

ROTHERHAM SAMARITANS

England & Wales · Charity number 1173826

Details

Other names	SAMARITANS OF ROTHERHAM, THE SAMARITANS (ROTHERHAM BRANCH), THE SAMARITANS OF ROTHERHAM
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-07-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ENABLE PERSONS IN ROTHERHAM 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: Rotherham Samaritans was formed for the purpose of working for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress in and around Rotherham.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Rotherham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£30,052	£34,559	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,053	£33,005	-	-
2023-03-31	£28,484	£29,866	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,003	£19,890	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,735	£40,826	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mark Smith	Chair	2021-05-18
Andrew Scott		2023-03-22
FIONA WILSON		2020-09-08
Francis David Pinder		2021-11-19
Stephen Wilson		2022-01-12
Susan Fox		2025-07-22

Linked charities

- THE SAMARITANS OF ROTHERHAM (1173826-1)

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for the period ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

for the period ended 31 March 2025

Trustees

Trustees during the year were:

David Pinder	Director until 16/12/24
Mark Smith	Director from 16/12/24
Andy Scott	Treasurer
John Glynn	
Fiona Wilson	
Steve Wilson	
Lisa Bingham	from 21/05/24
Sally Higgins	from 21/05/24

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Directors' Report

We are pleased to present the Directors' Report for Rotherham Samaritans for the year April 2024 to March 2025. This report reflects another year of dedicated, compassionate service delivered by our incredible team of volunteers, who continue to support people in emotional distress and despair across Rotherham and beyond.

Who We Are

Rotherham Samaritans is proud to be a purely volunteer-led branch. We operate from our own building, which helps us to keep running costs and overheads modest. This enables us to remain a highly cost-effective local service, delivering real value for money while maintaining the quality and availability of emotional support for those who need us.

Our Listening Work

Over the past year, our volunteers have taken **4,998** calls for help from people experiencing difficult times. Every one of these calls represents a person who found someone to listen, without judgement or pressure. Our branch plays an essential part in the national Samaritans network, helping ensure 24/7 availability to those who need to talk.

Wellness Check Pathway Project with NHS

We are proud to have continued our Wellness Check Pathway Project, through which we make outbound calls to people referred by the Rotherham NHS Mental Health NHS Crisis Team. This innovative partnership (funded by the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board) extends our emotional support into the community and reaches people at a time when they may be most at risk and in need of a listening ear. During the year **260** people were referred to us, and we completed **423** wellbeing calls where contact was made.

Outreach and Community Presence

Our commitment to outreach remains strong. We ran a monthly drop-in session at Rotherham Minster, provided a presence at Rotherham United's New York Stadium, and held awareness sessions at Rotherham Train Station. We also delivered talks to local schools when requested, supporting young people's understanding of mental health and the importance of talking. We continued to engage the wider community through our presence at the Rotherham Show and by supporting national initiatives such as Brew Monday, helping reduce stigma and encouraging connection during the winter months. We also distributed caller awareness information and leaflets to GP surgeries across Rotherham.

Volunteer Recognition and Support

Our volunteers are the heart of everything we do. We held several team-building activities this year, which help strengthen peer support, build friendships, and maintain morale. We also celebrated our volunteers at our Annual Recognition Event, where we welcomed new members and honoured those reaching long-service milestones.

We were especially proud to see former Branch Director Helen Mortimer awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) in the King's Honours, recognising her exceptional service and dedication to supporting others.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to David Pinder, who completed his three-year term as Branch Director in December. David led the branch with dedication, compassion, and steady leadership, and we are grateful for his service. Following a rigorous branch selection process Mark Smith was welcomed as our new Branch Director taking over in December 2024 following serving as one of David's Vice Directors.

Financial Stewardship and Resilience

Our branch continues to manage its finances responsibly. Being volunteer-led and based in our own

premises means our overheads remain modest, allowing us to run an efficient and responsive service. While mindful of rising utility costs and the broader cost-of-living pressures, we are pleased to report that our reserves remain strong, enabling us to respond swiftly to any significant issues - such as unexpected building repairs or technical challenges.

In addition, we made a financial contribution to regional and central Samaritans infrastructure, helping to strengthen the wider network. This included support towards the national rollout of the new Listening Centre system, which provides improved call handling, technical reliability, and resilience - ensuring we continue to offer the highest standards of support across the UK and Ireland.

Partnership and Regional Involvement

We continue to play an active role in the Rotherham Suicide Prevention and Self-Harm Reduction Partnership, working with a range of local agencies to help reduce suicide and support mental wellbeing across the borough. As a strong and engaged branch within Yorkshire and Humberside Samaritans, we regularly take part in regional conferences and events, sharing learning and strengthening connections across the network.

Thank You

We close by offering our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, supporters, partners, and everyone who contributes to the success and impact of Rotherham Samaritans. Together, we make a real difference - ensuring that, whoever you are, you don't have to face things alone and working towards the national Samaritans vision that fewer people die by suicide.



Mark Smith
Branch Director
On behalf of the board of trustees, Rotherham Samaritans

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Independent Examiner

Tom May
8 Stonely Brook,
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Rotherham Samaritans

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees of Rotherham Samaritans on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 12

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").

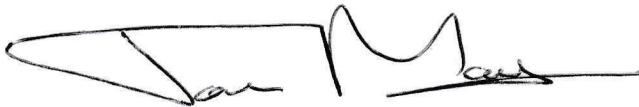
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



Tom May
8 Stonely Brook,
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03/07/2025

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Receipts and Payments Account: Year ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	2024-25			2023-24
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, Legacies and Similar Resources	1	2,852	0	2,852	3,864
Grants & Funding Received	2	25,500	0	25,500	25,000
Fund Raising Activities	3	1,040	0	1,040	1,708
Refunds	4	0	0	0	-20
Bank Interest		661	0	661	501
Total Receipts		30,052	0	30,052	31,053
Payments					
Costs of Charitable Activities	5	20,743	0	20,743	22,556
Centre Refurbishment	6	0	0	0	0
Cost of Fund Raising	7	565	0	565	329
Governance Costs	8	13,251	0	13,251	10,120
Total Payments		34,559	0	34,559	33,005
Net Income / (Expenditure) for Year		-4,507	0	-4,507	-1,952

Represented By:

Cash & Bank Balances as at 1st April 2024	76,330	0	76,330	78,282
Cash & Bank Balances as at 31st March 2025	71,823	0	71,823	76,330
Net Movement in Funds This Year	-4,507	0	-4,507	-1,952

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2025

	2024-25			2023-24
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Monetary Assets				
NatWest Current Account	13,584		13,584	11,091
NatWest Legacy Account	100		100	100
Virgin Money Charity Account	58,139		58,139	65,139
Petty Cash	0		0	0
	71,823	0	71,823	76,330

Non Monetary Assets

Land & Buildings

Based on recent sales of adjoining property, the trustees estimate that the value of 22 Percy Street is £125,000

Fixtures & Fittings

The Charity has use of various fixtures and fittings, including computers and office equipment, purchased over the years and written off in the year of purchase. The cost and market value of these sundry assets are not significant to the Charity.

Liabilities

General Office Contribution

The Central Office contribution based on income during 2024-25 is estimated to be £3,304. This becomes due before the end of the 2025-26 Financial Year.

Entry Fobs

A deposit is collected from Volunteers in lieu of their branch entry fobs. This is reclaimable when a volunteer leaves.

