of premises overheads (note 5)	£0	£0	£8,705	£8,705	£7,864
Total	**£313**	**£0**	**£24,323**	**£24,637**	**£20,579**

Note 7. Management and Administration costs	Year to 31.3.25 Designated	Year to 31.3.25 Restricted	Year to 31.3.25 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.24 Total
Postage, printing, photocopier and stationery	£0	£0	£400	£400	£93
Affiliation fee to Samaritans	£0	£0	£2,721	£2,721	£1,708
Sundry expenses	£0	£0	£608	£608	£252
Legal fees re transfer from Branch to CIO	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Accountancy	£0	£0	£300	£300	£0
Professional building fees re Sun Street	£1,509	£0	£0	£1,509	£0
Share of Premises Overheads (note 5)	£0	£0	£1,536	£1,536	£1,388
Total	**£1,509**	**£0**	**£5,565**	**£7,074**	**£3,441**

Note 8. Tangible Fixed Assets (Unrestricted)		Freehold Property	Equipment & Furniture	Total
Cost or Valuation at 31 March 2024		£165,000	£2,398	£167,398
Disposals		£0	£0	£0
Additions at cost		£0	£419	£419
Depreciation		£0	-£993	-£993
Cost or Valuation at 31 March 2025		**£165,000**	**£1,824**	**£166,824**

The Charity's freehold premises at 21 Sun Street, Lancaster were valued by Richard P Taylor Chartered Surveyors on 31 October 2022 of between £150,000 and £175,000. Therefore the previous value provided by Eckersley of £165,000 at 14 June 2017, remains in the accounts. The title to the freehold premises is held by Samaritans as custodian trustee.

Note 9. Reconciliation of Funds	Designated	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Funds balance brought forward	£0	£2,495	£257,180	£259,675
Incoming resources	£23,688	£10,055	£33,534	£67,277
Total resources expended	-£1,822	-£500	-£31,045	-£33,367
Transfer between funds	£0	£0	£0	£0
Funds balance carried forward	**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£259,669**	**£293,585**

Building Fund

Balances at 31 March 2025: Restricted £10,055 Designated £21,866

Monies raised/ donated (Restricted Funds) or allocated (Designated Funds) for the purchase/lease of new premises, or if this does not prove possible, rennovation and repair of Sun Street for future use as required.

Any unused balance would be used for future maintenance of the premises then in use.

Morecambe Men's Committee

Balance at 31 March 2025: Restricted £1,995

For outreach work in Morecambe.

Note 10. Indemnity Insurance. Samaritans has centrally-effected professional indemnity insurance to protect trustees, directors and other volunteer members of all Samaritans branches.

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

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95 King Street Lancaster

1st October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.24
		Designated	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Incoming Resources						
Donations, Grants and Gift Aid	2	£21,515	£2,389	£17,180	£41,084	£14,966
Fundraising Events	3	£2,173	£7,665	£1,351	£11,189	£4,769
Surplus from Shop	4	£0	£0	£10,910	£10,910	£4,840
Legacies	2	£0	£0	£0	£0	£5,000
Deposit Interest		£0	£0	£4,094	£4,094	£3,640
TOTAL Incoming Resources		**£23,688**	**£10,055**	**£33,534**	**£67,277**	**£33,215**
Resources Expended						
Direct Charitable Expenditure	5, 6	£313	£0	£24,323	£24,637	£20,579
Publicity costs		£0	£500	£1,157	£1,657	£4,722
Management and Administration Costs	5, 7	£1,509	£0	£5,565	£7,074	£3,441
TOTAL Resources Expended		**£1,822**	**£500**	**£31,045**	**£33,367**	**£28,742**
NET Incoming Resources for the period		**£21,866**	**£9,555**	**£2,489**	**£33,910**	**£4,473**
Unrealised Gains and Losses						
Gain on Revaluation of Tangible Fixed Assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Net Movement in Funds		**£21,866**	**£9,555**	**£2,489**	**£33,910**	**£4,473**
Fund Balances brought forward		**£0**	**£2,495**	**£257,180**	**£259,675**	**£255,201**
Transfer between funds	9	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**
Fund Balances carried forward	8, 9	**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£259,669**	**£293,585**	**£259,675**

The following notes (notes 1 to 10 on pages 3 to 7) form part of these accounts.

J Ellis ..... (Hon. Treasurer)

Chris Ingham ..... (Director)

Samaritans of Lancaster and District
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025

	Note	Year to 31.3.25 Designated	Year to 31.3.25 Restricted	Year to 31.3.25 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.25 Total	Year to 31.3.24
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	£0	£0	**£166,824**	**£166,824**	**£167,398**
Current Assets						
COIF Deposit Account		£21,866	£12,050	£72,230	£106,146	£82,052
NatWest Current account (ending '172)		£0	£0	£20,634	£20,634	£8,397
NatWest Current account (ending '180)		£0	£0	£1,247	£1,247	£1,767
Cash in hand		£0	£0	£18	£18	£14
Debtors and Prepayments		£0	£0	£115	£115	£438
Total Current Assets		**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£94,244**	**£128,159**	**£92,668**
Current Liabilities						
Creditors and Accruals		£0	£0	£1,223	£1,223	£391
Deferred Income		£0	£0	£175	£175	£0
Total Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£0**	**£1,398**	**£1,398**	**£391**
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£92,846**	**£126,761**	**£92,277**
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£259,669**	**£293,585**	**£259,675**
Represented by	9	£21,866	£12,050	£259,669	£293,585	£259,675
TOTAL		**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£259,669**	**£293,585**	**£259,675**

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Note 1. Accounting policies.

(i) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) on Accounting by Charities.

(ii) All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when received, unless the Trustees deem that income receivable from recovered tax or from legacies would alter the SOFA materially.

(iii) Net fundraising income raised by the Friends of Samaritans and by our Charity shop is included when received, and any associated costs are separately disclosed in a note.

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(vi) Depreciation on equipment and furniture is written off on a straight line basis over 5 years. Freehold property is revalued at 5 year intervals with no depreciation allowance.

Note 2. Donations and grants				
Funds received from organisations during the period include:				
	Designated	**Restricted**	**Unrestricted**	**Total**
Frieda Scott Charitable Trust			£3,500	£3,500
Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)			£649	£649
NOMS (unrestricted)			£2,039	£2,039
CAF			£300	£300
Lancaster City Council VCSE Grant			£2,400	£2,400
Glasdon			£500	£500
Skipton Building Society			£1,000	£1,000
Home Bargains			£3,350	£3,350
Enthuse, Donr & Easyfundraising			£1,042	£1,042
Other donations, including those from individuals,	£550	£550	£1,997	£3,097
(including several funeral donations of supporters)				
Share from Samaritans CO - London Marathon			£150	£150
Tax recovered through Gift Aid			£253	£253
Anonymous donation	£20,965			£20,965
Grant - N Lancs Counselling		£1,839		£1,839
Total donations and grants	**£21,515**	**£2,389**	**£17,180**	**£41,084**
Legacies (Unrestricted)				
Total legacies				**£0**

Note 3. Fundraising Events				
	Designated	**Restricted**	**Unrestricted**	**Total**
Samarathon (incl Gift Aid)		£4,064		£4,064
Sarah Millican - share from Region			£755	£755
Other Outreach events			£166	£166
Other fundraising			£430	£430
Carus Green Golf Club (Lady Captain's Charity)	£2,173			£2,173
Heysham Golf Club (Lady Captain's Charity)		£3,196		£3,196
Wendy Taylor		£406		£406
Total fundraising	**£2,173**	**£7,665**	**£1,351**	**£11,189**

Note 4. Samaritans shop
12 Damside Street, Lancaster
Summary for the year ended 31 March 2025

Income (Unrestricted)		
Sales		£25,358
Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)		£808
total income		**£26,166**
Expenditure (Unrestricted)		
Rent	£10,800	
Insurance	£351	
Rates	£808	
Water, Light and Heat	£1,555	
Repairs & Renewals	£477	
Telephone & Broadband	£297	
Worldpay Charges	£591	
Sundry Expenses	£151	
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£18	
Stationery	£208	
total expenditure		**£15,257**
Surplus for the period		**£10,910**

