

SAMARITANS OF PRESTON AND DISTRICT

England & Wales · Charity number 1173718

Details

Other names PRESTON SAMARITANS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-07-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ENABLE PERSONS IN PRESTON AND 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; AND TO COLLABORATE WITH AND SUPPORT SAMARITANS CENTRAL CHARITY AND ITS AFFILIATED BRANCHES IN FULFILLING THESE OBJECTS.

Activities: To work for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress by providing a service primarily intended for the benefit of persons in Preston and the surrounding area (but without specific limitation as to area) to enable such persons to receive immediate help, compassion and befriending from members of the Charity.

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

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£38,973	£84,804	-	-
2024-03-31	£136,485	£15,532	-	-
2023-03-31	£43,868	£69,966	-	-
2022-03-31	£126,661	£46,754	-	-
2021-03-31	£50,295	£42,231	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michelle Ashton	Chair	2025-10-01
Dr MARTIN JOHN WHEATMAN		2025-01-30
Grant Walker		2024-10-27
Jane Bleasdale		2025-10-01
Janet Susan Anderson		2024-11-28
Kim Wood		2025-12-07

Linked charities

- PRESTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE SAMARITANS (1173718-1)

SAMARITANS OF PRESTON AND DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1173718

Accounts

Samaritans of Preston & District
Registered Charity No. 1173718

Report of the Trustees
Year Ended 31st March 2025

Samaritans of Preston & District Year Ended 31st March 2025

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees of The Samaritans of Preston & District present their Report and unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. The legal and administrative information is part of this report. The Financial Statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The Trustees of the branch, elected by the branch members, continue to oversee all aspects of governance. These include financial oversight, including setting a budget for the branch maintaining a risk and opportunity register, ensuring compliance with Data Protection and Health and Safety law. Working as members of the Branch Leadership Team, but also in their own right, the Trustees set the expectations of the branch in line with the constitution and the branch and operating agreements with the Central Charity.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable the Trustees to ascertain the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Objectives and aims

The Charity's objectives and aims are:

1. To enable persons in Preston 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
2. 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
3. To collaborate with and support Samaritans Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these objectives.

Review of Progress & Achievements

In common with all the other branches of Samaritans, we provide services to support people who require emotional support, including those who are in distress, despair and who may be suicidal. We do this by assisting to provide a 24-hour service of confidential, non-judgemental emotional support by telephone through our listening service. We also deliver Outreach support to our local community, run an established prison listeners scheme, recruit regular cohorts of new volunteers who can fulfil the listener volunteer rota, provide extensive training for new and existing volunteers and raise funds sufficient to cover our costs and secure the continuity of our affiliate branch.

During the financial year we had, on average, 101 volunteers including 6 support volunteers. Moving premises at the start of the year did mean that we lost a couple of volunteers who were unable to

transition their travelling arrangements. However, the new premises offer better access and parking facilities, such that the basic number of listening volunteers increased from 86 at the start of the year to 104 at the end. Active volunteer support continues to motivate the volunteer team and provide support through shift leadership and mentee training. With three rounds of recruitment during the year, we expect to continue this growth throughout 2025/26.

The training team worked hard to support this recruitment activity, delivering three core training programmes and three embedding courses. Our new training room also offers us scope for greater volunteer team activity, training and experience sharing which will enhance our service delivery and our volunteer participation in future years.

We do have a very committed team and the branch continued to deliver an average number of hours per listening volunteer (ALV), well above the national average. Night hour shifts will always be a priority and our performance in this respect, for both night and twilight hours, also continually exceeds both the regional and the national average.

Our Outreach team continues to look for ways of providing or improving access to emotional support and to reduce suicide within our local community, particularly within high risk groups. During the financial year, the team supported 35 events as well as the drop in services provided to the University of Central Lancashire. We are in contact with all our local suicide prevention groups.

Over the period we reached thousands of people through awareness raising on the railways stations as part of our partnership with Network Rail, including participation in Small Talk Saves Lives and Brew Monday campaigns. We were also present at supermarkets, job centres, World Suicide Prevention Day, Preston Pride, Preston Wellfest, Crime Prevention Expo, a Women's Health Event and World Mental Health Day. A regular training and support relationship with Chorley Council has also been established.

We gave talks to promote our services to high risk groups, highlighting the work that Samaritans do and how we can help those who need our support but may not be aware of it, engaging with educational establishments, providing presentations on managing emotional health and the value of talking or listening, and gaining support.

Our Prison team delivers an established Listener scheme at HMP Preston, to help provide emotional support for those in the prison community. At the start of this financial year we had 24 Listeners covering all wings of the prison and a further 18 in training. WE have a strong relationship with the prison community and our work is greatly appreciated by Safer Custody.

Since being set up as an CIO, Preston and District Samaritans has benefited from a number of significant donations and legacies that have enabled us to support our day-to-day operations, maintain and improve our premises and invest in the move to 9 Navigation Business Village. As a consequence, fundraising activity has been limited, although in this financial year we were very appreciative of donations from two external sponsorship events and two events set up by two of our volunteers.

Towards the end of the financial year a new support volunteer joined us to establish a more consistent approach to fundraising, with the objective of raising funds to cover our operational costs in 2025/26. This work started with a very successful Longridge Afternoon Tea event in March 2025 and we expect this success to roll over into a new fundraising programme throughout 2025.

The BLT has continued to deliver strong leadership across the board, under the experienced eye of our long standing Director, Sarah Jackson. Sarah will be stepping down during the next financial year and we would like to thank her for her hard work, diligence and commitment to this demanding role.