Approved by the Trustees on / / and signed on their behalf by :



Branch Director

Rotherham Samaritans

Notes on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

	2024-25			2023-24
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
1. Donations				
Anonymous and under £50	50	0	50	107
Deposits on Fobs	30	0	30	50
Donations Gift Aided	151	0	151	2,195
Individuals	2,121	0	2,121	412
Organisations	500	0	500	1,100
	2,852	0	2,852	3,864
2. Grants & Funding Received				
Arnold Clark Community Fund	500	0	500	0
SY CCG	25,000	0	25,000	25,000
Pears Funding (CO)	0	0	0	0
	25,500	0	25,500	25,000
3. Income from Fund Raising Activities				
Rotherham Show / Brinsworth Gala / Co-op	579	0	579	290
Christmas Cards	136	0	136	64
Copper Jar	0	0	0	0
Giving Sites	325	0	325	27
Public Events	0	0	0	0
Public Events Gift Aided	0	0	0	0
Samarathon	0	0	0	0
Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aided Donations)	0	0	0	1,328
	1,040	0	1,040	1,708
4. Refunds				
RMBC Council Tax	0	0	0	0
General - Refund of Fob deposits	0	0	0	-20
	0	0	0	-20

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		2024-25			2023-24
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
5. Direct Charitable Activity					
Centre - Building	5.1	9,584	0	9,584	8,287
Centre - Operation	5.2	9,801	0	9,801	12,429
Centre - Telecommunications	5.3	1,357	0	1,357	1,839
		20,743	0	20,743	22,556
5.1 Centre - Building					
Self Employed Cleaner		1,605	0	1,605	1,494
Cleaning - Materials		44	0	44	53
Cleaning - Windows		132	0	132	120
Council Tax		598	0	598	494
Furniture & Fittings		1,339	0	1,339	1,236
Insurance		874	0	874	856
Maintenance		2,958	0	2,958	2,081
Security		0	0	0	0
Utilities - Electricity		892	0	892	750
Utilities - Gas		900	0	900	982
Utilities - Water		243	0	243	221
Waste Disposal		0	0	0	0
		9,584	0	9,584	8,287
5.2 Centre - Operation					
Advertising & Recruitment		850	0	850	678
Computing Equipment		193	0	193	4,158
Courses Conferences & Training		2,689	0	2,689	2,000
Outreach & Awareness		2,146	0	2,146	2,389
Printing Stationery & Postage		775	0	775	926
Refreshments - Others		35	0	35	66
Refreshments - Volunteers		573	0	573	250
Chamber of Commerce		258	0	258	0
Trains / Taxis		179	0	179	369
Mileage - Volunteers		1,628	0	1,628	1,238
Volunteer Team Building/Recognition Events		476	0	476	356
		9,801	0	9,801	12,429
5.3 Centre - Telecommunications					
Internet & Telephone - Percy Street		1,327	0	1,327	1,719
Phone - Director		30	0	30	120
Select Services		0	0	0	0
		1,357	0	1,357	1,839

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	2024-25			2023-24
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6. Centre - Refurbishment				
Building Work	0	0	0	0
Fixtures & Fittings	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
7. Cost of Fund Raising				
Christmas Cards	64	0	64	64
Rotherham Show	265	0	265	266
Equipment - Collecting Buckets	62	0	62	0
T-Shirt for Marathon	15	0	15	0
General Expenses	160	0	160	0
	565	0	565	329
8. Governance Costs				
Administration	0	0	0	0
General Office Contribution	13,251	0	13,251	10,120
Gifts	0	0	0	0
	13,251	0	13,251	10,120

General Office Contribution

The payment made to General Office comprises two elements:
 An amount of £8,251 which is calculated based on the 2023-24
 Accounts and an amount of £5,000 representing an additional
 voluntary payment approved by the Branch Leadership Team.

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Notes on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

9. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have set a level equivalent to 18 months of operating costs as a desired level of reserve. This fund is a contingency designed to protect the future operation of Rotherham Samaritans in the event of:

- > a sudden reduction in income and/or
- > from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income and expenditure

The trustees have also designated reserves where there are potential commitments that cannot be met by anticipated future income alone. These reserves are broken down into a number of funds that relate to:

- > a major building repair fund eg. Roof
- > an asset replacement fund to replace IT and furniture as required
- > a decorating fund in respect of the repainting of the building front exterior. Last carried out in April 2024
- > a change in the service provision having the potential to require increased expenditure not evidenced by the 18 months of historic costs
- > the possible requirement to refund volunteers fob deposits

The amounts of reserves are specified in a table as follows:

Unrestricted Funds represented by:	Desired Reserves	Balance as at 31 st March 2025	Description of Funds
General purpose reserve fund	£50,000	£60,073	Funds to provide cashflow and meet unforeseen expenses. Based on approx. 18 months of expenditure.
Building Major Repair fund	£10,000	£10,000	Provision to fund a major repair to building eg Roof
Asset Replacement	£1,250	£1,250	Provision to replace IT and Furniture as required. Operation Room chairs replaced in 2024/5
Building Decoration Fund	£0	£0	Provision for decoration of the building front exterior - Work completed 2024/5 no reserve currently required
Alteration to Service Provision	£0	£0	No material changes are currently envisaged
Volunteers Fob Deposits	£500	£500	Provision to cover refund of Fob Deposits to Volunteers
Total	£61,750	£71,823	

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Director's Report

Rotherham Samaritans is a small, independent charity affiliated to the National Samaritan Charity. As such, the branch is self-sustaining, and continues to function entirely through the work of unpaid volunteers, most of whom are active, trained listeners who answer telephone calls on the Samaritan crisis line, but who also fulfil all the legal and financial duties necessary to maintaining and running the charity.

The branch has had a successful year in terms of volunteer retention and recruitment. There were 41 listening volunteers on the list on December 31st 2023, which compares to 42 on the list in December 2022. This is due largely to good retention levels among volunteers. It has become more difficult to attract new volunteers post COVID19. In 2023, 15 new volunteers started training. Seven completed basic training and became branch members.

The branch is stable financially. Our financial security has been helped by continued grant support from the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board who have expressed appreciation for the support which we give to Mental Health practitioners and GPs in supplementing their care for patients, particularly those with Mental Health problems or who have expressed suicidal thoughts. In recognition of this, the board have worked with us to develop an innovative partnership (The Rotherham Samaritans Wellness Check Pathway) whereby counsellors, Mental Health crisis team members and other specialist carers are able to refer particular patients to the Rotherham branch for supplementary Samaritan support at times when specialist support is not available to them. A portion of the grant money is used to fund the dedicated answerphone service but also for publicity material which is made available in NHS sites. In 2023, 218 people were referred for Samaritan support via this Pathway. Samaritans and ICB both recognize that this has been a very successful project.

Our volunteers, working in pairs, cover 48 hours of telephone listening shifts in 14 sessions every week. Telephone contacts form the backbone of Samaritan work. As with all Samaritan branches, calls can be directed to us from any part of the United Kingdom and Ireland at any time of the day or night and on every day of the year. We no longer answer emails, and the face-to-face contacts in the branch have not been reinstated post COVID19. We have however built up a team of volunteers who are trained to offer emotional support at venues away from the branch. We have

visited the local football stadium twice for pre-match promotions; we have visited the local railway station and have had a presence at two local shows. We have also developed a link with the Social supermarket group which meets in Rotherham Minster. Samaritan volunteers attend sessions of this group.

Our links with other local charities, particularly those working to reduce the incidence of suicide, remain very strong, as do our links with Rotherham Borough Council and the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioners office. This concerted work in suicide prevention seems to be effective as the number of people taking their lives in Rotherham has been falling since 2019.

We continue to comply with Samaritan protocols and standards, including in respect to premises and equipment, Health and Safety, Data protection and safeguarding. We are also working to comply with Samaritans new EDI standards.

The members of the branch have retained a good ethos of mutual support and a strong team spirit which is one of the key strengths of the branch.