Note 5. Premises Overheads	Year to 31.3.25 Designated	Year to 31.3.25 Restricted	Year to 31.3.25 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.24 Total
Water, Light and Heat	£0	£0	£2,908	£2,908	£2,096
Repairs and Renewals	£0	£0	£1,865	£1,865	£1,379
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£0	£0	£1,909	£1,909	£1,973
Office telephone & broadband	£0	£0	£507	£507	£857
Insurance	£0	£0	£1,410	£1,410	£1,372
Discretionary Rates relief (Lancaster City Council)	£0	£0	£649	£649	£666
Depreciation	£0	£0	£993	£993	£909
Total	**£0**	**£0**	**£10,241**	**£10,241**	**£9,252**
Allocated to:					
Direct charitable expenditure (85%)	£0	£0	£8,705	£8,705	£7,864
Management and Administration costs (15%)	£0	£0	£1,536	£1,536	£1,388
Total	**£0**	**£0**	**£10,241**	**£10,241**	**£9,252**

Note 6. Direct Charitable expenditure	Year to 31.3.25 Designated	Year to 31.3.25 Restricted	Year to 31.3.25 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.24 Total
Emergency telephone and email	£0	£0	£1,528	£1,528	£1,610
Volunteer training and support	£0	£0	£2,850	£2,850	£2,312
Volunteer travel expenses - local	£0	£0	£9,355	£9,355	£8,245
Director's expenses	£0	£0	£107	£107	£139
National/Regional meetings and travel	£0	£0	£1,664	£1,664	£284
Fundraising	£313	£0	£114	£427	£126
Share of premises overheads (note 5)	£0	£0	£8,705	£8,705	£7,864
Total	**£313**	**£0**	**£24,323**	**£24,637**	**£20,579**

Note 7. Management and Administration costs	Year to 31.3.25 Designated	Year to 31.3.25 Restricted	Year to 31.3.25 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.25	Year to 31.3.24 Total
Postage, printing, photocopier and stationery	£0	£0	£400	£400	£93
Affiliation fee to Samaritans	£0	£0	£2,721	£2,721	£1,708
Sundry expenses	£0	£0	£608	£608	£252
Legal fees re transfer from Branch to CIO	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Accountancy	£0	£0	£300	£300	£0
Professional building fees re Sun Street	£1,509	£0	£0	£1,509	£0
Share of Premises Overheads (note 5)	£0	£0	£1,536	£1,536	£1,388
Total	**£1,509**	**£0**	**£5,565**	**£7,074**	**£3,441**

Note 8. Tangible Fixed Assets (Unrestricted)		Freehold Property	Equipment & Furniture	Total
Cost or Valuation at 31 March 2024		£165,000	£2,398	£167,398
Disposals		£0	£0	£0
Additions at cost		£0	£419	£419
Depreciation		£0	-£993	-£993
Cost or Valuation at 31 March 2025		**£165,000**	**£1,824**	**£166,824**

The Charity's freehold premises at 21 Sun Street, Lancaster were valued by Richard P Taylor Chartered Surveyors on 31 October 2022 of between £150,000 and £175,000. Therefore the previous value provided by Eckersley of £165,000 at 14 June 2017, remains in the accounts. The title to the freehold premises is held by Samaritans as custodian trustee.

Note 9. Reconciliation of Funds	Designated	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Funds balance brought forward	£0	£2,495	£257,180	£259,675
Incoming resources	£23,688	£10,055	£33,534	£67,277
Total resources expended	-£1,822	-£500	-£31,045	-£33,367
Transfer between funds	£0	£0	£0	£0
Funds balance carried forward	**£21,866**	**£12,050**	**£259,669**	**£293,585**

Building Fund

Balances at 31 March 2025: Restricted £10,055 Designated £21,866

Monies raised/ donated (Restricted Funds) or allocated (Designated Funds) for the purchase/lease of new premises, or if this does not prove possible, rennovation and repair of Sun Street for future use as required.

Any unused balance would be used for future maintenance of the premises then in use.

Morecambe Men's Committee

Balance at 31 March 2025: Restricted £1,995

For outreach work in Morecambe.

Note 10. Indemnity Insurance. Samaritans has centrally-effected professional indemnity insurance to protect trustees, directors and other volunteer members of all Samaritans branches.

SAMARITANS OF LANCASTER & DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1173652

Accounts

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Registered Charity No. 1173652
21 Sun Street, Lancaster LA1 1EW

Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31st March 2024

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Registered Charity No. 1173652
21 Sun Street, Lancaster LA1 1EW

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

The incorporated charity number 1173652 was started in October 2017 under the constitution dated July 2017. The Trustees of the charity are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Those who have acted from 1 April 2023, up to the date of this report, are as follows:

Name	Office held	Dates acted if not for whole period
Chris Ingham	Director	
Tracey Duffy	Vice Director	
June Ellis	Treasurer	
Carol Brearley	Secretary	
Val Willett		Resigned 6th July 2023
Chris Hough		
Helen Murfin		
Jane Clarke		
Jenny Dighton		Resigned 18th February 2024
Jude Whitwood		
Michael Brogan		
Joan Guenault		Appointed 6th July 2023

The organisation and financial affairs of the charity are managed by the Branch Leadership Team (BLT), comprising Director, Deputy Directors, and Trustees. The BLT determines policy for and receives reports from teams and individuals who work for the charity. The Trustees are responsible for overall governance and finance. The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures are established to manage those risks.

The charity's bankers are National Westminster PLC, 68 Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1LN.

A COIF Deposit Fund Account is held with CCLA Investment Management Ltd, One Angel Lane, London EC4R 3AB.

The Independent Examiner is Jennifer Beckett FCCA of Taylor Robertson and Willett Ltd, 95 King Street, Lancaster LA1 1RH.

This Trustees Annual Report forms an integral part of the full annual accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

Aims and Organisation

Samaritans of Lancaster & District work with the main aim of always being there for the assistance of any person who is experiencing feelings of suicide, despair, or distress, by providing confidential emotional support by telephone, e mail, or webchat. Our charitable purpose is all focused on Public Benefit. We are based at 21, Sun Street, Lancaster and we are primarily there to assist those in a geographical area which includes Lancaster, Morecambe, Lunesdale, Kendal, and South Lakeland, however through our internet-based platform system we now answer callers nationwide.

We are one of the 19 branches in the North West Region of Samaritans and have just over 106 volunteers. Lancaster Branch is one of over 200 branches linked in a nationwide organisation to Samaritans Central Charity. (Registered Charity no.219432). The Central Office supports the Branches, and sets and monitors standards of service and care by means of its regional structure.

Review of Progress and Achievements

The quality and extent of the service we can provide to those who are in need is dependent on having enough trained Samaritans. During the last year we have recruited, trained, and mentored 25 listening volunteers and 5 support volunteers. This along with a high retention of volunteers means we are growing in numbers year on year. We deliver our Continuous development training for all volunteers as a mixture of zoom and face to face which is going well. We will continue to recruit more volunteers to extend the Service we can offer.

Samaritans continue to provide a "listening ear" to vulnerable, distressed, and suicidal callers, however they choose to contact us, whether by telephone, email, or webchat. The email service is now provided through a Central Hub of volunteers since April 2023. Some of our branch volunteers are also part of this Hub. Our callers come from all walks of life that reflects the society we live in. The extra pressures people are facing today have resulted in an increase of people contacting us about a range of concerns and needing to have a safe place to talk and be listened to.

We remain involved in prison support, and continue our positive relationship with HMP Lancaster Farms, a Category C adult male prison, where we recruit, train, and support a team of Listeners who support other prisoners on a on going basis. We also offer support to staff on an on-going basis.

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024 (cont)

We have this year extended our work in education establishments to include schools, colleges, and universities. This involves providing awareness training to staff and students and the delivery of short projects depending on identified need.

Our Outreach team has been busy throughout the year raising awareness of our Service and reaching out to communities that may need us. Some examples are attending Pride events, organising stalls in Lancaster and Morecambe, presentations, and information sessions to various local groups. Developing our partnership with Network Rail which includes having a presence at the local train stations several times a year and offering support to staff when required. Along with responding to several requests for support from other partners like Police, Health Service, Lancaster City Council.

At Lancaster & District our calls are routed via the National Freecall number 116 123. This facility has produced a large increase in the number of calls we receive, as now we are available to those who need us whether they have funds or not, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. Thanks to all our volunteers, without whom this would not be possible. During 2023 Lancaster and District branch answered Inbound calls of 12,362 over 3,518 hours, made Outbound calls of 160 over 54 hours, answered 175 email callers over 88 hours and replied to 725 webchat callers over 410 hours.