Significant activities

The Branch relocated in March 2024, disposing of our St Wilfrid Street premises and acquiring No 9 Navigation Business Village. This completed a long search to find the Branch a new home that offers more flexible accommodation in terms of accessibility, training and meeting room facilities, car parking and scope for future developments. The disposal and acquisition took place in March 2024 resulting in a short closure of the Branch whilst works were completed. Delivering our full range of services from our new premises commenced in April 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Samaritans of Preston & District has now completed seven full years of charitable work as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registration number 1173718, which is part of the federated charities of Samaritans, led and coordinated by the Central Charity of Samaritans. The governing document is the constitution dated 7 July 2017.

Whilst the governing body is the Trustees, day-to day operational management is undertaken by the Branch Leadership team, appointed and led by Sarah Jackson from November 2021. In total we currently have 8 Trustees, Sarah is ex-officio, the Secretary and the Treasurer are co-opted and the remainder have been elected by the Members at an Annual General Meeting.

The Branch Leadership Team and the Trustees meet on a regular basis to discuss branch leadership matters. For each meeting the Director and Secretary produce an agenda which includes Trustee conflicts of interest, finance, health and safety, risk management, volunteer care, publicity, outreach, training recruitment and prison matters. For each meeting the Secretary produces minutes which are available, in branch, to all volunteers.

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

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

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1173718

Principal address
9 Navigation Business Village
Navigation Way
Ashton on Ribble
Preston
PR2 2YP

Trustees

Sarah Jackson - Director	Appointed November 2021
Rebecca Wenham - Training	Appointed November 2021
Martin Callagher – Vice Director	Appointed November 2021 Resigned September 2024
Michael Bowerman – Media	Appointed December 2022
Michael Morgan	Appointed November 2023
Lesley Dunn - Treasurer	Appointed November 2023 Resigned November 2024
Grant Walker - Property	Appointed October 2024
Mary Doran – Vice Director	Appointed October 2024
Janet Anderson - Treasurer	Co-opted November 2024
Martin Wheatman - Secretary	Co-opted January 2025

Independent Examiner

Rev'd Alan A Clements
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The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report.
Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature:  

Full Name: Jane Elizabeth Bleasdale

Michelle Louise Ashton

Position: Branch Co-Director

Branch Co-Director

Date: 20/11/25

20/11/25

Samaritans of Preston & District
Registered Charity No. 1173718

Financial Report
Year Ended 31st March 2025

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Financial report

At the end of the last financial year, in March 2024, the branch disposed of our existing premises and invested in a new building at No 9 Navigation Business Village. This long-awaited move was the culmination of a two-year search for more extensive and versatile accommodation that would provide our volunteers with a safer and more appropriate environment, from which we could focus our resources and increase our contribution towards the charity's core objectives.

The Trustees had also allocated £100,000 into a designated Branch Refurbishment Reserve, in anticipation of a need to make further investment in the new premises. Having identified a suitable building, this fund did allow us to develop a new working environment, with all that we would need for accessibility, training facilities, meeting rooms, storage, the listener duty room and parking facilities. Furthermore, number 9 has the scope for the future development of our branch to meet the increasing needs of our caller base.

At the start of this financial year, we needed a short closure period, whilst key alterations were made to the new building. The statutory accounts for 2023/2024 included the transaction costs with respect to the building sale and purchase, but the current financial year includes most of the refurbishment costs for the new premises.

By the end of this financial year, 31st March 2025, £70,007 has been spent on refurbishment work and building alterations. The branch had already received a generous donation of £50,000 from the Trevor Hemmings Foundation, specifically for the new building alterations and allocated to a Restricted Fund. The balance of £20,007 came from the £100,000 Branch Refurbishment Reserve. At the 2024/2025 year end the Trustees looked at the remaining Designated Branch Refurbishment Fund and felt it would be appropriate to transfer £25,326 back to the General Fund, leaving £54,667 for alterations and refurbishment work in 2025/2026, to include the completion of the lift installation.

Income of £16,473 during the year, was derived from individual and local group donations, limited fundraising activities, the prison grant and bank interest. Having registered for gift aid through HMRC we received a first payment for Enthuse fundraising donations. In addition, the Trevor Hemmings Foundation generously donated a further £22,500 towards the ongoing building alterations and development work at our new premises. This donation has been added to the Restricted Fund.

Total expenditure during the year was £14,797, but this did include a refund of Statutory Maternity Pay of £4,444, so total costs were £19,241. This total cost also includes payment of the NBC to Central Office for 2022/2023 of £2,950.

The NBC submission to Central Office for 2023/2024 is still outstanding for review and payment in 2025/2026.

Reserves Policy and Future Plans

The Branch seeks to maintain a minimum liquid reserve of 12 months running costs. Available liquid reserves held as General Funds is £81,691, which the Trustees feel will be sufficient to meet this reserves policy plus the outstanding NBC payments. The combined Designated Fund for branch refurbishment, plus the THF Restricted Fund, is considered to be sufficient to complete the remainder of the building and refurbishment works, including the lift installation.

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

Charities Act 2011.

Independent Examiner's Report.

Independent Examiner's Unqualified Report to the Trustees of the Preston and District Branch of the Samaritans for the year ending 31st. March 2025.

I report on the accounts of the charity which are set out on pages 9 to 10 of this Report.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.

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

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters as set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no other matters have come to my attention:

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

Signed.

