

**Samaritans of Plymouth, East Cornwall and South West Devon
(Charity No. 1173658)**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CE011204)

Trustees' Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Samaritans of Plymouth, East Cornwall and South West Devon (Charity No.1173658) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was established on the 3 July 2017 with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The principle address is 20-21 Oxford Place, Plymouth, Devon PL1 5AJ.

Objects of the charity

The objects of the charity are:-

- (a) To enable persons in Plymouth, East Cornwall and South West Devon 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 reduce the incidence of suicide,
- (b) To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or impaired emotional health; and,
- (c) To collaborate with and support Samaritans Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these objects.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and believe the main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit.

Structure, governance and management

The charity's governing document is the Constitution approved on 7 May 2017.

Trustees who have served in the period to date of approval of these accounts are:-

Janet Sherriff	(resigned 29 September 2020)
Brian Hoskins	
Jane Ross	(resigned 29 September 2020)
Norma Hines	(resigned 29 September 2020)
Susan Anderson	
Rachel Lyddon	
Sarah Hale	(resigned 29 September 2020)
Diana Barclay	
Thomas Caylor	(appointed 29 September 2020)
Robert Waghorn	(appointed 29 September 2020)
Alexandros Christaki	(appointed 29 September 2020)
Norman Holmes	(appointed 1 July 2020)

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Main activities in the period

As much of the year was conducted against the background of lockdown due to the Covid pandemic the branch continued to thrive and provide a vital service for our callers. Recruitment and Selection as well as Training was carried out successfully via online Zoom and our team grew to 110 including some new support volunteers.

Fundraising like Outreach was obviously severely curtailed apart from a very successful online art auction which raised £7,010. We were also successful in a number of grant applications that allowed us to refurbish our ops room and provide all the necessary anti virus cleaning supplies.

The branch 2025 group developed a well thought out business plan, secured up to £15,000 of personal loans and eventually took the leap of faith to sign a lease to open our first charity shop on Plymstock Broadway in July 2021.

The branch coped very well with Covid-19 and the lockdowns especially as some of the volunteers had to self isolate and everyone had to adapt to these extraordinary times.

Financial review

An excess of income over expenditure of £36,655 was reported for the year ending 31st March 2021. This compares to an excess of expenditure over income of £3,392 in the year ending 31st March 2020.

There was an increase in income from £23k to £71k between the two years. This is mainly due to a legacy of £33k. There was also an increase in donations in the year ended 31st March 2021. Donations included a Covid-19 support donation of £5,000 from Devon Freemasons and £4,520 from T Minchin.

Expenditure in the year has included £9,854 on refurbishing the building interior and £2,772 on new equipment.

Cash at bank and in hand was £64,021 at 31st March 2021.

This boost to the charity's cash reserves has helped it to achieve the recommended 18 months running costs in reserves and the trustee will aim to ensure that the reserves do not fall below this level in future years.

Professional Advisers


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Independent Examiners:	Northcott Trumfield, Chartered Accountants

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This report is approved on behalf of the board of trustees on 15 July 2021 by Norman Holmes

Signed



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Receipts and Payments For the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

		2021			2020
	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted Central Samaritans Prison Fund	Restricted Big Lottery Fund	Total
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations		25,954	-	-	25,954
Legacies		32,286	-	-	32,286
Grants		850	3,221	-	4,071
Fundraising activities		8,252	-	-	8,252
Total receipts		67,342	3,221	-	70,563
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Rates and water		1,869	-	-	1,869
Insurance		1,486	-	-	1,486
Light and heat		3,949	-	-	3,949
Telephone		2,954	-	-	2,954
Postage and stationery		97	-	-	97
Photocopier and computer		674	-	-	674
Sundries		159	-	-	159
Volunteer training		184	-	-	184
Volunteer travel		4,888	-	-	4,888
Repairs		20	-	7,081	7,101
Advertising and publicity		160	-	-	160
Housekeeping		3,948	-	-	3,948
Fixtures and fittings		1,729	-	2,773	4,502
		22,117	-	9,854	31,971
Fundraising activities:					
Fundraising		1,337	-	-	1,337
		1,337	-	-	1,337
Governance costs:					
Accountancy		600	-	-	600
		600	-	-	600
Total payments		24,054	-	9,854	33,908
Net receipts/(payments)		43,288	3,221	(9,854)	36,655
Transfer between funds	3	3,067	(3,221)	154	-
Cash funds last year end	4	17,666	-	9,700	27,366
Cash funds this year end		64,021	-	-	27,366

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds Big Lottery £	Total £	2020 Total £
Cash Funds				
Current bank accounts	<u>64,021</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,021</u>	<u>27,366</u>
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Freehold land and buildings at net book value	136,070	-	136,070	136,070
Equipment at net book value	<u>4,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,739</u>	<u>237</u>
	<u>140,809</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,809</u>	<u>136,307</u>
Liabilities				
Independent Examination	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
Net Assets			<u>204,230</u>	<u>163,073</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signed 

Name: Norman Holmes

Date: 15 July 2021

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Notes to the Accounts For the year from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

1. Guarantees and debts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations Act (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

2. Trustee remuneration

Trustees are not remunerated. Two trustees were paid travel expenses totalling £2,278 and £2,203 was gift aided to the charity. There were no related party transactions in the period.

3. Transfer between funds

The transfer of £3,221 from Restricted Central Prison Fund to Unrestricted Funds is to cover costs of delivering the service. The Big Lottery Fund was spent as intended and £9,854 was transferred to unrestricted funds.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Samaritans of Plymouth, East Cornwall and South West Devon

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Guy Ian Northcott
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