Review of Financial Position

Total income for the year was £33215, of which £5000 was a Restricted Fund, a donation received from Morecambe Men's Committee, for outreach within the Morecambe area. £2495 of this Restricted Fund remained at 31 March 2024, but it is expected that this will be used in the year to 31 March 2025. The Unrestricted Income was £28215 compared to £26977 for the year to 31 March 2023. We again benefitted from a generous a grant of £3,500 from the Frieda Scott Charitable Trust for volunteer travel expenses, which has been very welcome, as volunteer expenses totalled £8245 in 2023/24. We are keen to offer reimbursement of expenses to all our volunteers, who are so generous with their time, especially in the current financial climate. We received continuing support from Lancaster City Council, with a grant of £2300, (an increase of £100 from the previous year) and with discretionary rates relief on 21, Sun Street and on our shop at 12, Damside Street. Our work and support of the local prison also provides significant income from the Prison Service (£2039), which is now all unrestricted, but used in the first instance for expenses related to our prison work.

We received many donations from individuals and other organisations, often through their fundraising efforts, including Samarathon sponsorship and this year the return of our Branch choir which was good fun whilst raising awareness and funds. It is a great encouragement to know that our efforts are so widely appreciated.

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024 (cont)

Our Charity shop raised £4840 in the year to 31 March 2024 which is down from £6034 in 2022/23, but repairs expenditure was up by £800 as we caught up with some essential repairs and replacements. We struggled with insufficient volunteers to be able to open the shop every day, but at the date of this report some additional volunteers have been recruited, the shop is open more, and takings are improving. The shop plays an important role in providing funds for our work at the Centre and in raising public awareness of Samaritans.

We are very grateful for the efforts of our shop volunteers and all who have helped in all our fundraising efforts.

Expenditure this year on general unrestricted funds was £26237, giving us a surplus for the year of £1979, compared with a deficit of £9137 in 2022/23. The deficit in 2022/23 was largely due to some increased expenditure on repairs in that year, in particular replacement of our central heating boiler. Our gas and electricity contracts were renewed on 1 August 2023, after being fixed prior to the price rises, so this has meant some increased cost this year from that date. Increase in publicity costs relate to outreach and awareness expenditure, especially a 2 year advert on the Lancaster hospital maps.

Our reserves at 31 March 2024 stand at £92277. This is more than the 18 months running expenses we would normally seek to hold due to a decision we took in 2023 to move premises. Early in 2023 we undertook a review of the suitability of our premises going forward, and whether a move to new premises might be advisable or possible. To enable this to become a reality we have ring fenced this funding to help achieve the move along with setting up a fundraising group to support this decision and we will continue to work on this going forward.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Christine Ingham ..... (Director)

12 August 2024

Samaritans of Lancaster and District

Registered Charity No 1173652

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Samaritans of Lancaster and District

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 7 following.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jennifer Beckett F.C.C.A.
Taylor, Robertson and Willett Ltd
Accountants
95 King Street Lancaster

1st July 2024

The Samaritans of Lancaster and District

Registered Charity No. 1173652

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Year to 31.3.24 Restricted	Year to 31.3.24 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.24 Total	Year to 31.3.23 Total
Incoming Resources					
Donations, Grants and Gift Aid	2	£5,000	£9,966	£14,966	£15,967
Fundraising Events	3	£0	£4,769	£4,769	£3,305
Surplus from Shop	4	£0	£4,840	£4,840	£6,034
Legacies	2	£0	£5,000	£5,000	£1,000
Deposit Interest		£0	£3,640	£3,640	£1,448
TOTAL Incoming Resources		**£5,000**	**£28,216**	**£33,215**	**£27,753**
Resources Expended					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	5, 6	£0	£20,579	£20,579	£28,417
Publicity costs		£2,505	£2,217	£4,722	£1,274
Management and Administration Costs	5, 7	£0	£3,441	£3,441	£7,199
TOTAL Resources Expended		**£2,505**	**£26,237**	**£28,742**	**£36,890**
NET Incoming Resources for the period		**£2,495**	**£1,979**	**£4,473**	**-£9,137**
Unrealised Gains and Losses					
Gain on Revaluation of Tangible Fixed Assets		£0	£0	£0	£0
Net Movement in Funds		**£2,495**	**£1,979**	**£4,473**	**-£9,137**
Fund Balances brought forward		**£0**	**£255,201**	**£255,201**	**£264,338**
Transfer between funds	9	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**
Fund Balances carried forward	8, 9	**£2,495**	**£257,180**	**£259,675**	**£255,201**

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Samaritans of Lancaster and District

Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024

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Tangible Fixed Assets	8	£0	**£167,398**	**£167,398**	**£167,730**
Current Assets					
COIF Deposit Account		£0	£82,052	£82,052	£74,412
NatWest Current account (ending '172)		£2,495	£5,902	£8,397	£10,459
NatWest Current account (ending '180)		£0	£1,767	£1,767	£1,421
Cash in hand		£0	£14	£14	£14
Debtor		£0	£438	£438	£2,190
Total Current Assets		**£2,495**	**£90,173**	**£92,668**	**£88,496**
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and Accruals		£0	£391	£391	£1,025
Deferred Income		£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£391**	**£391**	**£1,025**
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		**£2,495**	**£89,782**	**£92,277**	**£87,471**
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**£2,495**	**£257,180**	**£259,675**	**£255,201**
Represented by	9	£2,495	£257,180	£259,675	£255,201
TOTAL		**£2,495**	**£257,180**	**£259,675**	**£255,201**

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Frieda Scott Charitable Trust		£3,500	£3,500
Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)		£666	£666
NOMS (unrestricted)		£2,039	£2,039
NOMS (restricted)		£0	£0
CAF		£75	£75
Lancaster City Council Grant		£2,300	£2,300
Enthuse, Amazon Smile & Easyfundraising		£251	£251
Morecambe Men's Committee	£5,000		£5,000
Other donations, including those from individuals,		£1,117	£1,117
(including several funeral donations of supporters)			
Tax recovered through Gift Aid		£18	£18
Total donations and grants	**£5,000**	**£9,966**	**£14,966**
Legacies (Unrestricted)			£5,000
Total legacies			**£5,000**

Note 3. Fundraising Events (Unrestricted)			
Samarathon			£1,696
Gift Aid on Samarathon			£316
Sarah Millican			£207
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Other fundraising			£102
Total fundraising			**£4,769**

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12 Damside Street, Lancaster
Summary for the year ended 31 March 2024

Income (Unrestricted)		
Sales		£19,542
Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)		£829
total income		**£20,371**
Expenditure (Unrestricted)		
Rent	£10,800	
Insurance	£336	
Rates	£829	
Water, Light and Heat	£1,449	
Repairs & Renewals	£989	
Telephone & Broadband	£427	
Worldpay Charges	£505	
Sundry Expenses	£100	
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£13	
Stationery	£83	
total expenditure		**£15,531**
Surplus for the period		**£4,840**

Note 5. Premises Overheads	Year to 31.3.24 Restricted	Year to 31.3.24 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.24	Year to 31.3.23 Total
Water, Light and Heat	£0	£2,096	£2,096	£1,859
Repairs and Renewals	£0	£1,379	£1,379	£7,624
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£0	£1,973	£1,973	£1,392
Office telephone & broadband	£0	£857	£857	£1,290
Insurance	£0	£1,372	£1,372	£1,530
Discretionary Rates relief (Lancaster City Council)	£0	£666	£666	£645
Depreciation	£0	£909	£909	£2,161
Total	**£0**	**£9,252**	**£9,252**	**£16,502**
Allocated to:				
Direct charitable expenditure (85%)	£0	£7,864	£7,864	£14,027
Management and Administration costs (15%)	£0	£1,388	£1,388	£2,475
Total	**£0**	**£9,252**	**£9,252**	**£16,502**

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Volunteer training and support	£0	£2,312	£2,312	£2,142
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Fundraising	£0	£126	£126	£22
Share of premises overheads (note 5)	£0	£7,864	£7,864	£14,027
Total	**£0**	**£20,579**	**£20,579**	**£28,417**

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Affiliation fee to Samaritans	£0	£1,708	£1,708	£3,303
Sundry expenses	£0	£252	£252	£915
Legal fees re transfer from Branch to CIO	£0	£0	£0	£0
Accountancy	£0	£0	£0	£0
Share of Premises Overheads (note 5)	£0	£1,388	£1,388	£2,475
Total	**£0**	**£3,441**	**£3,441**	**£7,199**

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Cost or Valuation at 31 March 2023	£165,000	£2,730	£167,730
Disposals	£0	£0	£0
Additions at cost	£0	£577	£577
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Incoming resources	£5,000	£28,216	£33,216
Total resources expended	-£2,505	-£26,237	-£28,742
Transfer between funds	£0	£0	£0
Funds balance carried forward	**£2,495**	**£257,180**	**£259,675**