A. A. Clements

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Date

*17th November
2025.*

Rev'd. A. A. Clements MA, ACIB, FCIE.
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Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024/2025	Total 2023/2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary income – donations and grants	2	12,053	22,500	34,553	61,811
Fundraising income	2	2,065		2,065	
Bank interest received		2,355		2,355	
Profit on disposal of fixed asset	3				74,674
Total incoming resources		16,473	22,500	38,973	136,485
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Charitable activities	4	(11,847)		(11,847)	(15,432)
Governance costs	5	(2,950)		(2,950)	(100)
Refurbishment costs		(20,007)	(50,000)	(70,007)	
Total resources expended		(34,804)	(25,000)	(84,804)	(15,532)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(18,331)	(22,500)	(45,831)	120,953
Reconciliation of funds					
Balance brought forward at 1 st April 2024		304,688	50,000	354,688	233,735
Balance carried forward at 1 st April 2025		286,358	22,500	308,858	354,688

The notes pages following form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2024/2025 £	£	2023/2024 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Property at valuation			150,000		150,000
Current Assets					
Cash at bank		162,663		204,368	
Debtors				320	
Net current assets		162,633		204,688	
Less current liabilities		3,805			
Net Assets			308,858		354,688
Represented by:					
General funds			81,691		80,014
Designated funds					
- Fixed Assets			150,000		150,000
- Branch Refurbishment			54,667		74,674
Total Unrestricted Funds			286,358		304,688
Restricted Funds	6		22,500		50,000
Total Funds			308,858		354,688

On Behalf of the Trustees

Sign. Jane Steadale

Sign. [Signature]

Print Name. JANE BLEASDALE

Print Name. MICHELLE ASHTON

Approved by the Trustees on. 20/11/25

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of The Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting by Charities (“the 2005 SORP”).

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of the Property.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small charity.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees’ discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Within unrestricted funds the Trustees have designated amounts comprising the investment in the property and funds for further redevelopment and adaptations.

Restricted income funds can only be used for the specified purposes.

Incoming resources

Donations, Legacies and Other Voluntary Income are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters. In addition to the branch levy payable to Central Office.

Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Profit on disposal of fixed asset

The property at St Wilfred Street was disposed of in the previous financial year. The funds generated were used towards the purchase of No 9 Navigation Business Village, offering more suitable, larger and more accessible accommodation.

3. Incoming Resources

	Notes	Income 24/25 £	Income 23/24 £
Individual donations		6,766	2,513
Group donations		2,161	1,884
THF donation	7	22,500	50,000
HMRC Gift Aid		820	-
Prison grant		2,039	4,229
Outreach donations		267	309
Fundraising activities		2,065	2,876
Bank interest		2,355	-
Profit on disposal of fixed asset		-	74,674
Total Income		38,973	136,485

4. Total Resources Expended

	Notes	Charitable Activities Costs 24/25 £	Governance Costs 24/25 £	Total Costs 24/25 £	Total Costs 23/24 £
Staff costs	8	(4,444)		(4,444)	-
Training		570		570	382
Rent & Rates		561		561	385
Light & Heat		3,541		3,541	1,318
Insurance		510		510	1,242
Repairs & Renewals		507		507	374
Telephone		949		949	1,823
Printing, stationery and postage		939		939	440
Acquisition Costs		-		-	2,754
Miscellaneous & General Expenses		8,694		8,694	6,632
Bank and Other Charges		20		20	82
Accountancy Charges		-		-	100
Refurbishment Costs		70,007		70,007	-
Branch Contribution		-	2,950	2,950	-
Total Costs		81,854	2,950	84,804	15,532

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| 5 | Governance Costs | Includes the contribution to Central Office and the costs for the Independent Examiner's review |
| 6 | Restricted Funds | Includes the donation from the Trevor Hemmings Foundation for the development and adaption of the new premises |
| 7 | THF donation | Trevor Hemmings Foundation donation for improvements and the development of new premises at No9 Navigation Business Village |
| 8 | Staff Costs | None of the Trustees received any emoluments during the year. A refund was received from HMRC for reclaimed Statutory Maternity Pay for a shop worker from 2022/2023 |

SAMARITANS OF PRESTON AND DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1173718

Accounts

SAMARITANS OF PRESTON AND DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's objectives and aims are:

- To enable persons in Preston 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; and
- To collaborate with and support Samaritans Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these Objects.

How our work delivers our aims

In common with all the other branches of Samaritans, we provide services to support people who require emotional support, including those who are in distress, despair and who may be suicidal. We do this by assisting to provide a 24-hour service of confidential, non-judgemental emotional support by telephone and face to face. Within the next 12 months we are looking to expand our services to include email and online messaging

We run an established Listener scheme at HMP Preston to help provide emotional support for those in the prison community. Currently we have 18 Listeners covering all wings of the prison and a further 18 in training. We have a strong working relationship with the prison community and our work is greatly appreciated by Safer Custody.

Our Outreach team continues to look for ways of providing or improving access to emotional support and to reduce suicide within our local community and groups of high risk. During the financial year we attended 37 events, in addition to a weekly term time drop in as part of our partnership with the University of Central Lancashire.

Over that period we reached thousands of people, through awareness raising on the railway stations as part of our participation in the Network Rail partnership (including promoting the Small Talk Saves Lives and Brew Monday campaigns), at supermarkets, JobCentres, World Suicide Prevention Day at Preston bus station and Preston Pride on the Flag Market to name a few. We are in contact with our local suicide prevention groups, and work with Preston Wellfest to raise public awareness of health and wellbeing issues and the support available to individuals, groups, and communities in Preston.

We gave talks to promote our services to at risk groups highlighting the work that we do and how we can help those who need our support but may not be aware of it, and engaged with education establishments providing presentations on managing emotional health, the value of talking and listening and gaining support.

