

Sheffield Samaritans AGM

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ended 31st March 2025



272 Queens Road.
Saturday 25th October 2025
10:30—12:30



About Samaritans

Sheffield Samaritans is committed to providing the Samaritans service for people in Sheffield and the surrounding area.

Phone: 116123 (free call)

Email: jo@samaritans.org

Web chat:

Call in: 272 Queens Road, 10am—8 pm (when resources permit)

Samaritans provides completely confidential emotional support 24 hours a day by telephone, face to face and email, at festivals and outside our centres in prison, in hospitals, schools and the workplace and with the homeless through a network of 201 branches in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The charity's main objectives are:

- To provide assistance to individuals who are suicidal, despairing, or in distress in order to reduce the incidences of suicide;
- To advance education by providing society with a better understanding of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings that may lead to suicide.

This is reflected in Samaritans' Mission, Vision and Values statement;

Vision

Our vision is that fewer people die by suicide

We work to achieve this Vision by making it our **Mission** to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and suicidal behaviour. We do this by:

- Being available 24 hours a day to provide emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress or despair, including those that may lead to suicide;
- Reaching out to high risk groups and communities to reduce the risk of suicide
- Working in partnership with other organisations, agencies and experts to achieve our Vision

Our Values

We have five core values. They're supported by these behaviours, which we share within the Samaritans organisation: support, trust, aspirational and respect.

- **Listening —** Exploring feelings alleviates distress and helps people to reach a better understanding of their situation and the options open to them.
- **Confidentiality—**If people feel safe, they are more likely to be open about their feelings.
- **Non-judgemental—**We want people to be able to talk to us without fear of prejudice or rejection. People making their own decisions wherever possible
- **People making their own decisions—**We believe that people have the right to find their own solution and that telling people what to do takes responsibility away from them.
- **Human contact—**Giving people time, undivided attention and empathy meets a fundamental emotional need and reduces distress and despair.

Directors Report. AGM 2025

As I complete my three-year term as Branch Director, I can't pretend that it's always been easy - if only there were 48 hours in a day! However, the role has been incredibly rewarding and I'm very proud to be a part of Sheffield Samaritans, and Samaritans as a whole.

Thank you to all of you, for what you do for our callers and each other. I've recently had the pleasure of speaking with each of our newest cohort of trainees, now mentees. The feedback on the training, the trainers and the budding actors skills practitioners has been fantastic, so thank you to all involved.

As I handover to the new Branch Director, I'm deeply mindful of us entering a period of change. Whilst many of us will be sad to see some elements of our service be withdrawn, or be delivered differently, I've no doubt that it is the passion for what we do, and the desire to still be here in another 70 years, that is driving change.

Sheffield, as part of Yorkshire and the Humber, a 'Pathfinder Region', will have the opportunity to meaningfully engage in the process. My time as Director has enabled me to meet and work with other Branches across the Region. We have a knowledgeable and nurturing Regional Director in Belinda, who you can rely on to ensure your voice is heard.

The hardest decision over the last three years was the closure of our Charity Shop in January of this year. For me there was an emotional connection to the shop that meant it was hard to let it go - it being my first contact with Samaritans, many years ago. I felt the shop was one way in which we could be visible, but it had become decreasingly visible tucked away in Chapel Walk as the City Centre changed around it. The shop was, unfortunately, no longer viable.

Running Sheffield Samaritans is currently costing approximately £800 per week. Whilst we are continuously looking at how we can reduce our costs, you will see from Andrew's (final) Treasurer's Report that we continue to operate at a loss and have needed to draw down on our savings this year. This is likely to remain a challenge over the coming years. We rely heavily on donations and are constantly looking at new ways to secure funding. If you are able to persuade any friends or colleagues to sign up to our listening lottery, please do! Or if you have ties with an organisation that has a Charity of the Year, perhaps you could mention Sheffield Samaritans - we would be more than happy to go into a workplace to talk about what we do. For Listening Lottery details, please get in touch with Helen: Sheffield.samaritans.org.uk.