By order of the Trustees



17.4.24

David Pinder
Director

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Rotherham Samaritans

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees of Rotherham Samaritans on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 11

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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20/05/2024

Rotherham Samaritans

Receipts and Payments Account: Year ended 31st March 2024

		2023-24			2022-23	
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total	
Notes		£	£	£	£	
Receipts						
	Donations, Legacies and Similar Resources	1	3,864	0	3,864	4,644
	Grants & Funding Received	2	25,000	0	25,000	21,000
	Fund Raising Activities	3	1,708	0	1,708	2,237
	Refunds	4	-20	0	-20	440
	Bank Interest		501	0	501	163
	Total Receipts		31,053	0	31,053	28,484
Payments						
	Costs of Charitable Activities	5	16,575	5,981	22,556	17,783
	Centre Refurbishment	6	0	0	0	2,028
	Cost of Fund Raising	7	329	0	329	1,708
	Governance Costs	8	10,120	0	10,120	8,348
	Total Payments		27,024	5,981	33,005	29,866
	Net Income / (Expenditure) for Year		4,029	-5,981	-1,952	-1,382

Represented By:

Cash & Bank Balances as at 1st April 2023	72,301	5,981	78,282	79,664
Cash & Bank Balances as at 31st March 2024	76,330	0	76,330	78,282
Net Movement in Funds This Year	4,029	-5,981	-1,952	-1,382

Rotherham Samaritans

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2024

2023-24			Total	
Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2022-23	
NatWest Current Account	11,091		11,091	8,182
NatWest Legacy Account	100		100	100
Virgin Money Charity Account	65,139		65,139	70,000
Petty Cash	0		0	0
	76,330	0	76,330	78,282

Monetary Assets

Non Monetary Assets

Land & Buildings

Based on recent sales of adjoining property, the trustees estimate that the value of 22 Percy Street is £125,000

Fixtures & Fittings

The Charity has use of various fixtures and fittings, including computers and office equipment, purchased over the years and written off in the year of purchase. The cost and market value of these sundry assets are not significant to the Charity.

Liabilities


General Office Contribution

The Central Office contribution based on income during 2023-24 is estimated to be £8,251. This becomes due before the end of 2024.

Entry Fobs

A deposit is collected from Volunteers in lieu of their branch entry fobs. This is reclaimable when a volunteer leaves.

Approved by the Trustees on 17/4/24 and signed on their behalf by :

Director 
FRANCIS DAVID PINDER

Rotherham Samaritans

Notes on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

	2023-24			2022-23
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
1. Donations				
Anonymous and under £50	107	0	107	90
Deposits on Fobs	50	0	50	90
Donations Gift Aided	2,195	0	2,195	2,069
Individuals	412	0	412	149
Organisations	1,100	0	1,100	2,246
	3,864	0	3,864	4,644
2. Grants & Funding Received				
Arnold Clark Community Fund	0	0	0	1,000
SY CCG	25,000	0	25,000	20,000
Pears Funding (CO)	0	0	0	0
	25,000	0	25,000	21,000
3. Income from Fund Raising Activities				
Christmas Cards	64	0	64	82
Copper Jar	0	0	0	23
Giving Sites	27	0	27	629
Public Events	0	0	0	99
Public Events Gift Aided	290	0	290	571
Samarathon	0	0	0	115
Sams Collection Houses	0	0	0	0
Sarah Millican Concert	0	0	0	717
Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aided Donations)	1,328	0	1,328	0
	1,708	0	1,708	2,237
4. Refunds				
RMBC Council Tax	0	0	0	440
General - Refund of Fob deposits	-20	0	-20	0
	-20	0	-20	440

Rotherham Samaritans

Notes on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

		2023-24			Total
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2022-23
5. Direct Charitable Activity					
	6.1	7,335	952	8,287	6,821
	6.2	7,871	4,558	12,429	8,797
	6.3	1,369	471	1,839	2,165
		16,575	5,981	22,556	17,783
5.1 Centre - Building					
		1,255	239	1,494	1,296
		53	0	53	0
		120	0	120	63
		494	0	494	463
		1,236	0	1,236	0
		856	0	856	819
		0	0	0	0
		1,742	339	2,081	901
		0	0	0	114
		573	176	750	639
		827	155	982	2,168
		178	43	221	166
		0	0	0	192
		7,335	952	8,287	6,821
5.2 Centre - Operation					
		85	593	678	1,694
		0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	116
		1,634	2,524	4,158	0
		2,000	0	2,000	10
		1,526	863	2,389	272
		672	254	926	808
		0	66	66	125
		234	16	250	382
		0	0	0	143
		266	103	369	933
		1,098	139	1,238	4,009
		0	0	0	40
		356	0	356	265
		7,871	4,558	12,429	8,797
5.3 Centre - Telecommunications					
		1,249	471	1,719	1,992
		120	0	120	120
		0	0	0	53
		1,369	471	1,839	2,165

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Notes on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

	2023-24			Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2022-23
6. Centre - Refurbishment				
Building Work	0	0	0	0
Fixtures & Fittings	0	0	0	2,028
	0	0	0	2,028
7. Cost of Fund Raising				
Christmas Cards	64	0	64	87
Rotherham Show	266	0	266	0
Equipment	0	0	0	1501
Gambling Licence	0	0	0	0
General Expenses	0	0	0	120
	329	0	329	1,708
8. Governance Costs				
Administration	0	0	0	35
General Office Contribution	10,120	0	10,120	8,313
Gifts	0	0	0	0
	10,120	0	10,120	8,348

9. SYCCG Grant - FY2023

The SYCCG grant was originally split £14K Restricted and £6K Unrestricted. This recognises that the grant agreement document specifically emphasises the Pathway and the wider promotion of Rotherham Samaritans activities. At 1st April 2023 there was £5,981 of this grant remaining as restricted.

Costs associated with the building (overheads) should have had 40% allocated as Restricted.

Centre Operation costs overall should be allocated 40% Restricted concentrated on Printing, Postage & Stationary, Support Material and Travel. In the case of Travel it is argued that volunteers need to be at the branch to make Pathway calls therefore 40% is classified Restricted including taxi costs to/from the branch

Allocation of Telecommunication costs should be made on the basis that, line rental for the dedicated line and most outgoing calls result from the Pathway, are Restricted.

10. SYCCG Grant - FY2024

Renewal of the Grant has enabled full identification as an ordinary activity of the Trust

11. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have set a level equivalent to 18 months of operating costs as a desired level of reserve. This fund is a contingency designed to protect the future operation of Rotherham Samaritans in the event of:

- > a sudden reduction in income and/or
- > from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income and expenditure

The trustees have also designated reserves where there are potential commitments that cannot be met by anticipated future income alone. These reserves are broken down into a number of funds that relate to:

- > a major building repair fund eg: Roof
- > an asset replacement fund to replace IT and furniture as required
- > a decorating fund in respect of the April painting of the building front exterior
- > potential to require increased expenditure not evidenced by the 18 months of historic costs
- > the possible requirement to refund volunteers fob deposits

The amounts of reserves are specified in a table as follows:

Unrestricted Funds represented by:	Desired Reserves	Balance as at 31 st March 2024	Description of Funds
General purpose reserve fund	£50,000	£61,330	Funds to provide cashflow and meet unforeseen expenses. Based on approx. 18 months of expenditure.
Building Major Repair fund	£10,000	£10,000	Provision to fund a major repair to building eg Roof
Asset Replacement	£2,500	£2,500	Provision to replace IT and furniture as required
Building Decoration Fund	£1,000	£1,000	Provision for decoration of the building front exterior
NHS Pathway expansion to GP's	£1,000	£1,000	Funds to cover additional expenditure associated with roll-out of NHS pathway to GP Surgeries
Volunteers Fob Deposits	£500	£500	Provision to cover refund of Fob Deposits to Volunteers
Total	£65,000	£76,330	

ROTHERHAM SAMARITANS

England & Wales - Charity number 1173826

Accounts

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1173826**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the 12 Months Ended
31 March 2023**

Rotherham Samaritans

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the 12 month period ended 31 March 2023

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Rotherham Samaritans

Trustees' Report

for the period ended 31 March 2023

The officers present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023

Governance

From 1st October 2017 Rotherham Samaritans has been a Charitable Incorporated Institution (CIO) with charity registration number 1173826. Prior to that, it was an unincorporated charity, called The Samaritans of Rotherham charity, number 1057161. It is also an independent affiliated branch of The Samaritans which is a legally constituted company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and whose registered office is situated at The Upper Mill, Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 2AF

The administration, control and management of the Rotherham Samaritans are vested in a local Director together with a number of Trustees, no less than three and not more than thirteen. The Trustees, together with the Secretary and Treasurer, are elected by the members at the AGM.