During the financial year we had, on average, 95 volunteers including 7 support volunteers. Our 74 active listening volunteers ("ALV") provided 5,511 hours of direct telephone support, which equates to 17 hours and 11 minutes on the phone per ALV. The national average is 12 hours 38 minutes.

In January 2020 Samaritans made filling the night hour shifts a national priority, as that is, when callers can wait over 30 mins to speak to someone and they are often those in the most desperate need. We have achieved a significant increase in covering night minutes (2am - 6am) from 57 minutes in January 2022 to 2 hours 31 minutes in January 2024 per ALV. This is more than double our regional target of 70 minutes and more than double the national average – a fantastic achievement by both our listening volunteers and the directorate members responsible for volunteer support. Our hours on the phone, per ALV, in The Twilight period (10pm - 2am) are now 4 hours 31 mins compared to the national average of 2 hours 29 minutes.

This is in addition to the other services provided by the Branch, for example, training and supporting the Listener scheme and our extensive Outreach programme. Volunteers also freely gave their time in a number of different administrative and management roles to support the Branch. Our recruitment team is proactive and we have regular information evenings and an active training and mentoring programme. We had 10 trainee volunteers at the year end.

We are pleased to report that the effort of our volunteers during the year exceeded the support we were able to provide in the previous year, despite the Branch being closed for 5 weeks during the relocation. In the future our new premises will enable us to increase our reach and host meetings for other charities offering additional support to our local community.

Governance of the Branch

The work of Samaritans as a federated charity involves the Central Charity and the affiliated CIO branches working closely together to achieve common aims and objectives. The framework for ensuring this is via the constitutions of the Central Charity and affiliated branches and also via a branch agreement and operating agreement which define how all parts of the federated charity work together.

The trustees of the Branch are elected, by the branch members, on an annual basis with the exception of the Director who is elected a trustee for their three year term in office. Trustees can serve up to a maximum of six years. Trustees may also be co-opted by the elected Trustees to perform specific tasks as required. Trustees continue to oversee all aspects of governance including financial oversight, maintaining a Risk and Opportunity Register, ensuring compliance with Data Protection and Health and Safety law. Working as members of the Branch Leadership Team, but also in their own right, the Trustees set the expectations of the Branch in line with the constitution and the branch and operating agreements with the Central Charity.

As well as working within the federated charity of Samaritans, the Branch is responsible for its own finances.

Significant activities

The Branch relocated in March 2024 disposing of St Wilfrid Street and acquiring No 9 Navigation Business Village. This completed a long search to find the Branch a new home that offers more flexible accommodation in terms of accessibility; training and meeting room facilities; car parking and scope for future developments. The disposal and acquisition took place in March 2024 resulting in a five week closure of the Branch whilst works were completed. Outreach and Listener activities were maintained during the closure but the telephone helpline service was temporarily paused.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is an incorporated organisation and the governing document is the constitution dated 7 July 2017.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

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Principal address

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Trustees

Sarah Jackson - Director	appointed November 2021
Martin Callagher – Deputy Director	appointed November 2021
Rebecca Wenham - Secretary	appointed November 2021
Michael Bowerman – Marketing & Publicity Manager	appointed December 2022
Lesley Dunn – Treasurer	appointed November 2023
Michael Morgan	appointed November 2023

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The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report.
Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature ... Sarah Jackson.....

Full Name... Sarah Helen Jackson.....

Position..... Branch Director.....

Date..... 24 July 2024.....

Samaritans of Preston & District

Registered Charity No. 1173718

Financial Report

Year Ended 31st March 2024

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Financial report for the year

Premises at St Wilfrid Street presented significant sustainability and accessibility issues: step free access was via a back entrance through the accessible toilet; the back entrance was off a rear alleyway; the accessible toilet had an entrance door into it; stairs to the first floor were very steep and narrow. In addition, there were parking problems and resulting personal safety concerns, particularly during the night, and the space was limited overall and in terms of layout. The Trustees have invested significant time over the past two years considering the best option for future accommodation to provide a safe and appropriate environment which allows volunteers to focus on the core charitable objectives. With this in mind a Branch Refurbishment Reserve of £100,000 was designated to facilitate improvements to the Branch premises.

The Branch relocated in March 2024 disposing of St Wilfrid Street and acquiring No 9 Navigation Business Village. This completed a long search to find the branch a new home that offers more flexible accommodation in terms of accessibility; training and meeting room facilities; car parking and scope for future developments. The disposal and acquisition took place in March 2024 resulting in a temporary closure of the branch whilst works were completed. The statutory accounts reflect the transaction costs, but the costs of redevelopment and adaptations occurred at the start of the new financial year and the provisions/restricted funds in respect of these works are included on the balance sheet as at 31 March 2024.

Funds in the year were received by way of private donations from individuals and grants. The shop ceased to trade in September 2022 as it no longer made a financial contribution.

The principal source of income in the year was a sum of £50,000 received from the TJH Foundation who, together with Mr Trevor Hemmings, have been very generous to the charity over a number of years. This donation was specifically in relation to the redevelopment and adaptation of the new premises and is shown as a restricted fund. A number of smaller donations were also gratefully received in the year.

The financial results of the Samaritans of Preston & District for the year to 31 March 2024 are set out in the financial report. Whilst the accounts show net incoming funds of £70,953 for the year ending 31 March 2024, this is after a profit on disposal of the former premises of £74,674. The underlying deficit is £3,721 and this is before the contribution to central office of £2,950 paid post year end. The shop deficit in respect of the year ended 31 March 2023 will be offset by a reclaim in respect of statutory maternity pay accounted for on a receipts basis and due in the current financial year.