Finally, I'd like to give a massive thanks to:

Andrew, who has been our Branch Treasurer for the last 10 years

Anne 1899 for her commitment to supporting the branch to be EDI aware

Anne 909 for the Branch Updates, and **Shehla 2210** for picking up the Communications baton and for all the additional work she has done to raise awareness through local media and in partnership with local 'celebs'

Dee 1816 for getting us a spot at and personally attending so many events to deliver Outreach support and awareness, from Tramlines to Chatsworth House and everywhere in-between

Lynne 1953 for creating and continuing our partnership with the S6 Foodbank

Kay 1981 and the talks team for raising awareness at secondary schools across the city

our **Trustees**, **Chris 2126** (50 years a Samaritans and our star interviewee for publicity), **Frances 1893** (editor of the quarterly branch newsletter), **Jane 2099** (leading on the project to improve our Listening space), and **Shehla 2210** (comms and publicity)

all the **Recruitment & Training teams**: interviewers, trainers, skills practitioners and mentors, and extra thanks to **Georgina 2188** and **Alex 2001** for stepping in and heading up Training and Recruitment respectively

Sue 1813 and the Group Leaders, for looking out for us all: Gerry 1926, Jackie 2097, Janet 1936, Joanne 2013, Lorna 1532, Lynne 1953, Sandra 2064 and Sue 1924

all the **Shift Leaders** for supporting us and ensuring we get the chance to have a meaningful debrief

the **Rota managers** for highlighting shift gaps and managing the last-minute closures

Helen 2091 for everything she does to ensure the branch runs smoothly, our biscuit needs are catered for, that no-one gets a parking fine and many, many more things from dealing with obscure emails to raising funds.

And to each and every one of you for being there for our callers, thank you!

Jenny 2015

Recruitment update – 2024/2025

One of the eternal issues with recruitment is that the job is never "done"; there's always another application to consider, another interview to plan, another training intake to recruit for. But the purpose of all that is to ensure we always have new people bringing their skills and experiences to the branch, to offer support when people need it most. Over the past year, our wonderful recruitment team has recruited over 30 new volunteers. That's over 30 new people we're welcoming into our branch to help us be there for people who need it most!

The amount of work that goes into recruitment behind the scenes is substantial, and it really does take a team effort to make such a process appear as seamless as it does; from information evenings to interviews to final decisions on suitability, none of it could happen without a supportive team. So thank you very very much to the whole recruitment team for all your hard work. I know several of our interviewees appreciate your efforts too because we've had some really lovely feedback over the past year from them!

By the time of AGM I will have stepped away from recruitment, as I was only standing in temporarily. The next person who leads the team will be in safe hands with our wonderful recruitment team, but I'm sure they'll also have their own ideas for how we can continue to recruit a diverse range of volunteers with the values we aspire to in Samaritans. My agenda was simply "Don't let the ship sink or run aground" (which wasn't hard), so I'm excited to see where the next Recruitment Lead(s) will take us!

Training update – 2024/25

After a brief hiatus after Alex and Jess stepped down from the training role, Georgina stepped in to pick up the torch and keep training going. Since January, the training team has trained over 30 volunteers across 3 Core Development training intakes, including some returning volunteers. That's 30 more people answering calls and providing emotional support to those who really need it! We also delivered several sets of Embedded Learning training to help our probationary volunteers transition into being full Samaritans.

One of the lovely things about training is seeing how volunteers develop as they get to grips with new ways of seeing the world and approaching distress. The unique way that Samaritans offers support can be challenging yet so rewarding to learn, and it's exciting to see people going through that learning process. This year we also delivered in-house training for new Mentors to support probationers in their first few months of taking calls, and the regional training team allowed us to increase our numbers of Trainers, too.

We are always on the lookout for new Trainers, Mentors and Skills Practitioners to make sure we have a diverse pool of experience and knowledge to draw from, so if you ever want to get involved with training then please do reach out – we'd love to hear from you!

Speaking of the training team, everything that happens in training really would not be possible without a team of trainers, skills practitioners, mentors and other people who help to keep the wheels turning. There are too many of you to name here but hopefully you know who you are – thank you so much for everything you do!

Alex 2001

Mentoring

As a Branch we currently have a steady supply of people wishing to join The Samaritans which is encouraging at this time. The Recruiting and Training teams work hard to keep the Branch supplied with a steady flow of new volunteers.