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Samaritans of Lancaster and District

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Accountants
95 King Street Lancaster

1st July 2024

The Samaritans of Lancaster and District

Registered Charity No. 1173652

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Year to 31.3.24 Restricted	Year to 31.3.24 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.24 Total	Year to 31.3.23 Total
Incoming Resources					
Donations, Grants and Gift Aid	2	£5,000	£9,966	£14,966	£15,967
Fundraising Events	3	£0	£4,769	£4,769	£3,305
Surplus from Shop	4	£0	£4,840	£4,840	£6,034
Legacies	2	£0	£5,000	£5,000	£1,000
Deposit Interest		£0	£3,640	£3,640	£1,448
TOTAL Incoming Resources		**£5,000**	**£28,216**	**£33,215**	**£27,753**
Resources Expended					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	5, 6	£0	£20,579	£20,579	£28,417
Publicity costs		£2,505	£2,217	£4,722	£1,274
Management and Administration Costs	5, 7	£0	£3,441	£3,441	£7,199
TOTAL Resources Expended		**£2,505**	**£26,237**	**£28,742**	**£36,890**
NET Incoming Resources for the period		**£2,495**	**£1,979**	**£4,473**	**-£9,137**
Unrealised Gains and Losses					
Gain on Revaluation of Tangible Fixed Assets		£0	£0	£0	£0
Net Movement in Funds		**£2,495**	**£1,979**	**£4,473**	**-£9,137**
Fund Balances brought forward		**£0**	**£255,201**	**£255,201**	**£264,338**
Transfer between funds	9	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**
Fund Balances carried forward	8, 9	**£2,495**	**£257,180**	**£259,675**	**£255,201**

The following notes (notes 1 to 10 on pages 3 to 7) form part of these accounts.

J Ellis ..... (Hon. Treasurer)

C. Taylor ..... (Director)

Samaritans of Lancaster and District

Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024

	Note	Year to 31.3.24 Restricted	Year to 31.3.24 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.24 Total	Year to 31.3.23
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	£0	**£167,398**	**£167,398**	**£167,730**
Current Assets					
COIF Deposit Account		£0	£82,052	£82,052	£74,412
NatWest Current account (ending '172)		£2,495	£5,902	£8,397	£10,459
NatWest Current account (ending '180)		£0	£1,767	£1,767	£1,421
Cash in hand		£0	£14	£14	£14
Debtor		£0	£438	£438	£2,190
Total Current Assets		**£2,495**	**£90,173**	**£92,668**	**£88,496**
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and Accruals		£0	£391	£391	£1,025
Deferred Income		£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£391**	**£391**	**£1,025**
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		**£2,495**	**£89,782**	**£92,277**	**£87,471**
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**£2,495**	**£257,180**	**£259,675**	**£255,201**
Represented by	9	£2,495	£257,180	£259,675	£255,201
TOTAL		**£2,495**	**£257,180**	**£259,675**	**£255,201**

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

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(i) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) on Accounting by Charities.

(ii) All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when received, unless the Trustees deem that income receivable from recovered tax or from legacies would alter the SOFA materially.

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(vi) Depreciation on equipment and furniture is written off on a straight line basis over 5 years. Freehold property is revalued at 5 year intervals with no depreciation allowance.

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Funds received from organisations during the period include:			
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CAF		£75	£75
Lancaster City Council Grant		£2,300	£2,300
Enthuse, Amazon Smile & Easyfundraising		£251	£251
Morecambe Men's Committee	£5,000		£5,000
Other donations, including those from individuals,		£1,117	£1,117
(including several funeral donations of supporters)			
Tax recovered through Gift Aid		£18	£18
Total donations and grants	**£5,000**	**£9,966**	**£14,966**
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SAMARITANS OF LANCASTER & DISTRICT

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Accounts

SAMARITANS
Lancaster & District

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Registered Charity No. 1173652
21 Sun Street, Lancaster LA1 1EW

Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31st March 2023

SAMARITANS
70 years of listening

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2023

The incorporated charity number 1173652 was started in October 2017 under the constitution dated July 2017. The Trustees of the charity are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Those who have acted from 1 April 2022, up to the date of this report, are as follows:

Name	Office held	Dates acted if not for whole period
Chris Ingham	Vice Director	Appointed 17/8/2022
	Director	From 1/12/22
Tracey Duffy	Director	Appointed 1/7/22
	Vice Director	From1/12/22
Liz Hartley	Director	To 31/5/22
		Resigned 31/5/22
June Ellis	Treasurer	
Carol Brearley	Secretary	
Val Willett		
Chris Hough		
Helen Murfin		
Jane Clarke		
Jenny Dighton		
Jude Whitworth		
Peter Hope		Resigned 17/ 8/2022
Michael Brogan		Appointed 26/11/22

The organisation and financial affairs of the charity are managed by the Branch Leadership Team (BLT), comprising Deputy Directors and Trustees. The BLT determines policy for and receives reports from teams and individuals who work for the charity. The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures are established to manage those risks.

The charity's bankers are National Westminster PLC, 68 Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1LN.

A COIF Deposit Fund Account is held with CCLA Investment Management Ltd, One Angel Lane, London EC4R 3AB.

The Independent Examiner is N M Slater FCCA of Taylor Robertson and Willett, 95 King Street, Lancaster LA1 1RH.

This Trustees Annual Report forms an integral part of the full annual accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2023 (cont)

Aims and Organisation

Samaritans of Lancaster & District have always worked with the main aim of being there at all times for the assistance of any person who is experiencing feelings of suicide, despair or distress, by providing confidential emotional support by telephone, e mail , or webchat. Our charitable purpose is all focused on Public Benefit. We are based at 21, Sun Street, Lancaster and we are primarily there to assist those in a geographical area which includes Lancaster, Morecambe, Lunesdale, Kendal and South Lakeland, however through our Link telephone system we now answer calls nationwide. .

We are one of the 19 branches in the North West Region of Samaritans and have just over 106 volunteers. Lancaster Branch is one of over 201 branches linked in a nationwide organisation to Samaritans Central Charity. (Registered Charity no.219432). The Central Office supports the Branches, and sets and monitors standards of service and care by means of its regional structure.

Review of Progress and Achievements

The quality and extent of the service we can provide to those who are in need is dependent on having enough trained Samaritans. During the COVID 19 pandemic we managed to continue with our programme of recruiting, training, and mentoring suitable volunteers via Zoom. Since then, we have continued our training as a mixture of zoom and face to face which is going well.

Samaritans continue to provide a "listening ear" to vulnerable, distressed, and suicidal callers, however they choose to contact us, whether by telephone, email, or webchat. The email service is now provided through a Central Hub of volunteers since April 2023. Some of our branch volunteers are also part of this Hub. Our callers come from all walks of life that reflects the society we live in. The extra pressures people are facing today have resulted in an increase of people contacting us about a range of concerns and needing to have a safe place to talk and be listened to.

We remain involved in prison support, and continue our relationship with HMP Lancaster Farms, a Category C adult male prison, where we recruit, train and support a team of Listeners.

Our Outreach team was hampered by the COVID-19 situation, but are now once again able to hold public events in the area we cover, as well as presentations and information sessions to various local groups, to increase awareness of the service we offer.

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2023 (cont)

At Lancaster & District our calls are routed via the National Freecall number 116 123. This facility has produced a large increase in the number of calls we receive, as now we are available to those who need us whether they have funds or not, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. Thanks to all our volunteers, without whom this would not be possible.

Review of Financial Position

Income for the year was £27,753, a reduction from the 2022 accounts, but we were fortunate to receive a very large legacy in 2021/22. We again benefitted from a generous a grant of £3,500 from the Frieda Scott Charitable Trust for volunteer expenses, which has been very welcome, as volunteer expenses totalled £9764 in 2022/23. We are keen to offer reimbursement of expenses to all our volunteers, who are so generous with their time, especially in the current financial climate. We received continuing support from Lancaster City Council, with a grant, and with discretionary rates relief on 21, Sun Street and on our shop at 12, Damside Street. Our work and support of the local prison also provides significant income from the Prison Service.

We received many donations from individuals and other organisations, often through their fundraising efforts, and it is a great encouragement to know that our efforts are so widely appreciated. Income from donations and fundraising this year totalled £13571.