Principal Objective

Rotherham Samaritans was formed for the purpose of working for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress in and around Rotherham.

Investment Powers

Under its constitution the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit.

Reserves

The reserves policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted cash reserves to continue operating for at least one year in the unlikely event of our receiving no income from any source. The funds are held as short term investments as shown in the statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 6.

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting for Charities published in 2005 and applicable accounting standards. These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis. All grants and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received. All expenditure is accounted for and when paid. Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct cost of activities. Where cash costs relate to more than one functional category, they have been split as appropriate.

Rotherham Samaritans

Trustees' Report (Continued)

for the period ended 31 March 2023

Trustees

Trustees during the year were:

Director	Mr David Pinder	Elected October 2021
Treasurer	Mr John Sparrow	Re-elected May 2022
Elected Member	John Glynn	Re-elected May 2022
Elected Member	Nicole Lyons	Resigned October 2022
Elected Member	Sheridan Higgs	Resigned October 2022
Elected Member	Kate Saunders	Elected May 2021
Elected Member	Fiona Wilson	Elected May 2021
Elected Member	Steve Wilson	Elected January 2022
Elected Member	Andrew Scott	Elected March 2023

The trustees are recruited from the charity's membership. They must be volunteers who have undertaken a course of preparation and had sufficient experience of the charity to be considered worthy of being a Samaritan. Trustees are given a copy of the Charity Commission guidelines for trustees and on-line training is available via the Samaritan General Office.

Director's Report

I divide the report into 2 parts this year. The first section is a summary of the year ended, and the second is a vision of our year ahead.

2022-3 Summary

The statistics, in terms of the number of volunteers in the branch, the number of people we have given Samaritan support to, and the financial accounts all reveal a successful year for Rotherham Samaritans.

The number of volunteers remains stable. We have set a target to increase our numbers and several ventures are under way to help us work towards this increase. Given that the world of volunteering appears to have become more challenging in the post COVID era, probably because the world of work has changed, the maintenance of volunteer numbers in the branch is heartening and thanks and credit are due to the recruiting team, led by Richard72, who have brought excellent new volunteers into the branch, and to the training team (Kate16, Sue103, Jayne98 and Helen88) who have worked very hard to ensure all the new volunteers are inspired to complete the training and to start doing shifts with us.

We have lost some services recently. For the moment at least we will not be re-introducing the option of face-to-face sessions for people coming to the branch. The national charity has brought in a number of new standards which must be adhered to and individual branches may choose whether to reinstate face-to-face meetings. Our Branch Leadership Team agreed that the work required to comply with the new standards is out of proportion to the benefits, given that face-to-face contacts were always a very small part of our work even pre COVID. I have outlined our plans for providing an alternative to this kind of contact in the second part of the report.

We also ceased to answer e-mails from the branch on 21st November 2022. The policy of the national charity is to move e-mail response to a small number of large branches and to the hubs. Some of our volunteers are in the process of applying to join the e-mail hub. We have expressed an

interest in becoming an online chat branch and we await the decision of when we might start this as this service is expanded.

We completed our Quality Action Plan in October 2022 and the plan which was agreed through this process now steers the direction of our work. The key areas include working towards increasing the number of volunteers in the branch. This means recruiting and training more volunteers but also ensuring that we take steps to retain the volunteers who are already working here. The summary acknowledged that our action plan is closely allied to the action plan of the national charity. Financially, the branch is in a sound position, a situation helped greatly by grant support from the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board who have expressed appreciation for the support which we give to Mental Health practitioners and GPs in supplementing their care for patients, particularly those with Mental Health problems or who have expressed suicidal thoughts. It is recognized that access to Samaritans can be very helpful to many of their patients when counsellors, crisis team members and other specialist carers are not available to them. They have given us generous grants with the general purpose of developing and advertising and promoting our work, but also, more specifically, in support of the Rotherham Samaritans Wellness Check Pathway. Samaritans and ICB both recognize that this has been a successful project and some other health services across Yorkshire and Humberside are looking to set up similar partnerships with their local Samaritan branches.

We have built up a team of volunteers who are trained to offer emotional support at venues away from the branch. The Outreach team, led by Fiona92, has visited the local football stadium for pre-match promotions and the local railway station and we have had a presence using our new gazebo at 2 local shows. Fiona has also placed banners and other promotional materials at key sites such as libraries and doctors' surgeries round Rotherham.

Rosie21 continues to work as the branch ambassador and her dual role as branch volunteer and volunteer in the Caller Support and Safeguarding hub means we have an excellent link and insight into the work of the hub as well as up-to-date information on callers with special concerns. Volunteers know they can call upon Rosie for accurate information about policies and procedures and her knowledge of these and about many of our callers is appreciated across the branch. One of the key threads in the national Samaritans Strategy is the development and implementation of an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy. Mark is our lead officer in this work, and he has taken responsibility for keeping us informed about developments as the national strategy is drawn up and for ensuring that we comply with, and implement the policies in the branch.

Once again, this year I express my appreciation that I can work with 2 Vice Directors (Mark73 and Fiona92) who not only share the workload of running the branch but who come up with ideas or solutions to problems, so making the job of Director so much easier. Having the 2 Vice Directors is a huge support to me.

Mutual support is an important part of Samaritan life, and our thanks go to Sue04, Deputy for Volunteer Support. Soo continues to support volunteers in a number of ways and this year has introduced the very popular thank you cards which she sends to all volunteers over the year. Soo is also on hand for volunteers who have handled difficult calls or who are taking a break from working for health or other reasons.

Many thanks and acknowledgements are due to our team of support volunteers who carry out many hours of work necessary to maintain the charity. Steve092 is a listening volunteer but also takes responsibility for the premises and the equipment. Steve fulfils the essential role of Health and Safety through the sound maintenance of the working environment. John12, as well as being the listening volunteer who underpins our Sunday night shifts, in some ways the most important shifts on our timetable because they provide a service at the most challenging times for many people who contact us, is also our IT and communications expert, so a very useful person to have around when phones or pc systems don't appear to work as they should. Chris53 ensures all volunteers are up to date with DBS certification, a basic essential of the service. Our thanks go to Hannah for keeping the branch clean and to Linda who can be called upon for secretarial work in the office and to Jamie

for taking the meeting minutes. A special mention must be made of John00 as his years as treasurer come to an end . We are fortunate that Andy66 is in the process of picking up this vital role from John. I am pleased to say that John will remain with us as a support volunteer so we will still have access to all his knowledge of contacts in organizations which have been so supportive to Samaritans over many years.