Reserves Policy and Future Plans

The Branch seeks to maintain a minimum liquid reserve of 12 months running costs. Available liquid reserves (that is, excluding the value of the building at 9 Navigation Business Village, Preston - £150,000, £74,674 set aside for refurbishment and adaptations and the restricted fund of £50,000) stood at £80,014 at the year-end and is, in the opinion of the trustees, sufficient to meet this reserves policy.

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

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 144(5)(b) of the 2011 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

M E Davenport
2 Nateby Court
Nateby
Preston PR3 0JF

Signed: *M E Davenport*

Date: *30/6/24*

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 23/24	Total 22/23
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary income - donations and grants		11,811	50,000	61,811	37,182
Funds arising from charitable activities					6,686
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	2	74,674		74,674	
Total Incoming Resources		86,485	50,000	136,485	43,868
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Charitable activities	3	(15,432)		(15,432)	(36,805)
Governance costs	3	(100)		(100)	(33,161)
Total Resources Expended		(15,532)		(15,532)	(69,966)
Net incoming /(outgoing) resources		70,953	50,000	120,953	(26,098)
Reconciliation of funds					
Balance brought forward at 1 st April 2023		233,735		233,735	259,833
Balance carried forward at 1st April 2024		304,688	50,000	354,688	233,735

The notes pages following form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2023/2024 £	£	2022/2023 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Property at valuation			150,000		50,000
Current Assets					
Cash at bank		204,368		184,147	
Debtors		320			
		<u>204,688</u>		<u>184,147</u>	
Less current liabilities				(412)	
Net current assets			204,688		183,735
Net assets			<u><u>354,688</u></u>		<u><u>233,735</u></u>

Represented by:

General Funds			80,014		83,735
Designated Funds					
- Fixed Assets			150,000		50,000
- Branch Relocation/Refurbishment	7		<u>74,674</u>		<u>100,000</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds			304,688		233,735
Restricted Funds	8		50,000		
Total Funds			<u><u>354,688</u></u>		<u><u>233,735</u></u>

On Behalf of the Trustees

Sign Martin Callagher

Print Name MARTIN CALLAGHER

Sign SH Jackson

Print Name SH JACKSON

Approved by the Trustees on 03/07/2024 (Date)

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of The Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting by Charities (“the 2005 SORP”).

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of the Property.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small charity.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees’ discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Within unrestricted funds the Trustees have designated amounts comprising the investment in the property and funds for further redevelopment and adaptations.

Restricted income funds can only be used for the specified purposes.

Incoming resources

Donations, Legacies and Other Voluntary Income are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters. In addition to the branch levy payable to Central Office.

Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 Profit on disposal of fixed assets

The property at St Wilfrid Street was disposed of during the year generating a net profit of £74,674 after disposal costs of £5,326. The funds generated were used towards the purchase No 9 Navigation Business Village offering more suitable and accessible accommodation.

3 Total Resources Expended

	Charitable Activities Costs 23/24	Governance Costs 23/24	Total 23/24	Total 22/23
Staff Costs	0	0	0	5,751
Training and associated venue hire	382	0	382	3,548
Rent & rates	385	0	385	4,272
Light and heat	1,318	0	1,318	6,910
Insurance	1,242	0	1,242	1,397
Repairs and renewals	374	0	374	571
Telephone	1,823	0	1,823	2,560
Printing, stationery and postage	440	0	440	479
Acquisition costs	2,754	0	2,754	0
Miscellaneous and general expenses	6,632	0	6,632	11,228
Bank & other charges	82	0	82	89
Accountancy charges	0	100	100	109
Branch contribution	6	0	0	33,052
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	15,432	100	15,532	69,966
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- 4 The charity employed a part time shop manager for part of the previous year until the closure of the shop in September 2022.
- 5 None of the trustees received any emoluments during the year.
- 6 Governance includes the contribution to Central Office and the costs for the Independent Examiner's review.
- 7 The costs of disposal and the additional investment in the new premises were offset against the designated fund.
- 8 Restricted income includes the donation from the TJH Foundation for the redevelopment and adaptation of the new premises.

SAMARITANS OF PRESTON AND DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1173718

Accounts

Samaritans of Preston and District
Trustees Report

Year ended 31st March 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation incorporated on 7th July 2017 and originally registered as a charity on 19th September 1970. It was established under a governing document. Trustees of the Charity are elected for a period of one year or can be co-opted by the elected trustees to perform specific tasks as required.

Reference and Administrative Detail

Charity name: Samaritans of Preston and District Other name used: Preston Samaritans Registered
Charity Number: 1173718 Principal Address: 11 St Wilfrid St. Preston PR1 2US

Trustees

Sarah Jackson - Director
Rebecca Wenham - Secretary
Martin Callagher - Vice-Director
Jamie Brogden - Publicity and Fundraising Manager - Resigned
Graham Dew - Premises Manager - Resigned
Martin Wheatman - To 10/12/22
John Feeney –From 10/12/22 Resigned
Michael Bowerman – Marketing & Publicity Manager - From 10/12/22 - 11/11/23
Lesley Dunn - Treasurer

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report.
Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature ...R.Wenham.....

Full Name.....Rebecca Ruth Wenham.....

Position.....Branch Secretary.....

Date.....10/11/23.....

Samaritans of Preston & District

Registered Charity No. 1173718

Financial Report

Year Ended 31st March 2023

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Financial report for the year

Funds were received by way of: private donations from individuals, grants and sales in the charity shop. The shop ceased to trade in September 2022 as it no longer made a financial contribution. Interest was received on the balance in the bank accounts.