Our Charity shop raised £6034 in the year to 31 March 2023. This was less than the previous year (£9619), but the 2021/22 result included a 'post –COVID' start up grant of £2100. The reduction was mainly due to lack of sufficient volunteers to open every day; the management team at the shop, and the Centre are working hard to recruit more volunteers. The shop plays an important role in providing funds for our work at the Centre and in raising public awareness of Samaritans.
We are very grateful for the efforts of our shop volunteers and all who have helped in all our fundraising efforts.

Expenditure this year was £36890, giving us a deficit for the year of £9137. However we are fortunate to have healthy reserves. Premises overheads increased this year by £4000, largely due to increased 'catch up' expenditure on repairs and maintenance work, in particular replacing our central heating boiler at the Centre. Costs of training and meetings have increased as we benefit from face-to-face contact once again, but we found the switch to Zoom can also be beneficial for allowing volunteers to attend training and meetings, so will continue with a mix of both. We have been fortunate that our gas and electricity were on a fixed contract until 31 July 2023 so have seen no increased charges in 2022/23. There will be an increase of 100% of cost from 1 August, under the new contracts.

Our reserves stand at £87471. Whilst this is more than the 18 months running expenses we would normally seek to hold, we are undertaking a review of the suitability of our premises going forward, or whether a move to new premises might be advisable or possible. This can only be done by ring fencing this funding to achieve this review.

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The Samaritans of Lancaster and District

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Deposit Interest		£0	£1,448	£1,448	£36
TOTAL Incoming Resources		£776	£26,977	£27,753	£46,323
Resources Expended					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	5, 6	£711	£27,705	£28,417	£23,905
Publicity costs		£65	£1,219	£1,274	£731
Management and Administration Costs	5, 7	£0	£7,199	£7,199	£7,172
TOTAL Resources Expended		£776	£36,114	£36,890	£31,808
NET Incoming Resources for the period		£0	(£9,137)	(£9,137)	£14,515
Unrealised Gains and Losses					
Gain on Revaluation of Tangible Fixed Assets		£0	£0	£0	£0
Net Movement in Funds		£0	(£9,137)	(£9,137)	£14,515
Fund Balances brought forward		£0	£264,338	£264,338	£249,823
Transfer between funds	9			£0	£0
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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Note	Year to 31.3.23 Restricted	Year to 31.3.23 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.23 Total	Year to 31.3.22
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	£0	**£167,730**	**£167,730**	**£168,295**
Current Assets					
COIF Deposit Account		£0	£74,412	£74,412	£89,964
NatWest Current account (ending '172)		£0	£10,459	£10,459	£4,852
NatWest Current account (ending '180)		£0	£1,421	£1,421	£822
Cash in hand		£0	£14	£14	£10
Debtor (NOMS)		£0	£2,190	£2,190	£799
Total Current Assets		**£0**	**£88,496**	**£88,496**	**£96,447**
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and Accruals		£0	£1,025	£1,025	£404
Deferred Income		£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£1,025**	**£1,025**	**£404**
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£87,471**	**£87,471**	**£96,044**
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£255,201**	**£255,201**	**£264,338**
Represented by	9	£0	£255,201	£255,201	£264,338
TOTAL		**£0**	**£255,201**	**£255,201**	**£264,338**

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NOMS (unrestricted)		£2,190	£2,190
NOMS (restricted)	£776	£784	£1,560
CAF		£25	£25
Lancaster City Council Grant		£2,200	£2,200
Lancaster Community Fund		£500	£500
Glasdon		£1,000	£1,000
Primark		£750	£750
Lancaster Races		£150	£150
Enthuse, Amazon Smile & Easyfundraising		£1,381	£1,381
Other donations, including those from individuals,		£1,670	£1,670
(including several funeral donations of supporters)			
Share from Samaritans CO - Christmas		£38	£38
Tax recovered through Gift Aid		£358	£358
Total donations and grants	**£776**	**£15,191**	**£15,967**
Legacies (Unrestricted)			£1,000
Total legacies			**£1,000**

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St Paul's Caton			£310
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Masons			£429
Chistmas pudding fundraiser			£611
Joseph A Jones fundraiser			£199
Brew Monday			£93
AXA - Katy marathon fundraiser			£200
Christmas cards			£20
Total fundraising			**£3,305**

Note 4. Samaritans shop
12 Damside Street, Lancaster
Summary for the year ended 31 March 2023

Income (Unrestricted)		
Sales		£19,764
Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)		£829
total income		**£20,594**
Expenditure (Unrestricted)		
Rent	£10,800	
Insurance	£230	
Rates	£829	
Water, Light and Heat	£1,207	
Repairs & Renewals	£136	
Telephone & Broadband	£538	
Streamline & Worldpay Charges	£505	
Sundry Expenses	£75	
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£136	
Stationery	£103	
total expenditure		**£14,560**
Surplus for the period		**£6,034**

Note 5. Premises Overheads	Year to 31.3.23 Restricted	Year to 31.3.23 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.23	Year to 31.3.22 Total
Water, Light and Heat	£0	£1,859	£1,859	£1,790
Repairs and Renewals		£7,624	£7,624	£2,304
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£0	£1,392	£1,392	£2,387
Office telephone & broadband	£0	£1,290	£1,290	£1,641
Insurance	£0	£1,530	£1,530	£1,329
Discretionary Rates relief (Lancaster City Council)	£0	£645	£645	£645
Depreciation	£0	£2,161	£2,161	£2,687
Total	**£0**	**£16,502**	**£16,502**	**£12,784**
Allocated to:				
Direct charitable expenditure (85%)	£0	£14,027	£14,027	£10,866
Management and Administration costs (15%)	£0	£2,475	£2,475	£1,918
Total	**£0**	**£16,502**	**£16,502**	**£12,784**

Note 6. Direct Charitable expenditure	Year to 31.3.23 Restricted	Year to 31.3.23 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.23	Year to 31.3.22 Total
Emergency telephone and email	£0	£883	£883	£950
Volunteer training and support		£2,142	£2,142	£702
Volunteer travel expenses - local	£711	£9,052	£9,764	£8,740
Director's expenses	£0	£115	£115	£135
National/Regional meetings and travel	£0	£1,466	£1,466	£2,353
Fundraising	£0	£22	£22	£158
Share of premises overheads (note 5)	£0	£14,027	£14,027	£10,866
Total	**£711**	**£27,705**	**£28,417**	**£23,905**

Note 7. Management and Administration costs	Year to 31.3.23 Restricted	Year to 31.3.23 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.23	Year to 31.3.22 Total
Postage, printing, photocopier and stationery	£0	£506	£506	£397
Affiliation fee to Samaritans	£0	£3,303	£3,303	£2,533
Sundry expenses	£0	£915	£915	£2,084
Legal fees re transfer from Branch to CIO	£0	£0	£0	£0
Accountancy		£0		£240
Share of Premises Overheads (note 5)	£0	£2,475	£2,475	£1,918
Total	**£0**	**£7,199**	**£7,199**	**£7,172**

ote 8. Tangible Fixed Assets (Unrestricted)	Freehold Property	Equipment & Furniture	Total
Cost or Valuation at 31 March 2022	£165,000	£3,295	£168,295
Disposals		(£370)	(£370)
Additions at cost	£0	£1,966	£1,966
Depreciation	£0	(£2,161)	(£2,161)
Cost or Valuation at 31 March 2023	**£165,000**	**£2,730**	**£167,730**

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Note 9. Reconciliation of Funds	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Funds balance brought forward	£0	£264,338	£264,338
Incoming resources	£776	£26,977	£27,753
Total resources expended	(£776)	(£36,114)	(£36,890)
Transfer between funds	£0	£0	£0
Funds balance carried forward	**£0**	**£255,201**	**£255,201**

Note 10. Indemnity Insurance. Samaritans has centrally-effected professional indemnity insurance to protect trustees, directors and other volunteer members of all Samaritans branches.