I also pass on my thanks and appreciation to all the listening volunteers who continue to turn out to fill shifts at all times of the day and night. Answering the phone calls from people in distress is the core of our work. Many volunteers are also shift leaders and without volunteers in these 2 roles, we would cease to function as a branch. I also record my thanks to Kate16 who works tirelessly to ensure that gaps in the rota are filled. Kate's tenacious but gentle persuasion ensures a high proportion of our shifts are filled.

I feel privileged to work with everyone in the branch. The Samaritan qualities of thoughtfulness, tolerance, unselfishness and mutual support are everywhere apparent. Our links with other local charities, particularly those working to reduce the incidence of suicide, remain very strong, as do our links with Rotherham Borough Council and the S.Yorks Police and Crime Commissioners office. This concerted work in suicide prevention seems to be effective as the number of people taking their lives in Rotherham has been falling since 2019.

A few statistics:

Contacts from 01/05/2022 to 01/04/2023

Number of calls our branch has taken during the year.

Inbound Calls (Excluding Snaps)	6,729
Outbound Calls	393
Face-to-Face (Outside Branch)	2
Total Dialogue Contacts	7,202
Snaps	1,368
Total Contacts	8,570

The contact figures include the referrals by the NHS pathway on behalf of 179 people and we made 380 outgoing calls to these people between April 2022 and March 2023

Branch Service Delivery Statistics (01/05/2022 to 01/04/2023)

High Caller Volume Shifts

In this period 313 shifts covering 1074.8 hours were scheduled to run. Of these, 219 (69%) covering 768.8 hours actually ran. Of the shifts run during this time, 95% were staffed by 2 volunteers, 5% were staffed by 3 volunteers.

Normal Shifts

417 shifts covering 1459.5 hours were scheduled to run. Of these, 364 (87%) covering 1274.0 hours actually ran. Of the shifts run during this time, 92% were staffed by 2 volunteers, 8% were staffed by 3 volunteers,

Mentor Shift

4 shifts covering 13.0 hours were scheduled to run. Of these, 4 (100%) covering 13.0 hours actually ran. Of the shifts run during this time, 100% were staffed by 2 volunteers.

On December 2021 we had 42 listening volunteers. On 31st December 2022 we also had 42 listening volunteers. Ten volunteers resigned in the year. Some of these volunteers were on Leave of Absence and the figures include New Samaritans and probationers.

52 people enquired about applying to be volunteers and 29 were interviewed. Ten of these completed the training and were accepted as members of the branch.

The Year to come.

Although we maintained volunteer numbers last year, we are working to expand this number. The Yorkshire and Humberside region have suggested a target of 47 active listening volunteers by the year end. We have arranged to hold an Information evening in May and are advertising this to any people who might like to learn more about our work. There has also been an advertising campaign on buses on local routes to encourage people to consider volunteering with us.

Although we are not looking to resume face-to face contacts in the branch, we are hoping to run more sessions of outreach and a link with the Social Supermarket which is run at Rotherham Minster could give us a forum, both to promote the Samaritans and to give people a chance to talk to us in private if they so wish.

It is important that we maintain and develop strong links with other organisations, particularly those working in areas which have parallels to our own work but also to groups who have supported us in many other ways. As part of this process, we will be holding an open afternoon in May to which we will invite people from other groups who work in Mental Health support or in suicide prevention but also with organizations who have supported us financially. This event will give us opportunity to get to know the people in these groups, and will give them a chance to meet us and perhaps learn a little more about our work. We will also hold another thank you evening later in the year for the most important people in the branch- namely our volunteers and their partners.

By order of the Trustees

David Pinder
Director

Rotherham Samaritans

Statement of Officers' Responsibilities

for the period ended 31 March 2022

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the officers to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the treasurer must follow best practice and:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- (c) state whether applicable Accounting Standards of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider that the charity comfortably meets the published criteria.

The following financial report covers the accounts for the charity which operated under the name of Rotherham Samaritans (117 3826). The charity changed its name half way through the financial year 2017-18 from the Samaritans of Rotherham (105 7161).

By order of the Trustees

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Rotherham Samaritans

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Rotherham Samaritans on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 8 to 13

Charity number 1173826

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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9 June 2023

Notes on the Grant from South Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (SYCCG)

The formal agreement signed with SYCCG stated that the Project will:

1. **Support the Rotherham Samaritans to maintain an ongoing presence and continue to be an important part of the Rotherham Mental Health support/provision.**
2. **Increase awareness of the Samaritan's support offer through the use of promotional materials and advertisements. This will include liaising with the RMBC Library Service and Voluntary Action Rotherham. Staff will link with appropriate groups to do presentation to partner organisations.**
3. **Maintain Rotherham Samaritans Wellness Check Pathway**

Rotherham Samaritans will provide a follow up telephone contact for appropriate people who have attended A&E and RDaSH Mental Health Crisis, particularly those who have expressed suicidal thoughts.

The name and contact details of clients will be left on a dedicated Rotherham Samaritans telephone answering system. A member of Rotherham Samaritans will make contact to offer emotional support.

Referrals for this service will be received from a range of mental health teams from across the Rotherham RDaSH Service.

The trustees determined that the funds would be treated in the following way based on the conditions attached to the grant.

The income and expenditure has been divided into Restricted and Unrestricted categories. This has been done to ensure that the £20K grant from the Rotherham CCG is protected allowing it to be used for the purpose intended and that any surplus should be carried forward into the next financial year.

1. The SYCCG grant has been split £14K Restricted and £6K Unrestricted. This recognises that the grant agreement document specifically emphasises the Pathway and the wider promotion of Rotherham Samaritans activities.
2. Costs associated with the building (overheads) should have had 40% allocated as Restricted.
3. Centre Operation costs overall should be allocated 40% Restricted concentrated on Printing, Postage & Stationary, Support Material and Travel. In the case of Travel it is argued that volunteers need to be at the branch to make Pathway calls therefore 40% is classified Restricted including taxi costs to/from the branch
4. Allocation of Telecommunication costs should be made on the basis that, line rental for the dedicated line and most outgoing calls result from the Pathway, are Restricted.

Rotherham Samaritans

Receipts and Payments Account: 2022-23

		Total 2022-23			Total 2021-22
		Ordinar y	Restricte d	Total	
		£	£	£	£
Receipts	Notes				
Donations, Legacies and Similar Resources	2	4,644	0	4,644	2,351
Grants	3	7,000	14,000	21,000	17,803
Fund-raising Activities	4	2,237	0	2,237	2,156
Refunds	5	440	0	440	641
Bank Interest		163	0	163	52
Total Receipts		14,484	14,000	28,484	23,003
Payments					
Costs of Charitable Activities	6	9,764	8,019	17,783	14,215
Centre Refurbishment	7	2,028	0	2,028	3,378
Fund-raising Costs	8	1,708	0	1,708	196
Governance Costs	9	8,348	0	8,348	2,100
Total Payments		21,847	8,019	29,866	19,890
Net Income (Expenditure) for Year before transfers		-7,363	5,981	-1,382	3,113
Net Movement of Funds	10	0	0	0	0
Net Movement of Funds in the Year		-7,363	5,981	-1,382	3,113
Cash balances brought forward 1st April 2022		79,664	0	79,664	76,551
Cash balances carried forward 31 March 2023		72,301	5,981	78,282	79,664

Rotherham Samaritans

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2023

Assets	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		2023	2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Bank Balances					
NatWest Current Account		8,182		8,182	9,538
Old charity account		100		100	100
Virgin Charity Account		64,019	5,981	70,000	70,000
Petty Cash		0		0	26
Total Cash Funds		72,301	5,981	78,282	79,664

Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund
		Book Value	Book Value	Current Value	Current Value
		2023	2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Freehold Property					
Cost Brought Forward			19,348		
Total Freehold Property	11				125,000
Fixtures & Fittings	12	0			
Total Fixed Assets		0	19,348	0	125,000

Liabilities

The General Office contribution based on income during 2022-23 is estimated to be £5,740
This becomes due before the end of 2023.