Our Mentoring team play a crucial role in supporting those volunteers and enabling them to put their new-found listening skills into practice, both through listening into calls and, later, taking calls themselves whilst supported by their Mentor.

This year, in order to ensure a smooth transition from Trainee/mentoring to Probationer, we have appointed one Group Leader to oversee both groups. This has improved liaison with trainees and Mentors and helps sort out any problems that may be experienced. On eventually becoming Full Volunteers, they are allocated to another Group.

Overall, this system seems to be working well and providing our new volunteers with a sound foundation to their time in Branch.

Regarding Mentors: This is an enormously satisfying role supporting Trainee and watching them grow into confident volunteers. We endeavour to maintain our number of Mentors and recently ran training courses to replace those who no longer felt able to undertake the role. Occasionally, individual Mentors manage two trainees but this is never ideal so, if you would like to become a Mentor, please contact one of the Training team.

Gerry

Communication

Communication for all volunteers is vital for volunteers to be able to continue to be informed about branch, regional and national developments.

We hope you feel you have been well informed throughout the year about new developments as well as celebrating successes.

The weekly update, sent through Three rings and also in the branch folder, has been the main focus for communication and you are welcome to give us any information you want to include in the update.

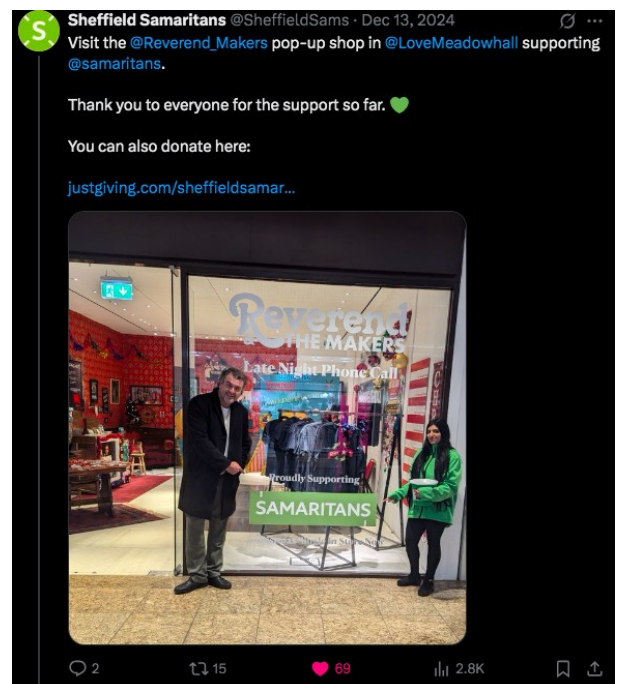
I led communication in 2024 but, due to ill health, Shelha took over producing the weekly update in 2025.

I want to thank Shelha for taking on this role and continuing to give volunteers vital information.

Anne 909

Shehla promoted the work volunteers do on social media (X)/newsletter/press.

Reviewed social media presence to central office on whether or not we move to a different platform. Central are waiting until the reflection period has finished. Now a 'Blink Champion' which is the replacement of 'Workplace'.



50 Years at Samaritans – Chris Collin

I wrote a piece about Chris 2126 volunteering at Samaritans for 50 years, the coverage we received includes: Yorkshire Post, MSN, BBC Look North, BBC Radio Sheffield (Breakfast with Ellie Colton).

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Community
50 years as a Samaritan volunteer



Chris Collin, Sheffield Samaritan

"There have been high spots and low spots. A caller at a festival told me if it wasn't for me, I'd be dead by now. That was a high spot (I had talked to her the previous year). So often, we don't get to hear the end of the story."

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50 years as a Samaritan volunteer

Story by Sheila Ali · 2d · 3 min read

Chris Collins, a volunteer at Sheffield Samaritans has been a dedicated Samaritan for 50 years. It's volunteer week and he shares why he joined the organization. "I went to an all-boys grammar school and didn't really know how to talk to girls. So I listened to them and let them talk about themselves. I guess I became a bit of an agony uncle, a shoulder to cry on about teenage angst. As a tactic to meet girls, it worked, but it didn't help my love life much."



Chris Collin, Sheffield Samaritan

Chris joined Samaritans after finishing university and found a job in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. He didn't know anyone in the city and began volunteering for Samaritans.