Samaritans of Lancaster and District

Registered Charity No 1173652

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Samaritans of Lancaster and District

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 7 following.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Neil Martin Slater F.C.C.A.
Taylor, Robertson and Willett Ltd
Accountants
95 King Street Lancaster

13th June 2023

The Samaritans of Lancaster and District

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Year to 31.3.23	Year to 31.3.23	Year to 31.3.23	Year to 31.3.22
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Incoming Resources					
Donations, Grants and Gift Aid	2	£776	£15,191	£15,967	£20,467
Fundraising Events	3	£0	£3,305	£3,305	£3,280
Surplus from Shop	4	£0	£6,034	£6,034	£9,619
Legacies	2	£0	£1,000	£1,000	£12,922
Deposit Interest		£0	£1,448	£1,448	£36
TOTAL Incoming Resources		£776	£26,977	£27,753	£46,323
Resources Expended					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	5, 6	£711	£27,705	£28,417	£23,905
Publicity costs		£65	£1,219	£1,274	£731
Management and Administration Costs	5, 7	£0	£7,199	£7,199	£7,172
TOTAL Resources Expended		£776	£36,114	£36,890	£31,808
NET Incoming Resources for the period		£0	(£9,137)	(£9,137)	£14,515
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SAMARITANS OF LANCASTER & DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1173652

Accounts

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Registered Charity No. 1173652
21 Sun Street, Lancaster LA1 1EW

Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2022

The incorporated charity number 1173652 was started in October 2017 under the constitution dated July 2017. The Trustees of the charity are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Those who have acted during the year are as follows:

Name	Office held	Dates acted if not whole year
Tracey Duffy	Director	Until 4/10/21
		Re-appointed 1/7/22
Liz Hartley	Deputy Director &Trustee	Until 4/10/21
Liz Hartley	Director	4/10/21 to 31/5/22
June Ellis	Treasurer	From 4/10/21
Michael Spencer	Treasurer	Until 4/10/21
Carol Brearley	Secretary	
Pam Waddington	Vice Director. Vol. Support DD	Until 4/10/21
Linda Smallman	Trustee	Until 4/10/21
Jenny Dighton	Trustee	From 4/10/21
Val Willett	Deputy Director	
Jude Whitwood	Trustee	From 4/10/21
Michael Brogan	Trustee	Until 4/10/21
Pete Hope	Trustee	4/10/22 to 17/8/22
Chris Hough	Trustee	
Helen Murfin	Trustee	
Jane Clarke	Trustee	

The organisation and financial affairs of the charity are managed by the BLT. The BLT comprising of Deputy Directors and Trustees. The BLT determines policy for and receives reports from teams and individuals who work for the charity. The major risk to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures are established to manage those risks.

The charity's bankers are National Westminster PLC, 68 Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1LN and its Independent Examiner is N Slater of Taylor Robertson and Willett, 95 King Street, Lancaster LA1 1RH. A COIF Deposit Fund Account is held with CCLA Investment Management Ltd, One Angel Lane, London EC4R 3AB.

This Trustees Annual Report forms an integral part of the full annual accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2022

Aims and Organisation

Samaritans of Lancaster & District have worked for 50 years with the main aim of being there at all times for the assistance of any person who is experiencing feelings of suicide, despair or distress by providing confidential emotional support by telephone, email , or webchat. Our charitable purpose is all focussed on Public Benefit. We are based at 21, Sun Street, Lancaster and we are primarily there to assist those in a geographical area which includes Lancaster, Morecambe, Lunesdale, Kendal and South Lakeland, however through our Link telephone system we now answer calls nationwide.

We are one of the 19 branches in the North West Region of Samaritans and have just over 100 volunteers. Lancaster Branch is one of over 201 branches linked in a nationwide organisation to Samaritans Central Charity. (Registered Charity no.219432) The Central Office supports the Branches, sets and monitors standards of service and care by means of its regional structure.

Review of Progress and Achievements

The quality and extent of the service we can provide to needy and vulnerable people is dependent on having a sufficient number of trained Samaritans. During the COVID-19 pandemic we managed to continue with our programme of recruiting, training and mentoring suitable volunteers.

Samaritans continue to provide a "listening ear" to vulnerable, distressed and suicidal callers, however they choose to contact us, whether by telephone, email, or webchat. Our callers come from a wide range of society, young and old, unemployed and over employed, men, women and children, and over the last few years a rising number of people with mental health problems.

We remain involved in prison outreach, and continue our relationship with HMP Lancaster Farms, a category C adult male prison, where we recruit, train and support a team of Listeners. Our Outreach team have been hampered by the COVID-19 situation but are now once again able to hold public events in the area we cover as well as presentations and information sessions to various local groups to increase the awareness of the service we offer.

At Lancaster & District our calls are routed via the new National Freecall number 116 123. This facility has produced a large increase in the number of calls we receive, as now we are available to those who need us whether they have funds or not, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

Review of Financial Position and Affairs

Income for the year was £46,323, a reduction from the 2021 accounts, as we received less COVID grant support, but still a pleasing result,. We again benefitted from a generous annual grant of £3,500 from the Frieda Scott Trust, and further support from the Westminster Foundation, although this came to an end in 2022. We received many donations from individuals and other organisations, and were grateful to receive a substantial legacy of £12922. It is a great encouragement to know that our efforts are so widely appreciated.

We received continuing support from Lancaster City Council, with a grant and with discretionary rates relief on 21, Sun Street and on our shop at 12, Damside Street. Agreements with the local prison also provide significant income. . We thank all our donors, particularly those who use Gift Aid. We have also worked hard to bring in funds for multiple income streams such as fundraising events and applying for funds from local companies, and charitable trusts. Our Charity shop raised £9,619, again a pleasing result, especially as this year there was only one smaller COVID restart grant. The shop plays an important role in providing funds for our work at the Centre and in raising public awareness of Samaritans. We are very grateful for the hard work of our shop volunteers and the supporters who have helped in all our fundraising efforts.

Expenditure was £31,808, slightly less than the previous year, giving us a surplus of Income over expenditure of £14,515 for the year. We have continued to save money this year with no face to face training and meetings being possible, these are slowly resuming, but we have found the switch to Zoom beneficial for allowing volunteers to attend meetings, so will probably continue with a mix of both.

Our Reserves stand at £96,044. This provides us with approximately 25 months running expenses, more than the 18 months expenses we would normally seek to hold. However these reserves, while healthy at present, will only be sustained by legacies, grants and donations in 2022-23 . We plan to use some of the reserves to catch up on outstanding essential repairs and replacements, whilst funds are available.

SAMARITANS
Lancaster & District

Annual Report 2022

50 years of supporting the people of Lancaster & District

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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 7 following.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Neil Martin Slater F.C.C.A.
Taylor, Robertson and Willett Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
95 King Street Lancaster

1st August 2022

The Samaritans of Lancaster and District

Registered Charity No. 1173652

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For the period ended 31 March 2022

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Surplus from Shop	4	£0	£9,619	£9,619	£13,662
Legacies	2	£0	£12,922	£12,922	£3,310
Deposit Interest		£0	£36	£36	£62
TOTAL Incoming Resources		**£1,029**	**£45,294**	**£46,323**	**£54,687**
Resources Expended					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	5, 6	£907	£22,998	£23,905	£21,765
Publicity costs		£122	£609	£731	£9,497
Management and Administration Costs	5, 7	£0	£7,172	£7,172	£3,804
TOTAL Resources Expended		**£1,029**	**£30,779**	**£31,808**	**£35,066**
NET Incoming Resources for the period		**£0**	**£14,515**	**£14,515**	**£19,621**
Unrealised Gains and Losses					
Gain on Revaluation of Tangible Fixed Assets		£0	£0	£0	£0
Net Movement in Funds		**£0**	**£14,515**	**£14,515**	**£19,621**
Fund Balances brought forward		**£0**	**£249,824**	**£249,824**	**£230,203**
Transfer between funds	9			**£0**	**£0**
Fund Balances carried forward	8, 9	**£0**	**£264,338**	**£264,338**	**£249,824**

The following notes (notes 1 to 10 on pages 3 to 7) form part of these accounts.

