

THE SAMARITANS, HERTS AND ESSEX (WARE) BRANCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on the two pages attached hereto.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissions under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the account, 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:  
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 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.



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9 July 2024

HERTS ESSEX (WARE) SAMARITANS  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS (at Cost)</b>			
Freehold Property - 1 Cross Street, Ware		270,529	270,529
Capitalised Development Costs		258,269	258,269
		<u>528,798</u>	<u>528,798</u>
Van		10,000	0
<b>INVESTMENTS (Market Value)</b>			
Sarasin & Partners CIF for Endowments b/f		178,675	216,125
Gain/ (Loss) in Year		19,194	(7,450)
(Withdrawals) in Year		(10,000)	(30,000)
		<u>187,869</u>	<u>178,675</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Bank Balances			
Lloyds Bank plc - Current Account		10,147	13,356
Barclays - Friends account		1,000	1,329
Barclays - 300 Club account		46	342
Petty Cash		0	0
		<u>11,193</u>	<u>15,027</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>737,860</b></u>	<u><b>722,500</b></u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>			
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Restricted funds (after expenses)	d	12,407	38,898
Designated Reserves			
Freehold Property on acquisition - 1 Cross St		270,529	270,529
Development cost to date		258,269	258,269
Total Fixed Asset reserve		<u>528,798</u>	<u>528,798</u>
Major Property maintenance Fund	e	<u>48,975</u>	<u>48,975</u>
General Fund		<u>147,680</u>	<u>105,829</u>
Total unrestricted funds	f	<u>725,453</u>	<u>683,602</u>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<u><b>737,860</b></u>	<u><b>722,500</b></u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Morisha Christy.....

Carol Tittensor.....

HERTS ESSEX (WARE) SAMARITANS  
Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March 2024

Note

		General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	b					
Donations		18,190			18,190	20,109
Legacies		500		7,020	7,520	1,000
Charitable activities:						
Friends of Samaritans		9,671			9,671	10,475
Grants Income		15,500			15,500	7,500
Other income (Xmas card sales)		200			200	0
Branch events		0			0	0
Other trading activities:						
300 Club		1,904			1,904	2,150
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>45,965</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>52,985</b>	<b>41,234</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	b					
Emergency Telephones		175			175	717
Volunteers Training & Support		4,776			4,776	9,161
Publicity & Outreach		1,693			1,693	2,373
Stationery & Postage		1,208			1,208	1,413
Water, Light & Heat		4,319			4,319	3,445
Household Expenses		3,112			3,112	3,289
Repairs, Renewals & Servicing		4,274			4,274	4,272
Equipment Purchase & Hire		3,924			3,924	5,782
Office telephone		694			694	839
Governance Costs		1,163			1,163	1,755
Insurance & Legal		1,135			1,135	1,094
Salary costs		9,276			9,276	8,701
Van running expenses		1,120			1,120	0
COVID 19 specific costs		0			0	559
Cross Street maintenance		12,361			12,361	10,025
Gypsy, Romany, Traveller project		0			0	15,000
Contribution to VOIP project		0			0	40,000
Contribution to SCO	c	7,589			7,589	17,271
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>56,819</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56,819</b>	<b>125,696</b>
NET INCOME SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) for the Year		(10,854)		7,020	(3,834)	(84,461)
Transfer from Covid reserve		33,511		(33,511)		
Gains / (Loss) on Investment assets		19,194			19,194	(7,450)
<b>MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>41,851</b>		<b>(26,491)</b>	<b>15,360</b>	<b>(91,911)</b>
RESERVE BALANCES at start of Year		105,829	577,773	38,898	722,500	814,411
RESERVE BALANCES at end of Year		<b>147,680</b>	<b>577,773</b>	<b>12,407</b>	<b>737,860</b>	<b>722,500</b>

## HERTS AND ESSEX (WARE) SAMARITANS

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

- a) Accounting policies - the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out in the notes below and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and follow the guidelines issued by the Charities Commission in 2016 (Charity reporting and accounting CC15d). The charity is not required to prepare accruals accounts, so the Trustees have chosen to prepare receipts and payments accounts.
- b) Receipts and Payments – summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. The closing cash balance is the cash balance plus any money received before the end of the year but only banked in the following year less any cheques written before the end of the year but not cleared through the bank until the following year.
- c) The Contribution to SCO is utilised towards ongoing running costs of the service provided such as phone lines and IT connectivity and support, training materials, ongoing compliance and monitoring, research and influence. It also includes specific initiatives and projects such as:
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) - *"an organisation-wide review of how we're representing and responding to the needs of minoritized communities across the UK and Ireland"*,
  - Digital Transformation programme –Future proofing our listening service,
  - Ongoing rollout of "Online Chat" function,
  - Extension of our email service.
- As a branch we are delighted to be able to contribute to projects that allow the service we provide to continue to develop and to support our vision that fewer people die by suicide. Payment for 2023-24 will be made after the year end and is not included in the accounts.
- d) Fund accounting – Restricted funds represent restricted donations and grants, after deducting expenditure attributable thereto.
- e) The Major Property Maintenance Fund represents the balance of a a very generous donation from a private donor which will enable us to fund the ongoing improvements and maintenance of our property in future years.
- f) Fund accounting – Unrestricted funds are spent or applied at the discretion of the Trustees to further the charity's objectives.