The principal source of income in the year was a sum of £30,000 received from the TJH Foundation who, together with Mr Trevor Hemmings, have been very generous to the charity over a number of years. A number of smaller donations were also gratefully received in the year.

The financial results of the Samaritans of Preston & District for the year to 31 March 2023 are set out in the financial report. The accounts show a deficit of £26,098 for the year ending 31 March 2023 comprising an underlying surplus for the year of £11,457, pre a deficit from the trading activities of the shop of £4,503 and the contribution to central office of £33,052. The shop deficit will be offset in the current year by a reclaim in respect of statutory maternity pay accounted for on a receipts basis.

Reserves Policy and Future Plans

The branch seeks to maintain a minimum liquid reserve of 12 months running costs. Liquid reserves (that is, excluding the value of the building at 11 St. Wilfrid Street, Preston - £50,000) stood at £183,735 at the year end excluding the Branch Reserve leaves a balance of £83,735 which equates to approximately 14 months expenditure based on the costs incurred in the year.

The current premises present significant sustainability and accessibility issues: step free access is via a back entrance through the accessible toilet; the back entrance is off a rear alleyway; the accessible toilet has an entrance door into it; stairs to the first floor are very steep and narrow. In addition, there are parking problems and resulting personal safety concerns, particularly during the night, and the current space is limited overall and in terms of layout. The Trustees have invested significant time over the past 18 months considering the best option for future accommodation to provide a safe and appropriate environment which allows volunteers to focus on the core charitable objectives. With this in mind a Branch Refurbishment Reserve Fund of £100,000 was designated in the previous financial year to facilitate improvements to, or a relocation from, the current premises.

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

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 144(5)(b) of the 2011 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

M E Davenport
2 Nateby Court
Nateby
Preston PR3 0JF

Signed: *M E Davenport*

Date: *8/11/2023*

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 22/23	Total 21/22
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary income - donations and grants		36,711	471	37,182	105,064
Investment income - interest received					
Funds arising from charitable activities		6,686		6,686	21,597
Total Incoming Resources		43,398	471	43,868	126,661
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Charitable activities	2	(36,309)	(496)	(36,805)	(35,791)
Governance costs	2	(33,161)		(33,161)	(10,963)
Total Resources Expended		(69,470)	(496)	(69,966)	(46,754)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(26,072)	(26)	(26,098)	79,907
Reconciliation of funds					
Balance brought forward at 1 st April 2022		260,181	(348)	259,833	179,926
Transfer		(374)	374		
Balance carried forward at 1st April 2023		233,735		233,735	259,833

The notes pages following form part of these financial statements.


Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	2022/2023		2021/2022	
Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Property at valuation		50,000		50,000
Current Assets				
Cash at bank	184,147		210,744	
Cash in hand			50	
Debtors				
	184,147		210,794	
Less current liabilities	(412)		(961)	
Net current assets		183,735		209,833
Net assets		233,735		259,833
 Represented by:				
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds		133,735		160,181
Branch Refurbishment Fund		100,000		100,000
Restricted Funds	6			(348)
		233,735		259,833

On Behalf of the Trustees

Sign 

Print Name..... S.H. JACKSON

Sign 

Print Name..... M. CALLAGHER

Approved by the Trustees on 11/11/23

(Date)

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of The Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting by Charities (“the 2005 SORP”).

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of the Property.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small charity.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees’ discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds can only be used for specified purposes.

Incoming resources

Donations, Legacies and Other Voluntary Income are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters. In addition to the branch levy payable to Central Office.

Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 Total Resources Expended

	Charitable Activities Costs 22/23	Governance Costs 22/23	Total 22/23	Total 21/22
Staff Costs	5,751	0	5,751	6,252
Training and associated venue hire	3,548	0	3,548	0
Rent & rates	4,272	0	4,272	8,242
Light and heat	6,910	0	6,910	5,756
Insurance	1,397	0	1,397	1,705
Repairs and renewals	571	0	571	754
Telephone	2,560	0	2,560	2,325
Printing, stationery and postage	479	0	479	1,387
Miscellaneous and general expenses	11,228	0	11,228	9,324
Bank & other charges	89	0	89	46
Accountancy charges	0	109	109	100
Branch contribution	0	33,052	33,052	10,863
	<u>36,805</u>	<u>33,161</u>	<u>69,966</u>	<u>46,754</u>

3. The charity employed a part time shop manager for the previous year and part of the current year until the closure of the shop in September 2022.

4. None of the trustees received any emoluments during the year.

5. Governance includes the contribution to Central Office and the costs for the Independent Examiner's review.

6. Restricted income and expenditure includes an element of the prison grant and JRS grants towards the costs of furlough

SAMARITANS OF PRESTON AND DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1173718

Accounts

Samaritans of Preston & District

Trustees & Financial Report

Year Ended 31st March 2022

Structure, Governance & Management

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation incorporated on 7th July 2017 and originally registered as a charity on 19th September 1970. It was established under a governing document. Trustees of the charity are elected for a period of three years or can be co-opted by the elected trustees to perform specific tasks within the organization as required.

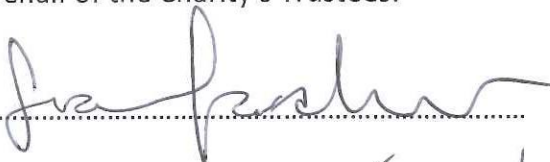
Reference & Administrative Detail

Charity Name: Samaritans of Preston & District
Other Name Used: Preston Samaritans
Registered Charity Number: 0073718
Principal Address: 11 St Wilfrid Street, Preston PR1 2US

Trustees

Mary Lynn Rankin	Secretary	To 30/11/21
Sarah Helen Jackson	Director	
Patricia Margaret Attard		To 30/11/21
Christopher Ian James Hall		To 30/11/21
Jamie Brogden		
Graham John Dew		
Martin Wheatman	Treasurer	
Martin John Callagher		From 30/11/21
Rebecca Wenham	Secretary	From 30/11/21

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report
Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature.....