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..... (Hon. Treasurer)

TJ Duffy

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Samaritans of Lancaster and District
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2022

	Note	Year to 31.3.22 Restricted	Year to 31.3.22 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.22 Total	Year to 31.3.21
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	£0	**£168,295**	**£168,295**	**£168,873**
Current Assets					
COIF Deposit Account		£0	£89.964	£89,964	£75,928
NatWest Current account (ending '172)		£0	£4,852	£4,852	£5,697
NatWest Current account (ending '180)		£0	£822	£822	£794
Cash in hand		£0	£40	£40	£40
Debtors (NOMS)		£0	£799	£799	£0
Total Current Assets		**£0**	**£96,447**	**£96,447**	**£82,459**
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and Accruals		£0	£404	£404	£1,509
Deferred Income		£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£404**	**£404**	**£1,509**
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£96,044**	**£96,044**	**£80,951**
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£264,338**	**£264,338**	**£249,824**
Represented by	9	£0	£264,338	£264,338	£249,824
TOTAL		**£0**	**£264,338**	**£264,338**	**£249,824**

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Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)		£645	£645
NOMS (unrestricted)		£2,426	£2,426
NOMS (restricted)	£1,029	£0	£1,029
CAF		£150	£150
Pears Foundation grant		£489	£489
CBRE Ltd		£1,000	£1,000
Glasdon		£200	£200
Primark		£750	£750
Westminster Foundation		£2,854	£2,854
Standfast		£300	£300
Clarence Court Charity Fund		£140	£140
Share from Samaritans CO		£712	£712
Other donations, including those from individuals,		£5,996	£5,996
(including several funeral donations of supporters)			
Tax recovered through Gift Aid		£275	£275
Total donations and grants	**£1,029**	**£19,437**	**£20,467**
Legacies (Unrestricted)			£12,922
Total legacies			**£12,922**

Note 3. Fundraising Events (Unrestricted)			
Lancaster and Kendal Friends groups and/or Samaritan volunteers			
Donna bucket collection			£652
T Williamson			£1,375
Trinity URC coffee morning			£165
Brew Monday			£275
Sarah Millican bucket collection			£211
W Townley Christmas pudding fundraising			£386
Kendal Christmas Tree Festival			£152
Christmas cards			£64
Total fundraising			**£3,280**

Note 4. Samaritans shop
12 Damside Street, Lancaster
Summary for the year ended 31 March 2022

Income (Unrestricted)		
Sales		£21,015
Lancaster City Council (government grants)		£2,100
Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)		£829
total income		**£23,945**
Expenditure (Unrestricted)		
Rent	£10,800	
Insurance	£202	
Rates	£829	
Water, Light and Heat	£578	
Wages and Travel	£0	
Repairs & Renewals	£486	
Telephone & Broadband	£511	
Streamline & Worldpay Charges	£482	
Sundry Expenses	£277	
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£161	
total expenditure		**£14,325**
Surplus for the period		**£9,619**

Note 5. Premises Overheads	Year to 31.3.22 Restricted	Year to 31.3.22 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.22	Year to 31.3.21 Total
Water, Light and Heat	£0	£1,790	£1,790	£2,069
Repairs and Renewals	£0	£2,304	£2,304	£3,338
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£0	£2,387	£2,387	£2,978
Office telephone	£0	£1,641	£1,641	£1,211
Insurance	£0	£1,329	£1,329	£1,034
Discretionary Rates relief (Lancaster City Council)	£0	£645	£645	£645
Depreciation	£0	£2,687	£2,687	£1,988
Total	**£0**	**£12,784**	**£12,784**	**£13,263**
Allocated to:				
Direct charitable expenditure (85%)	£0	£10,866	£10,866	£11,274
Management and Administration costs (15%)	£0	£1,918	£1,918	£1,989
Total	**£0**	**£12,784**	**£12,784**	**£13,263**

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Emergency telephone and email	£0	£950	£950	£411
Volunteer training and support	£0	£702	£702	£1,679
Volunteer travel expenses - local	£907	£7,833	£8,740	£8,324
Director's expenses	£0	£135	£135	£36
National/Regional meetings and travel	£0	£2,353	£2,353	£40
Fundraising – Christmas cards	£0	£158	£158	£0
Share of premises overheads (note 5)	£0	£10,866	£10,866	£11,274
Total	**£907**	**£22,998**	**£23,905**	**£21,765**

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Postage, printing, photocopier and stationery	£0	£397	£397	£284
Affiliation fee to Samaritans	£0	£2,533	£2,533	£906
Sundry expenses	£0	£2,084	£2,084	£625
Accountancy	£0	£240	£240	£0
Share of Premises Overheads (note 5)	£0	£1,918	£1,918	£1,989
Total	**£0**	**£7,172**	**£7,172**	**£3,804**

Note 8. Tangible Fixed Assets (Unrestricted)	Freehold Property	Equipment & Furniture	Total
Cost or Valuation at 31 March 2020	£165,000	£3,873	£168,873
Additions at cost	£0	£2,109	£2,109
Depreciation	£0	-£2,687	-£2,687
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SAMARITANS OF LANCASTER & DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1173652

Accounts

Samaritans of Lancaster & District

Registered Charity No. 1173652
21 Sun Street, Lancaster LA1 1EW

Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2021

The incorporated charity number 1173652 was started in October 2017 under the constitution dated July 2017. The Trustees of the charity are the Branch Leadership Team (BLT) elected at the Annual General Meeting held in September or as soon as possible thereafter. Those who have acted during the year are as follows:

Name	Office held	Details
Tracey Duffy	Director	Elected
Michael Spencer	Treasurer	Elected
Carol Brearley	Secretary	Elected
Pam Waddington	Vice Director. Vol. Support DD	Elected
Linda Smallman	Trustee	Elected
Liz Hartley	Deputy Director & Trustee	Elected
Val Willett	Deputy Director & Trustee	Elected
Michael Brogan	Trustee	Elected
Glyn Jones	Trustee	Elected
Chris Hough	Trustee	Elected
Helen Murfin	Trustee	Elected
Jane Clarke	Trustee	Elected

The organisation and financial affairs of the charity are managed by the BLT. The BLT determines policy for and receives reports from teams and individuals who work for the charity. The major risk to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures are established to manage those risks.

The charity's bankers are National Westminster PLC, 68 Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1LN and its Independent Examiner is N Slater of Taylor Robertson and Willett, 95 King Street, Lancaster LA1 1RH. A COIF Deposit Fund Account is held with CCLA Investment Management Ltd, 80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DZ.

The full annual accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021, which form an official part of this report, are available on request to the Treasurer at Samaritans, 21 Sun Street, Lancaster LA1 1EW.

Aims and Organisation

Samaritans of Lancaster & District have worked for 49 years with the main aim of being there at all times for the assistance of any person who is experiencing feelings of suicide, despair or distress by providing confidential emotional support by telephone, e mail , webchat or face to face. We are based at 21, Sun Street, Lancaster and we are primarily there to assist those in a geographical area which includes Lancaster, Morecambe, Lunesdale, Kendal and South Lakeland, however through our Link telephone system we now answer calls nationwide.

We are one of the 19 branches in the North West Region of Samaritans and have just over 120 volunteers. Lancaster Branch is one of over 201 branches linked in a nationwide organisation to Samaritans Central Charity. (Registered Charity no.219432) The Central Office supports the Branches, sets and monitors standards of service and care by means of its regional structure.

Review of Progress and Achievements

The quality and extent of the service we can provide to needy and vulnerable people is dependent on having a sufficient number of trained Samaritans. After a difficult year with the COVID-19 pandemic we have managed to continue with our programme of recruiting, training and mentoring suitable volunteers.

Samaritans continue to provide a "listening ear" to vulnerable , distressed and suicidal callers, however they choose to contact us, whether by telephone, email, webchat or face to face . Our callers come from a wide range of society ,young and old, unemployed and over employed, men, women and children, and over the last few years a rising number of people with mental health problems.

We remain involved in prison outreach, and continue our relationship with HMP Lancaster Farms, a category C adult male prison, where we recruit, train and support a team of Listeners. Our Outreach team have been hampered by the COVID-19 situation but have been able to provide literature to local foodbanks and homeless shelters as well as done presentations and information sessions via Zoom to various local groups.

At Lancaster & District our calls are routed via the new National Freecall number 116 123. This facility has produced a large increase in the number of calls we receive, as now we are available to those who need us whether they have funds or not, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

Review of Financial Position and Affairs

With our income at £54,687, we again benefitted from a generous annual grant of £3,500 from the Frieda Scott Trust. We are proud to have been chosen by the Westminster Foundation to be their charity of the year for two years. We also received many donations from individuals and other organisations, in spite of the difficult economic circumstances. It is a great encouragement to know that our efforts are so widely appreciated. We received continuing support from Lancaster City Council, with a grant and with discretionary rates relief on 21, Sun Street and on our shop at 12, Damside Street. Agreements with the local prison also provide significant income. . We thank all our donors, particularly those who use Gift Aid. We have also worked hard to bring in funds for multiple income streams such as fundraising events and applying for funds from local companies, and charitable trusts. Our Charity shop raised £13,662, including government grants for COVID relief, and plays an important role in raising public awareness of Samaritans. We are very grateful for the hard work of our shop volunteers and supporters who have helped in all our fundraising efforts..

Expenditure was £35,066, our reserves stand at £80,951. This expenditure figure was as expected for our active and thriving branch. We have saved money this year with no face to face training and meetings being possible we switched to Zoom. Our annual conference was also unfortunately cancelled.

These reserves while healthy at present are only sustained by legacies, grants and donations. Nevertheless, we must address regular fundraising and income generation, in order to leave us with reliable funds to maintain and improve our service to vulnerable callers.