A total of £370 has been accumulated from deposits on entry fobs which is reclaimable when
a volunteers leaves.

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by :

Director

Treasurer

Rotherham Samaritans

Notes on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023

2. Donations

	2022-23			Total 2021-22
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Anonymous and under £50	90		90	0
Deposit s on Fobs	90		90	110
Donations Gift Aided	2,069		2,069	1,496
Individuals	149		149	210
Legacy	0		0	0
Organisations	2,246		2,246	535
	4,644	0	4,644	2,351

3. Grants & Funding Received

	2022-23			Total 2021-22
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Arnold Clark Community Fund	1,000		1,000	0
SY CCG	6,000	14,000	20,000	15,000
Pears Funding (CO)	0		0	2,803
	7,000	14,000	21,000	17,803

4. Income from Fund Raising Activities

	2022-23			Total 2021-22
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Brinsworth Gala	132		132	0
Christmas Cards	82		82	57
Copper Jar	23		23	0
Giving Sites	629		629	103
Organisations	99		99	
Public Events Gift Aided	440		440	0
Samarathon	115		115	1,463
Sams Collection Houses	0		0	13
Sara Millican Concert	717		717	
Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aided Donations)	0		0	521
	2,237	0	2,237	2,156

5. Refunds

	2022-23			Total 2021-22
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
RMBC Council Tax	440		440	0
Fiona 92: printing etc	0		0	125
Yorkshire Water	0		0	516
	440	0	440	516

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6. Direct Charitable Activity

		2022-23			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2021-22
Centre - Building	6.1	4,059	2,762	6,821	4,818
Centre Operation	6.2	4,357	4,440	8,797	6,126
Centre - Telecommunications	6.3	1,347	817	2,165	3,271
		9,764	8,019	17,783	14,215

6.1 Centre - Building

		2022-23			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2021-22
Self Employed Cleaner		736	560	1,296	1,091
Cleaning - Materials		0		0	138
Cleaning - Windows		63		63	60
Council Tax		278	185	463	440
Furniture & Fittings			0	0	182
Insurance		519	300	819	767
Kitchen Equipment				0	8
Maintenance		533	369	901	731
Security		69	45	114	228
Utilities - Electricity		344	295	639	498
Utilities - Gas		1,302	866	2,168	228
Utilities - Water		96	70	166	255
Waste Disposal		120	72	192	192
		4,059	2,762	6,821	4,818

6.2 Centre - Operation

		2022-23			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2021-22
Advertising & Recruitment		4	1,690	1,694	112
Computer Consumables		0		0	29
Computer Systems Software		116		116	155
Computing Equipment		0		0	30
Courses Conferences & Training		10		10	0
Outreach & Awareness		0	272	272	0
Printing Stationery & Postage		338	470	808	892
Refreshments - Visitors		125		125	0
Refreshments - Volunteers		326	56	382	278
Support Material		27	116	143	879
Taxis		598	335	933	773
Mileage - Volunteers		2,507	1,502	4,009	1,986
Mileage - Interim Director		40		40	993
Volunteer Social Events		265		265	0
		4,357	4,440	8,797	6,126

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6.3 Centre - Telecommunications

	2022-23			Total 2021-22
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Broadband	120	108	228	228
CONNECT Computer			0	264
Call Charges		444	444	714
Equipment	539		539	1,884
Line Rental	396	131	527	
Phone Bill VAT	120	134	254	
Phone - Director	120		120	181
Select Services	53		53	
	1,347	817	2,165	3,271

7 Centre - Refurbishment

	2022-23			Total 2021-22
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Building Work	0		0	3120
Fixtures & Fittings	2,028		2,028	258
	2,028	0	2,028	3,378

8 Cost of Fund Raising

	2022-23			Total 2021-22
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Christmas Cards	87		87	57
Equipment	1,501		1,501	94
Gambling Licence	0		0	20
General Expenses	120		120	25
	1,708	0	1,708	196

9 Governance Costs

	2022-23			Total 2021-22
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Administration	35		35	35
General Office Contribution	8,313		8,313	1,962
Gifts	0		0	103
	8,348	0	8,348	2,100

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England & Wales - Charity number 1173826

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Rotherham Samaritans

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for the period ended 31 March 2022

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

for the period ended 31 March 2022

Trustees

Trustees during the year were:

Director	Mrs Helen Mortimer	Resigned May 2021
Director	Mr David Pinder	Elected October 2021
Treasurer	Mr John Sparrow	Re-elected May 2021
Elected Member	John Glynn	Re- 2021 re-elected May
Elected Member	Nicole Lyons	Re- 2021 re-elected May
Elected Member	Sheridan Higgs	Elected May 2021
Elected Member	Kate Saunders	Elected May 2021
Elected Member	Fiona Wilson	Elected May 2021
Elected Member	Steve Wilson	Elected January 2022
Elected Member	Bethany Burgin	Resigned May 2021
Elected Member	Joanne Toon	Resigned May 2021
Elected Member	Christine Wilson	Resigned May 2021

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Director's Report

Director's Report

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges to the charity, though not as severe as in the previous year and the volunteers at Rotherham Samaritans have continued to provide dedicated and unstinting service to those people who call upon us for support.

Demand for Samaritan support remains unabated. Background levels of anxiety in many people are exacerbated by COVID-19, global warming, war in Europe and financial problems. These topics figure prominently in the concerns of people contacting the service.

We have continued to recruit and train new volunteers and have been able to run 3 training sessions in the year and have resumed the face-to-face training which is preferable to training online. Over the 12 months, 23 trainees were accepted and 15 completed the training.

Most of the volunteers who were shielding in the early stages of the pandemic have now been able to resume service but we are now experiencing higher levels of absences from volunteers who are testing positive for the virus.

Our strong coverage of late evening and early morning shifts has been recognised by the national Samaritan charity, though we are looking to improve the coverage of the true night shifts between 3am and 6 am which is a challenging task for a small branch.

Most of our callers contact us by telephone but we still respond to a number of e-mails, though this route is being phased out, and we will be replacing this with the Samaritan's online chat service this year. Face-to-face visits to the branch have still not resumed; the national charity is working on revised safeguards for this service before it is re-introduced.

We have been able to restart a limited outreach programme, though our visits to schools have not been re-introduced. We have, however, held support and awareness raising sessions at the local railway station.

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

for the period ended 31 March 2021

Our links with other local charities, particularly those working to reduce the incidence of suicide, remain very strong, as do our links with Rotherham Borough Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group in the NHS. We have been able to re-establish a dedicated telephone link from local Mental Health teams to the branch. This enables practitioners to give Samaritans details of patients for whom they have particular concerns. Samaritans can then ring these patients to offer them supplementary support.

Despite the restrictions and resulting isolation imposed by the pandemic, the members of the branch have retained a good ethos of mutual support and a strong team spirit which is one of the key strengths of the branch. It is hoped that with the lifting of restrictions, there will be more opportunity to restart a programme of social events which will allow volunteers to meet each other more freely.

By order of the Trustees.

By order of the Trustees

David Pinder
Director

Rotherham Samaritans

Statement of Officers' Responsibilities

for the period ended 31 March 2022

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the officers to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the treasurer must follow best practice and:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- (c) state whether applicable Accounting Standards of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider that the charity comfortably meets the published criteria.

The following financial report covers the accounts for the charity which operated under the name of Rotherham Samaritans (117 3826). The charity changed its name half way through the financial year 2017-18 from the Samaritans of Rotherham (105 7161).