"We listen. We sit alongside people in their pain and misery. It may not sound like much but, sometimes, it doesn't seem much like a difference."

LOOK NORTH

Chris Collin
Samaritans volunteer

I'm supporting



SOUNDS

Menu

Ellie Colton at Breakfast
02/06/2025

ON AIR: 06:00 – 10:00
Ellie Colton at Breakfast

NEXT: 10:00 – 14:00
Paulette Edwards
02/06/2025

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We're here to listen

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Posts

Sheffield Samaritans @SheffieldSams · 52m
After volunteering for 50 years at @samaritans Chris says: "Having found the right thing, you keep going. I am learning all the time. No two shifts are the same. And, if I have a problem, I know lots of lovely people I can talk to." #volunteersweek

60 Years of Listening

-Meadowhall dome turned green for the 60th anniversary of Sheffield

Samaritans

-I Wrote a piece about the 60th anniversary and included quotes from Jenny 2015, Anne 1899, Dee 1816 and Chris 2126.



Samaritans Shop Closes After 35 Years

I wrote about the shop closing after 35 years including quotes from Jenny 2015 and Helen 2091. This was featured in The Star and on the homepage for the day.



City centre charity shop closes after 35 years



£21m project to create 'prosperous' streets set to launch



The worst neighbourhoods for break-ins in 2024 have been revealed



32 fascinating photos of city in 1971, including lost nightclubs



IN PICTURES: Sheffield unites for march after Harvey's tragic death

Volunteer Care Report 2025

The Volunteer Care team comprises of 9 Group Leaders; Gerry 1926, Jackie 2097, Janet 1936, Joanne 2013, Lorna 1532, Lynne 1953, Sandra 2064, Sue 1924 and myself Sue 1813.

Our aim is to "care and support" Sheffield Samaritans both within their Samaritans life and their personal one, in any way we can.

Each Group Leader receives monthly stats for their group which enables them to identify volunteers who may be struggling to fulfil their shifts. This enables us to offer support and perhaps make alternative suggestions to facilitate them fulfilling whatever shifts they can manage within the constraints of their personal life.

Occasionally a Shift Leader will notify a Group Leader if a volunteer has had a challenging call or been involved in a difficult situation. The Group Leader will then contact the volunteer to check on their wellbeing. However, we are always available for a volunteer to contact us directly if they are troubled by anything connected to their shift.

Our Support Volunteers do an amazing job behind the scenes to keep the Branch running smoothly. Thank you all for all your hard work, we couldn't do it without you.

If you'd like to be part of the Volunteer Care team do please get in touch with one of us.

Lastly but most importantly I must thank the Group Leaders for all their hard work, support and lively meetings. They all do a fantastic job and without them we would have no Volunteer Care.

Sue 1813

Outreach Sheffield Samaritans 2025

This year we have continued our very successful work with the S6 foodbank in Hillsborough and I Newfield Green. The support is much appreciated by people using the foodbank (about 60 people each week) but also by the other volunteers who learn about the value of listening. This is led by Lynne 1954

Work with schools has continued and continues to build up again led by Kay 1981

We have had volunteers attend sessions at King Edward's, Park academy and two sessions at All Saints.

A talk was given to stroke survivors and to a women's group in Aston and we continue to share information across the city where we can

We had information stalls at Kelham pride, The Baton of Hope walk in Weston Park, Bakewell agricultural show, Firth Park Mela and Chatsworth Show where we able to have face to face conversations and share information across the

We also had regular attendances at the station again awareness raising - the most recent one with ' The railway people, and with Andy's Man club. This event was led by Transpennine Express line with their support dog so an interesting event!

We hope to have our annual sing song at the station before Christmas and an information stand in the Moor

Thanks to all the volunteers who gave up additional time to join and support the events I am personally very grateful !

I look forward to another year increasing awareness of Samaritans and our work and welcome new ideas -do get in touch !

Il set up a meeting in the new year to discuss and particularly welcome newer volunteers

Dee 1816

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



Buildings and Health and Safety

The Branch Leadership Team Buildings and Health and Safety Report for AGM Oct 2024

The Branch Leadership Team have once again worked hard to meet our ongoing legal Health & Safety obligations. With continued regular checks and necessary maintenance within we've kept the building in good condition and safe for all volunteers, staff & visitors.