Full Name..... SARAH HELEN JACKSON

Position..... DIRECTOR

Date..... 10.12.22

Samaritans of Preston & District
Accounts Report Year Ended 31st March 2022
Registered Charity No. 1173718

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Financial report for the year

Funds were received by way of private donations from individuals, grants and sales in the charity shop. Interest was received on the balance in the bank account.

The financial results of the Samaritans for the year to 31 March 2022 are set out in the financial report. The accounts show a Surplus in the amount of £79,907 for the year.

A legacy was received from the Estate of Mr BJ Mace in the sum of £80,552.

A sum of £15,000 was received from PNE, a share in the proceeds of a football match donated in memory of Mr Trevor Hemmings, who personally, through his charitable foundation and via Preston North End had been very generous to the charity over a number of years.

A bequest in the sum of £1,000 was also received from Mrs Bernadette Anderton, a lady who had also been a generous donor to our branch and who sadly passed away in 2021.

The property was last professionally valued in the year ended 31st December 2000 at £50,000 and this is reflected in the accounts.

Reserves Policy and Future Plans

The reserves are currently healthy. Liquid reserves (excluding the value of the building at 11 St. Wilfrid Street, Preston - £50,000) stood at £210,794 at the year end. The branch seeks to maintain a minimum liquid reserve of 6 to 12 months running costs, this level represents over 4 years running costs. However, without the above mentioned large legacy and donation, the situation would look far less positive. In addition, in the current climate it is highly likely that expenditure in 22/23 will significantly exceed income. The charity shop lease ended on 30th September 2022 and was not renewed, as the climate for this type of shop is no longer favourable and it was no longer financially viable.

A Branch Refurbishment Reserve Fund of £100,000 has been designated. The branch premises offer very poor accessibility and this is unacceptable for a charity which aims to be there for everybody. Currently the upstairs training room is being used as the operations room, due to the restricted accommodation on the ground floor. Plans have been drawn up which seek to improve the usability of the ground floor operations room, increase the floor area of the training room and make both the ground and 1st floors accessible to all.

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

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 144(5)(b) of the 2011 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

M E Davenport
2 Nateby Court
Nateby
Preston PR3 0JF

Signed: *M E Davenport*

Date: *27/11/2022*

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 21/22	Total 20/21
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary income - donations and grants		104,505	559	105,064	43,220
Investment income - interest received		0	0	0	0
Funds arising from charitable activities		21,597	0	21,597	7,075
Total Incoming Resources		126,102	559	126,661	50,295
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Charitable activities	2	34,625	1,166	35,791	32,068
Governance costs	2	10,963	0	10,963	10,163
Total Resources Expended		45,588	1,166	46,754	42,231
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		80,514	-607	79,907	8,064
Reconciliation of funds					
Balance brought forward at 1 st April 2021		179,667	259	179,926	171,862
Balance carried forward at 1st April 2022		260,181	-348	259,833	179,926

The notes on pages 5-6 form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2021/2022		2020/2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Property at valuation			50,000		50,000
Current Assets					
Cash at bank		210,744		130,626	
Cash in hand		50		50	
		<u>210,794</u>		<u>130,676</u>	
Less current liabilities		-961		-750	
Net current assets			<u>209,833</u>		<u>129,926</u>
Net assets			<u><u>259,833</u></u>		<u><u>179,926</u></u>

Represented by:

Funds

Unrestricted funds

Branch Refurbishment Reserve Fund

Restricted Funds

6

160,181

100,000

-348

259,833

179,667

0

259

179,926

On Behalf of the Trustees

Sign..........

Print Name.....16/12/22.....

Sign..........

Print Name.....R. Wenham.....

Approved by the Trustees on

.....10.12.22.....(Date)

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of The Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting by Charities (“the 2005 SORP”).

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small charity.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees’ discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds can only be used for specified purposes.

Incoming resources

Donations, Legacies and Other Voluntary Income are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

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Governance costs

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2. Total Resources Expended

	Charitable Activities Costs 21/22	Gov'nce Costs 21/22	Total 21/22	Total 20/21
Staff Costs	6,252	0	6,252	6,252
Training and assoc venue hire	0	0	0	0
Rent & rates	8,242	0	8,242	7,941
Advertising and publicity	0	0	0	0
Printing, stationery and postage	1,387	0	1,387	1,081
Telephone	2,325	0	2,325	2,510
Insurance	1,705	0	1,705	1,511
Light and heat	5,756	0	5,756	1,976
Misc and general expenses	9,324	0	9,324	6,733
Accountancy charges	0	100	100	100
Branch contribution	0	10,863	10,863	10,063
Repairs and renewals	754	0	754	4,064
Legal and professional	0	0	0	0
Bank & other charges	46	0	46	0
	35,791	10,963	46,754	42,231

3. The charity employs a part time paid shop manager.

4. None of the trustees received any emoluments during the year

5. Governance includes a small Audit Fee and the annual contribution which the Branch pays towards the support received from the Central Charity

6. Restricted income/expenditure includes an element of the prison grant and JRS grants towards the costs of furlough

SAMARITANS OF PRESTON AND DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1173718

Accounts

Samaritans of Preston & District

**Trustees & Financial Report
Year Ended 31st March 2021**

Structure, Governance & Management

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation incorporated on 7th July 2017 and originally registered as a charity on 19th September 1970. It was established under a governing document. Trustees of the Charity are elected for a period of three years or can be co-opted by the elected trustees to perform specific tasks within the organisation as required.