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Samaritans of Lancaster and District

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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Samaritans of Lancaster and District

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 7 following.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Neil Martin Slater F.C.C.A.
Taylor, Robertson and Willett Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
95 King Street Lancaster

10th June 2021

The Samaritans of Lancaster and District

Registered Charity No. 1173652

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 31March 2021

	Note	Year to 31.3.21	Year to 31.3.21	Year to 31.3.21	Period to 31.3.20
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Incoming Resources					
Donations, Grants and Gift Aid	2	£0	£37,374	£37,374	£22,949
Fundraising Events	3	£0	£279	£279	£977
Surplus from Shop	4	£0	£13,662	£13,662	£4,840
Legacies	2	£0	£3,310	£3,310	£10,000
Deposit Interest		£0	£62	£62	£292
TOTAL Incoming Resources		**£0**	**£54,687**	**£54,687**	**£39,058**
Resources Expended					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	5, 6	£0	£21,765	£21,765	£28,001
Publicity costs		£0	£9,497	£9,497	£3,302
Management and Administration Costs	5, 7	£0	£3,804	£3,804	£5,514
TOTAL Resources Expended		**£0**	**£35,066**	**£35,066**	**£36,817**
NET Incoming Resources for the period		**£0**	**£19,621**	**£19,621**	**£2,240**
Unrealised Gains and Losses					
Gain on Revaluation of Tangible Fixed Assets		£0	£0	£0	£0
Net Movement in Funds		**£0**	**£19,621**	**£19,621**	**£2,240**
Fund Balances brought forward		**£0**	**£230,203**	**£230,203**	**£227,963**
Transfer between funds	9			**£0**	**£0**
Fund Balances carried forward	8, 9	**£0**	**£249,824**	**£249,824**	**£230,203**

The following notes (notes 1 to 10 on pages 3 to 7) form part of these accounts.

..... (Hon. Treasurer)

N/A
..... (Chair)

..... (Director

Samaritans of Lancaster and District
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2021

	Note	Year to 31.3.21 Restricted	Year to 31.3.21 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.21 Total	Period to 31.3.20
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	£0	**£168,873**	**£168,873**	**£170,861**
Current Assets					
COIF Deposit Account		£0	£75,928	£75,928	£51,866
NatWest Current account (ending '172)		£0	£5,697	£5,697	£9,370
NatWest Current account (ending '180)		£0	£794	£794	£587
Cash in hand		£0	£40	£40	£40
Total Current Assets		**£0**	**£82,459**	**£82,459**	**£61,863**
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and Accruals		£0	£1,509	£1,509	£2,521
Deferred Income		£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£1,509**	**£1,509**	**£2,521**
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£80,951**	**£80,951**	**£59,341**
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**£0**	**£249,824**	**£249,824**	**£230,203**
Represented by	9	£0	£249,824	£249,824	£230,203
TOTAL		**£0**	**£249,824**	**£249,824**	**£230,203**

Notes to the Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2021

Note 1. Accounting policies.
(i) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) on Accounting by Charities.

(ii) All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when received, unless the Trustees deem that income receivable from recovered tax or from legacies would alter the SOFA materially.

(iii) Net fundraising income raised by the Friends of Samaritans and by our Charity shop is included when received, and any associated costs are separately disclosed in a note.

(iv) Premises overheads are aggregated and allocated to the various functional activities on a percentage basis determined by the Trustees and disclosed in a note.

(v) Any costs which cannot be specifically identified otherwise are included in the management and administration function.

(vi) Depreciation on equipment and furniture is written off on a straight line basis over 5 years. Freehold property is revalued at 5 year intervals with no depreciation allowance.

Note 2. Donations and grants			
Funds received from organisations during the period include:			
	Restricted	**Unrestricted**	**Total**
Frieda Scott Charitable Trust		£3,500	£3,500
Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)		£645	£645
CAF Covid Emergency grant		£7,500	£7,500
Pears Foundation grant		£5,888	£5,888
Lancaster Bridge Club		£341	£341
Bryan Lancaster Friends		£400	£400
Alchemie Technology		£2,000	£2,000
Westminster Foundation		£10,200	£10,200
Groundwork UK		£1,000	£1,000
Catholic Womens League		£600	£600
PayPal Giving Fund		£496	£496
Lansil Golf Club		£337	£337
Other donations, including those from individuals,		£4,277	£4,277
(including several funeral donations of supporters)			
Tax recovered through Gift Aid		£190	£190
Total donations and grants	**£0**	**£37,374**	**£37,374**
Legacies (Unrestricted)			£3,310
Total legacies			**£3,310**

Note 3. Fundraising Events (Unrestricted)			
Lancaster and Kendal Friends groups and/or Samaritan volunteers			
Pam			£279
Total fundraising			**£279**

Note 4. Samaritans shop
12 Damside Street, Lancaster
Summary for the year ended 31 March 2021

Income (Unrestricted)		
Sales		£7,384
Lancaster City Council (government grants)		£19,669
Lancaster City Council (discretionary rates relief)		£829
total income		**£27,883**
Expenditure (Unrestricted)		
Rent	£10,000	
Insurance	£509	
Rates	£829	
Water, Light and Heat	£1,417	
Wages and Travel	£0	
Repairs & Renewals	£194	
Telephone & Broadband	£495	
Streamline &Worldpay Charges	£488	
Sundry Expenses	£267	
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£21	
total expenditure		**£14,221**
Surplus for the period		**£13,662**

Note 5. Premises Overheads	Year to 31.3.21 Restricted	Year to 31.3.21 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.21	Period to 31.3.20 Total
Water, Light and Heat	£0	£2,069	£2,069	£1,992
Repairs and Renewals		£3,338	£3,338	£5,053
Cleaning and Housekeeping	£0	£2,978	£2,978	£2,638
Office telephone	£0	£1,211	£1,211	£1,069
Insurance	£0	£1,034	£1,034	£1,249
Discretionary Rates relief (Lancaster City Council)	£0	£645	£645	£635
Depreciation	£0	£1,988	£1,988	£3,005
Total	**£0**	**£13,263**	**£13,263**	**£15,641**
Allocated to:				
Direct charitable expenditure (85%)	£0	£11,274	£11,274	£13,295
Management and Administration costs (15%)	£0	£1,989	£1,989	£2,346
Total	**£0**	**£13,263**	**£13,263**	**£15,641**

Note 6. Direct Charitable expenditure	Year to 31.3.21 Restricted	Year to 31.3.21 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.21	Period to 31.3.20 Total
Emergency telephone and email	£0	£411	£411	£490
Volunteer training and support		£1,679	£1,679	£3,082
Volunteer travel expenses - local		£8,324	£8,324	£10,989
Director's expenses	£0	£36	£36	£0
National/Regional meetings and travel	£0	£40	£40	£145
Share of premises overheads (note 5)	£0	£11,274	£11,274	£13,295
Total	**£0**	**£21,765**	**£21,765**	**£28,001**

Note 7. Management and Administration costs	Year to 31.3.21 Restricted	Year to 31.3.21 Unrestricted	Year to 31.3.21	Period to 31.3.20 Total
Postage, printing, photocopier and stationery	£0	£284	£284	£616
Affiliation fee to Samaritans	£0	£906	£906	£958
Sundry expenses	£0	£625	£625	£1,354
Legal fees re transfer from Branch to CIO	£0	£0		£0
Accountancy		£0		£240
Share of Premises Overheads (note 5)	£0	£1,989	£1,989	£2,346
Total	**£0**	**£3,804**	**£3,804**	**£5,514**

Note 8. Tangible Fixed Assets (Unrestricted)	Freehold Property	Equipment & Furniture	Total
Cost or Valuation at 31 March 2020	£165,000	£5,861	£170,861
Depreciation	£0	£1,988	£1,988

Cost or Valuation at 31 March 2021	**£165,000**	**£3,873**	**£168,873**

The Charity's freehold premises at 21 Sun Street, Lancaster were valued by Eckersley on an Open Market basis at £165,000 as at 14 June 2017.
The title to the freehold premises is held by Samaritans as custodian trustee.

Note 9. Reconciliation of Funds	**Restricted**	**Unrestricted**	**Total**
Funds balance brought forward	£0	£230,203	£230,203
Incoming resources	£0	£54,687	£54,687
Total resources expended	£0	-£35,066	-£35,066
Transfer between funds (purchase of photocopier)	£0	£0	£0
Funds balance carried forward	**£0**	**£249,824**	**£249,824**

Note 10. Indemnity Insurance. Samaritans has centrally-effected professional indemnity insurance to protect trustees, directors and other volunteer members of all Samaritans branches.