This year our only major project has been

To continue with reviewing the Building to determine how we use it and explore how we can make best use of it

Other minor works this past year have been

Fitting of a wall rail along the first floor corridor to help our partially sighted volunteers negotiate their way safely

Replacement lift cabin lights

Upgrading of the lighting in the lift shaft

Upgrade of the lift 'auto dialler' to be compatible with the change to internet based phones, ensuring we have emergency support

I'd like to thank volunteers who undertake various roles in branch that keep the building ticking over.

Once again I'd like to thank Helen for arranging and overseeing all things building wise. She has arranged and overseen necessary work and worked her liaison with Sheffield Council to successfully remove accumulating rubbish that posed a fire risk in the neighbouring property.

I'd also like to pass on thanks to her for also taking over the role of cleaner. There has been a noticeable change that's very much appreciated by our volunteers.

It's no easy feat keeping the building running and obtaining quotes, sorting contracts, arranging & supervising required work and keeping everyone informed.

It would be great if we could get a few more volunteers involved in doing some of the regular monthly checks that are required to meet the health and safety requirements. If you feel you could give a short amount of time around one of your shifts to get involved please let us know.

Health & Safety wise I'm pleased to say we've had no challenges over the past year.

Finally, I'd like to thank you all for your continued adherence to the guidance in branch and for working around disruption that's been unavoidable whilst work has been completed

Sally 1987 (S) Building Manager and Health & Safety Officer

Shop AGM report

The shop closed on 31st January 2025, after it was decided by the Branch Leadership Team that the shops contributions to the charity had reduced so much that it wasn't feasible to remain open. Increased cost in staffing and utilities and reduced footfall on Chapel Walk and the overall appearance and access of the Moor during the ongoing building works hasn't helped matters. Unfortunately, an alternative location and retail outlet wasn't found.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our paid staff—Antonia and Amy and our volunteers at the time of closing—Katherine, Tony, Claire, Ian Bondsoi, Grant, Bethany and Steve. I would also like to offer my thanks to David Morton and Mike Shield whom have supported and advised the shop during this sad time.

Antonia has decided to volunteer in a support role after her employment finished. Moving forward we now have an online presence and sell items on EBay, and Vinted.

Helen Scothorne 2091 - Shop Manager

Fundraising

At the start of December 2024, I enrolled on a fundraising course in preparation of the shop closing and Sheffield Samaritans need to bring in alternative money. From the end of February I have been actively looking for fundraising opportunities as an alternative to the shop income.

I have written 6 Funding bids or Expressions of Interest,. Completed monitoring and evaluation for 3 pots of funding from Sheffield City Council—Local Area Committees and secure £10,000 of funding.

If you would like to raise money for Sheffield Samaritans, why don't you come and have a chat and we can work out how I can support you to do that.

Helen 2091

Treasurer's Report 2025

I present my 11th and final financial report to members, following my appointment in 2015, it is time to stand down as treasurer, after ten years in the role.

A copy of the charity's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025, are included within the Annual Report for your information, although these have been viewed and signed off by the Trustees..

The accounts show a surprisingly small increase in total income from the previous year to £86,232. Although this was primarily due to two significant grants from the National Lottery and the Sheffield Church Burgesses Trust respectively.

There was however a fall in income generated by the shop of around down to £41,311 due to the fall off in business at Chapel Walk and the eventual closure at the end of January 2025..

Feed in Tariff income from the solar panels remained reasonably consistent at £2,001.

However, despite total expenditure being reduced to £104,918 we are still spending more than we generate.

Shop costs are obviously lower than last year by, down to £42,000, due to the closure, but the fall in shop income significantly impacted on the contribution the shop makes, in fact leaving an overall loss of £835, compared to a small profit from the previous year.

Further details of the shop costs are shown in note 1.

Expenditure on charitable activities increased by nearly £10,000, mainly due to increases in wages and utilities (Water, Gas & Electricity) but we have managed to reduce administration and building costs. Further details of these costs are included in note 2.

