

**Rotherham Samaritans**

**22 Percy Street  
Rotherham  
South Yorkshire  
S65 1ED**

**Charity Registration Number  
117 3826**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements  
for the 12 Months Ended  
31 March 2022**

# Rotherham Samaritans

## Annual Report & Financial Statements for the 12 month period ended 31 March 2022

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# Rotherham Samaritans

## *Trustees' Report*

for the period ended 31 March 2022

The officers present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2022

### **Governance**

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 Rotherham Samaritans has been a Charitable Incorporated Institution (CIO) with charity registration number 117 3826. Prior to that, it was an unincorporated charity, called The Samaritans of Rotherham charity, number 105 7161. 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 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

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

##### 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.

## Rotherham Samaritans

### 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  
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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 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  
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6 May 2022

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## Receipts and Payments Account: 2021-22

Receipts	Notes	Total 2021-22		Total 2020-21
		Ordinary £	Restricted £	Total £
Donations, Legacies and Similar Resources	2	2,351	0	2,351
Grants	3	15,000	2,803	17,803
Fund-raising Activities	4	2,156	0	2,156
Refunds	5	641	0	641
Bank Interest		52	0	52
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>20,200</b>	<b>2,803</b>	<b>23,003</b>
Payments		Total 2021-22		Total 2020-21
		Ordinary £	Restricted £	Total £
Costs of Charitable Activities	6	11,412	2,803	14,215
Centre Refurbishment	7	3,378	0	3,378
Fund-raising Costs	8	196	0	196
Governance Costs	9	2,100	0	2,100
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>17,087</b>	<b>2,803</b>	<b>19,890</b>
<b>Net Income (Expenditure) for Year before transfers</b>		<b>3,113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,113</b>
Net Movement of Funds	10	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement of Funds in the Year</b>		<b>3,113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,113</b>
<b>Cash balances brought forward 1st April 2021</b>		<b>76,551</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,551</b>
<b>Cash balances carried forward 31 March 2022</b>		<b>79,664</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79,664</b>



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

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
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
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>		<b>79,664</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79,664</b>	<b>76,551</b>

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

## 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

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

2021-22			Total
Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2020-21
0		0	337
110		110	60
1,496		1,496	2,247
210		210	140
0		0	2,000
535		535	2,492
<b>2,351</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,351</b>	<b>7,276</b>

#### 3. Grants & Funding Received

Rotherham MBC - Covid Relief Fund  
 Rotherham CCG  
 Pears Funding (CO)  
 SY PCC  
 Prison Visiting

2021-22			Total
Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2020-21
		0	10,000
15,000		15,000	3,000
	2,803	2,803	0
		0	2,250
		0	0
<b>15,000</b>	<b>2,803</b>	<b>17,803</b>	<b>15,250</b>

#### 4. Income from Fund Raising Activities

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

2021-22			Total
Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2020-21
0		0	6
57		57	33
0		0	156
103		103	75
0		0	155
0		0	23
1,463		1,463	3,501
13		13	7
0		0	0
521		521	1,856
<b>2,156</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>5,812</b>

#### 5. Refunds

Yorkshire Water  
 Fiona 92: printing etc

2021-22			Total
Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2020-21
516		516	6
125		125	33
<b>641</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>39</b>

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Notes on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022

## 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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## Notes on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022

### 7 Centre - Refurbishment

	2021-22			Total
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2020-21
Building Work	3,120		3,120	
Decorating	0		0	2,232
Fixtures & Fittings	258		258	15,730
	<b>3,378</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,378</b>	<b>17,962</b>

### 8 Cost of Fund Raising

	2021-22			Total
	Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2020-21
Christmas Cards	57		57	
Equipment	94		94	0
Gambling Licence	20		20	20
General Expenses	25		25	180
	<b>196</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>200</b>

### 9 Governance Costs

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

### 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

### 12 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.