By order of the Trustees

Bankers

NatWest Bank, 27 Effingham Street, Rotherham S65 1AU

Independent Examiner

Kate Parkin
7 Elton Lane
Sunnyside
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S66 3RU

Rotherham Samaritans

Independent Examiner's Report
to the trustees of Rotherham Samaritans on the accounts for the year ended
31 March 2022 set out on pages 1 to 10

Charity number 1173826

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

K Parkin of Parkins Accountants LTD

Kate Parkin
7 Elton Lane
Sunnyside
Rotherham
S66 3RU

6 May 2022

Rotherham Samaritans

Receipts and Payments Account: 2021-22

Receipts	Notes	Total 2021-22		Total 2020-21
		Ordinary £	Restricted £	
Donations, Legacies and Similar Resources	2	2,351	0	7,276
Grants	3	15,000	2,803	15,250
Fund-raising Activities	4	2,156	0	5,812
Refunds	5	641	0	0
Bank Interest		52	0	397
Total Receipts		20,200	2,803	28,735
Payments				
Costs of Charitable Activities	6	11,412	2,803	12,251
Centre Refurbishment	7	3,378	0	23,001
Fund-raising Costs	8	196	0	254
Governance Costs	9	2,100	0	5,321
Total Payments		17,087	2,803	40,826
Net Income (Expenditure) for Year before transfers		3,113	0	-12,091
Net Movement of Funds	10	0	0	0
Net Movement of Funds in the Year		3,113	0	-12,091
Cash balances brought forward 1st April 2021		76,551	0	48,066
Cash balances carried forward 31 March 2022		79,664	0	35,975

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2022

Assets	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Cash Funds					
Bank Balances					
NatWest Current Account		9,538		9,538	6,375
Old charity account		100		100	100
Virgin Charity Account		70,000	0	70,000	70,000
Petty Cash		26		26	76
Total Cash Funds		79,664	0	79,664	76,551

Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use		Unrestricted Fund Book Value 2022 £	Restricted Fund Book Value 2022 £	Unrestricted Fund Current Value 2022 £	Restricted Fund Current Value 2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Freehold Property					
Cost Brought Forward			19,348		
Total Freehold Property	11				125,000
Fixtures & Fittings	12	0			
Total Fixed Assets		0	19,348	0	125,000

Liabilities

The General Office contribution based on income during 2021-221 is estimated to be £8,313
This becomes due before the end of 2022.

A total of £290 has been accumulated from deposits on entry fobs which is reclaimable when
a volunteers leaves.

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by :

Director

Treasurer

Rotherham Samaritans

Notes on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022

2. Donations

	2021-22			Total 2020-21
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Anonymous and under £50	0		0	337
Deposits on Fobs	110		110	60
Donations Gift Aided	1,496		1,496	2,247
Individuals	210		210	140
Legacy	0		0	2,000
Organisations	535		535	2,492
	2,351	0	2,351	7,276

3. Grants & Funding Received

	2021-22			Total 2020-21
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Rotherham MBC - Covid Relief Fund			0	10,000
Rotherham CCG	15,000		15,000	3,000
Pears Funding (CO)		2,803	2,803	0
SY PCC			0	2,250
Prison Visiting			0	0
	15,000	2,803	17,803	15,250

4. Income from Fund Raising Activities

	2021-22			Total 2020-21
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Brinsworth Gala	0		0	6
Christmas Cards	57		57	33
Christmas Raffle	0		0	156
Giving Sites	103		103	75
Masks	0		0	155
Public Collections	0		0	23
Samarathon	1,463		1,463	3,501
Sams Collection Houses	13		13	7
Smarty Tubes	0		0	0
Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aided Donations)	521		521	1,856
	2,156	0	2,156	5,812

5. Refunds

	2021-22			Total 2020-21
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Yorkshire Water	516		516	6
Fiona 92: printing etc	125		125	33
	641	0	641	39

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6. Direct Charitable Activity

		2021-22			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2020-21
Centre - Building	5.1	4,513	305	4,818	5,056
Centre Operation	5.2	5,493	633	6,126	5,884
Centre - Telecommunications	5.3	1,406	1,865	3,271	1,311
		11,412	2,803	14,215	12,251

6.1 Centre - Building

		2021-22			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2020-21
Self Employed Cleaner		1,091		1,091	1,115
Cleaning - Materials		9	130	138	33
Cleaning - Windows		60		60	52
Council Tax		440		440	440
Furniture & Fittings		14	168	182	166
Insurance		767		767	530
Kitchen Equipment			8	8	0
Maintenance		731		731	558
Security		228		228	640
Utilities - Electricity		498		498	316
Utilities - Gas		228		228	498
Utilities - Water		255		255	520
Waste Disposal		192		192	188
		4,513	305	4,818	5,056

6.2 Centre - Operation

		2021-22			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2020-21
Advertising & Recruitment		112		112	150
Computer Consumables		29		29	
Computer Systems Software		155		155	210
Computing Equipment			30	30	784
Courses Conferences & Training				0	54
Printing Stationery & Postage		289	603	892	715
Refreshments - Volunteers		278		278	175
Support Material		879		879	437
Taxis		773		773	349
Mileage - Volunteers		1,986		1,986	3,010
Mileage - Interim Director		993		993	
		5,493	633	6,126	5,884

6.3 Centre - Telecommunications

		2021-22			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2020-21
Broadband		228		228	228
CONNECT Computer		264		264	264
Equipment		19	1,865	1,884	15
Phone Bills		714		714	642
Phone - Director		181		181	162
		1,406	1,865	3,271	1,311

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7	Centre - Refurbishment	2021-22			Total 2020-21
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
	Building Work	3,120		3,120	
	Decorating	0		0	2,232
	Fixtures & Fittings	258		258	15,730
		3,378	0	3,378	17,962

8	Cost of Fund Raising	2021-22			Total 2020-21
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
	Christmas Cards	57		57	
	Equipment	94		94	0
	Gambling Licence	20		20	20
	General Expenses	25		25	180
		196	0	196	200

9	Governance Costs	2021-22			Total 2020-21
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
	Administration	35		35	35
	AGM Costs	0		0	0
	General Office Contribution	1,962		1,962	5,235
	Gifts	103		103	51
		2,100	0	2,100	5,321

10 **Net Movement of Funds** None this year.

11 **Freehold Property** Based on recent sales of adjoining property, the trustees determined that the value of 22 Percy Street is £125,000

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Rotherham Samaritans

Trustees' Report (Continued)

for the period ended 31 March 2021

Trustees

Trustees during the year were:

Director	Mrs Helen Mortimer	Elected May 2018
Treasurer	Mr John Sparrow	Re-elected September 2020
Elected Member	Bethany Burgin	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	John Glynn	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	Nicole Lyons	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	Joanne Toon	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	Christine Wilson	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	Nicole Lyons	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	Mr John Charles	Resigned September 2020
Elected Member	Mrs May Johnson	Resigned September 2020
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Director's Report

Even though it has been a very difficult year for everyone due to the Covid pandemic, Rotherham Samaritans have continued to support those people who are in distress and despair, these feelings greatly exacerbated by loneliness, fear and isolation due to the lockdowns imposed.

After some changes within the centre, incorporating all the Covid precautions needed for the safety of the volunteers, we managed to maintain our listening service and email service. Several volunteers had to self isolate due to pre-existing health conditions so the number of volunteers who were willing and able to travel to the centre was greatly reduced. We were able to maintain our work as the government classed Samaritans as a vital service and our centres could remain open.