Reference & Administrative Detail

Charity Name: Samaritans of Preston & District
Other Name Used: Preston Samaritans
Registered Charity Number: 1173718
Principal Address: 11 St Wilfrid Street, Preston PR1 2US

Trustees

Sally Ann Eastham	Director	To 31/10/21
Mary Lynn Rankin	Secretary	To 30/11/21
Sarah Helen Jackson	Treasurer	To 31/10/21
	Director	From 01/11/21
Jacqueline Smith		To 21/09/20
Patricia Margaret Attard		To 30/11/21
Christopher Ian James Hall		To 30/11/21
Jamie Brogden	Fundraising & Publicity Manager	From 15/10/20
Graham John Dew		From 21/09/20
Martin John Wheatman	Treasurer	From 30/11/21
Martin John Callagher	Vice Director	From 30/11/21
Rebecca Wenham	Secretary	From 30/11/21

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report.
Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature.....

Full Name..... SARAH HELEN JACKSON

Position..... BRANCH DIRECTOR

Date..... 30.11.21

Samaritans of Preston and District

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Financial report for the year

Funds were received by way of private donations from individuals, grants and sales in the charity shop. Interest was received on the balance in the bank account.

The financial results of the Samaritans for the year to 31 March 2021 are set out in the financial report. The accounts show a Surplus in the amount of £8,064 for the year.

A final receipt from the Estate of Anne Bradley of £2,299 was received during the financial year. The branch also benefitted from a legacy of £3,000 from the Estate of Nancy Helen Hessey.

The TJH Foundation made a donation of £10,000.

The property was last professionally valued in the year ended 31st December 2000 at £50,000 and this is reflected in the accounts.

Reserves Policy and Future Plans

The reserves are healthy. Liquid reserves (excluding the value of the building at 11 St. Wilfrid Street, Preston - £50,000) stand at £130,676. The branch seeks to maintain a minimum liquid reserve of 6 to 12 months running costs, current levels represent slightly more than 3 years running costs.

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 144(5)(b) of the 2011 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

M E Davenport
2 Nateby Court
Nateby
Preston PR3 0JF

M E Davenport

6/9/2021

Samaritans of Preston and District

Signed:

Date:

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 20/21 £	Total 19/20 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary income - donations and grants		40,027	3,193	43,220	28,228
Investment income - interest received		-	-	-	44
Funds arising from charitable activities		7,075	-	7,075	16,573
Total Incoming Resources		47,102	3,193	50,295	44,845
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Charitable activities	2	29,504	2,564	32,068	31,154
Governance costs	2	10,163	-	10,163	5,449
Total Resources Expended		39,667	2,564	42,231	36,603
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		7,435	629	8,064	8,242
Reconciliation of funds					
Balance brought forward at 1 st April 2020		172,232	(370)	171,862	163,620
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2021		179,667	259	179,926	171,862

The notes on page 5 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

Samaritans of Preston and District

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2020/21		2019/20	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Property at valuation			50,000		50,000
Current assets					
Cash at bank		130,626		121,858	
Cash in hand		50		90	
		<u>130,676</u>		<u>121,948</u>	
Less current liabilities		<u>750</u>		<u>86</u>	
Net current assets			<u>129,926</u>		<u>121,862</u>
Net assets			<u>179,926</u>		<u>171,862</u>
Represented by					
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds			179,667		172,232
Restricted funds	6		259		(370)
			<u>179,926</u>		<u>171,862</u>

On behalf of the Trustees:

Sign Sally Eastham

Print name SALLY ANN EASTHAM

Sign Mary Lynn Rankin

Print name MARY LYNN

RANKIN

Approved by the Trustees on Date below

Date: 14/9/2021

The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

Samaritans of Preston and District

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of The Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting by Charities (“the 2005 SORP”).

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small charity.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees’ discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds can only be used for specified purposes.

Incoming resources

Donations, Legacies and Other Voluntary Income are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (continued)

2 Total Resources Expended

	Charitable Activities Costs 20/21 £	Gov'nce Costs 20/21 £	Total 20/21 £	Total 19/20 £
Staff costs	6,252	-	6,252	6252
Training and assoc hire of venues	-	-	-	1,047
Rent and rates	7,941	-	7,941	8,114
Advertising and publicity	-	-	-	0
Printing, stationery and postage	1,081	-	1,081	362
Telephone	2,510	-	2,510	1,627
Insurance	1,511	-	1,511	1,420
Light and heat	1,976	-	1,976	3,144
Miscellaneous and general expenses	6,733	-	6,733	8,160
Accountancy charges	-	100	100	100
Branch contribution	-	10,063	10,063	5,349
Repairs and renewals	4,064	-	4,064	380
Cash discrepancy	-	-	-	468
Legal & Professional	-	-	-	180
	<u>32,068</u>	<u>10,163</u>	<u>42,231</u>	<u>36,603</u>

3 The charity employs a part time paid shop manager.

4 None of the trustees received any emoluments during the year.

5 Governance includes a small Audit Fee and the annual contribution which the Branch pays towards the support received from the Central Charity.

6 The restricted element of the Prison Grant is claimed based upon expenditure already incurred and therefore, as the grant is claimed in arrears, the figure usually shows as a deficit. However, this year the Branch has also been in receipt of Job Retention Scheme Grants, which can be claimed shortly in advance of the expenditure and therefore there is a small balance to be carried forward to the next financial year.