All face to face contacts were suspended, including training, recruitment interviews and visitors to the door, who often came seeking emotional support. Recruitment interviews were carried out by telephone and later using Zoom and training was transferred onto the Zoom platform once the training modules had been modified to suit the virtual delivery. This meant that there were only 2 training sessions carried out in 2020, whereas normally we would have three. During the year we recruited and trained 20 new volunteers of whom 10 have become volunteers. The restrictions caused by the pandemic led to a greater number of new Samaritans not able to finish the course.

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

for the period ended 31 March 2021

All Outreach activities were suspended but we have continued to make our presence in Rotherham felt by distributing posters and leaflets to the hospital, doctors' surgeries and many establishments and other charities within the borough. We have also opened a Twitter account. We have worked closely with the CCG, RMBC and the South Yorkshire PCC to try and alleviate the effects of Covid to the community.

All the volunteers of Rotherham Samaritans have been exemplary in the work they have done throughout this difficult year, ensuring the branch is kept open for giving that much needed emotional support to those people who have no-one else to turn to.

By order of the Trustees

Helen Mortimer
Director

Rotherham Samaritans

Statement of Officers' Responsibilities

for the period ended 31 March 2021

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the officers to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the treasurer must follow best practice and:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- (c) state whether applicable Accounting Standards of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider that the charity comfortably meets the published criteria.

The following financial report covers the accounts for the charity which operated under the name of Rotherham Samaritans (117 3826). The charity changed its name half way through the financial year 2017-18 from the Samaritans of Rotherham (105 7161).

By order of the Trustees

Bankers

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Independent Examiner

Kate Parkin
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Rotherham Samaritans

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Rotherham Samaritans on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 1 to 10

Charity number 1173826

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act
or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



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5 May 2021

Rotherham Samaritans

Receipts and Payments Account: 2020-21

		Ordinar y	Total 2020-21 Restrict ed	Total	Total 2019-20
	Note s	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, Legacies and Similar Resources	2	7,276	0	7,276	17,937
Grants	3	13,000	2,250	15,250	47,118
Fund-raising Activities	4	5,812	0	5,812	1,199
Bank Interest		397	0	397	506
Total Receipts		26,485	2,250	28,735	66,760
Payments					
Costs of Charitable Activities	5	10,103	2,148	12,251	15,422
Centre Refurbishment	6	22,743	258	23,001	8,353
Fund-raising Costs	7	254	0	254	338
Governance Costs	8	5,321	0	5,321	2,071
Total Payments		38,420	2,406	40,826	26,184
Net Income (Expenditure) for Year before transfers		-11,935	-156	-12,091	40,576
Net Movement of Funds	9	14,583	-14,583	0	0
Net Movement of Funds in the Year		2,648	-14,739	-12,091	40,576
Cash balances brought forward 1st April 2020		73,903	14,739	88,642	48,066
Cash balances carried forward 31 March 2021		76,551	0	76,551	88,642

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Assets					
Cash Funds					
Bank Balances					
NatWest Current Account		6,375		6,375	8,506
Old charity account		100		100	100
Virgin Charity Account		70,000	0	70,000	80,000
Petty Cash		76		76	36
Total Cash Funds		76,551	0	76,551	88,642

		Unrestricted Fund Book Value 2021 £	Restricted Fund Book Value 2021 £	Unrestricted Fund Current Value 2021 £	Restricted Fund Current Value 2021 £
Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use					
Fixed Assets					
Freehold Property			19,348		
Cost Brought Forward					
Total Freehold Property	10				125,000
Fixtures & Fittings	11	0			
Total Fixed Assets		0	19,348	0	125,000

Liabilities

The General Office contribution based on income during 2020-21 is estimated to be £1,962
This becomes due before the end of 2021

A total of £290 has been accumulated from deposits on entry fobs which is reclaimable when
a volunteers leaves.

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by :

Director

Treasurer

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Notes on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021

2. Donations

Anonymous and under £50
 Deposit s on Fobs
 Donations Gift Aided
 Individuals
 Legacy
 Organisations

2020/21			Total
Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2019-20
337		337	57
60		60	130
2,247		2,247	2,842
140		140	1,507
2,000		2,000	10,355
2,492		2,492	3,046
7,276	0	7,276	17,937

3. Grants & Funding Received

Rotherham MBC - Covid Relief Fund
 Rotherham CCG
 RDaSH
 SY PCC
 Prison Visiting

2020/21			Total
Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2019-20
10,000		10,000	
3,000		3,000	32,000
0		0	15,000
	2,250	2,250	
0		0	118
13,000	2,250	15,250	47,118

4. Income from Fund Raising Activities

Brinsworth Gala
 Christmas Cards
 Christmas Raffle
 Giving Sites
 Masks
 Public Collections
 Samarathon
 Sams Collection Houses
 Smartie Tubes
 Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aided Donations)

2020/21			Total
Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2019-20
6		6	661
33		33	0
156		156	160
75		75	0
155		155	0
23		23	89
3,501		3,501	
7		7	102
0		0	186
1,856		1,856	0
5,812	0	5,812	1,199

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5. Direct Charitable Activity

		2020/21			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2019-20
Centre - Building	5.1	4,907	149	5,056	4,596
Centre Operation	5.2	3,884	1,999	5,884	7,963
Centre - Telecommunications	5.3	1,311	0	1,311	2,863
		10,103	2,148	12,251	15,422

5.1 Centre - Building

		2020/21			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2018-19
Cleaning - Centre		1,115		1,115	1,100
Cleaning - Materials		33		33	83
Cleaning - Windows		52		52	60
Council Tax		440		440	440
Furniture & Fittings		17	149	166	80
Insurance		530		530	253
Kitchen Equipment		0		0	259
Maintenance		558		558	599
Security		640		640	216
Utilities - Electricity		316		316	492
Utilities - Gas		498		498	423
Utilities - Water		520		520	406
Waste Disposal		188		188	184
		4,907	149	5,056	4,596

5.2 Centre - Operation

		2020/21			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2019-20
Advertising & Recruitment		150		150	0
Computer Systems Software (R)			210	210	134
Computing Equipment		45	739	784	0
Courses Conferences & Training		54		54	2,500
Printing Stationery & Postage		98	616	715	745
Refreshments - Volunteers		175		175	196
Support Material		3	434	437	936
Taxis		349		349	851
Volunteers Mileage Expenses		3,010		3,010	2,601
		3,884	1,999	5,884	7,963

5.3 Centre - Telecommunications

		2020/21			Total
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2019-20
Broadband		228		228	228
CONNECT Computer		264		264	264
Equipment		15		15	1,486
Phone Bills		642		642	723
Phone - Director		162		162	162
		1,311	0	1,311	2,863

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6	Centre - Refurbishment	2020/21			Total 2019-20
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
	Building Work	5,039		5,039	4,183
	Decorating	2,232		2,232	2,670
	Fixtures & Fittings	15,472	258	15,730	1,500
		22,743	258	23,001	8,353

7	Cost of Fund Raising	2020/21			Total 2019-20
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
	Christmas Cards	54		54	0
	Equipment	0		0	307
	Gambling Licence	20		20	20
	General Expenses	180		180	11
		254	0	254	338

8	Governance Costs	2020/21			Total 2019-20
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
	Administration	35		35	35
	AGM Costs	0		0	198
	General Office Contribution	5,235		5,235	1,838
	Gifts	51		51	0
		5,321	0	5,321	2,071

9 **Net Movement of Funds** The movement of funds was to make restricted funds zero since all restricted income in the current year has been expended. The trustees determined that restricted income brought forward from previous years has all been expended.

10 **Freehold Property** Based on recent sales of adjoining property, the trustees determined that the value of 22 Percy Street is £125,000

11 **Fixtures & Fittings** The trustees have decided that all fixtures and fittings, including computers and office equipment, shall be written off in the year of purchase.