There was a net reduction in funds of £38,907 for the year. This compares to a deficit of £29,406 for the previous year. The balance sheet on page 3 shows the charity's assets and liabilities at the year end, with the largest of our tangible assets relating to the value of 272 Queens Road building, (circa £600k) as shown in note 6.

The investment fund is shown as a fixed asset, as last year, with the balance available to fund the ongoing cash flow requirements of the charity.

The bank balances reduced over the year and were at £11,802 and the charity's funds totalled £667,372 on 31st March 2025, as shown at the foot of the balance sheet with £21,047 held as restricted funds, being the remaining balance on a council grant to fund Outreach activity in Sheffield, the Lottery grant spread over 24-months and the SCBT grant funding activity into this year. The remaining funds are all unrestricted in nature, of which £656,515 are represented by the book value of the building at Queens Road and the investment fund deposit.

Finally, having made the decision to close our Charity Shop on Chapel Walk we must focus more of our efforts on future fund-raising activities, that can help to alleviate the downward trend of our finances.

As I stand down as Treasurer and hand over to Fanija after the AGM, it is my intention to continue as a volunteer, both supporting her and ensuring a smooth transition, but also working with Helen to focus on income generation, grant applications, fund raising and increasing the reach of our in-house lottery.

In finishing, as ever, my thanks to all our volunteers, all the members of Branch Leadership Team and particularly our Trustees, all who continue to be very supportive, especially our director Jenny and to Helen both of whom have assisted me personally behind the scenes, and to wish our new treasurer the very best during her term in office, however long that may be.

Andrew Denniff – Treasurer

SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS
CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1173942

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2025

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SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2025
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Brendan Ashmore ACA
Tingle Ashmore Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Enterprise House
Broadfield Court
Sheffield
S8 0XF

Dated :

SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2025
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2025
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		13,438	-	13,438	6,255
Charitable activities:					
Grant income		1,000	25,000	26,000	7,250
Investment income:		2,164	-	2,164	3,104
Other trading activities:					
Shop income		41,311	-	41,311	60,901
Net fundraising		1,318	-	1,318	1,595
Other income:					
Solar panels		2,001	-	2,001	2,123
Total income		<u>61,232</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>86,232</u>	<u>81,228</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
Cost of trading from shop	1	42,146	-	42,146	58,483
Investment management costs		1,709	-	1,709	683
Charitable activities	2	<u>52,700</u>	<u>8,363</u>	<u>61,063</u>	<u>51,606</u>
Total expenditure		<u>96,555</u>	<u>8,363</u>	<u>104,918</u>	<u>110,772</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	7	<u>(3,584)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,584)</u>	<u>4,548</u>
Net movement in funds	3	(38,907)	16,637	(22,270)	(24,996)
Total funds brought forward		<u>706,279</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>710,689</u>	<u>735,685</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>£667,372</u>	<u>£21,047</u>	<u>£688,419</u>	<u>£710,689</u>

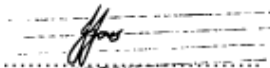
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2025
BALANCE SHEET

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	606,514	607,207
Investments	7	50,000	85,000
		<u>656,514</u>	<u>692,207</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	5,000	-
Cash at bank and on hand		11,082	10,413
Investments	7	22,341	13,095
		<u>38,423</u>	<u>23,508</u>
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>6,518</u>	<u>5,026</u>
Net current assets		<u>31,905</u>	<u>18,482</u>
Net assets		<u>£688,419</u>	<u>£710,689</u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted income funds			
General funds	11	667,372	706,279
Restricted funds	11	<u>21,047</u>	<u>4,410</u>
Total funds	12	<u>£688,419</u>	<u>£710,689</u>

Text

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13th October and signed on
their behalf by 2025


Jenny Jones
Trustee

SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2025
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of preparation

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4 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel		
Salaries	42,531	43,447
Employer's pension contributions	1,094	1,145
	<u>£43,625</u>	<u>£44,592</u>

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 in either period.
The average monthly number of staff employed was 3 (2024 - 4).
The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees.
Trustees received no remuneration, benefits or expenses in either period except expenses paid in connection with their role as listening volunteers.

- 5 Related party transactions
There were no related party transactions requiring disclosure in either period.

6 Tangible assets	Buildings	Equipment	Carpets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
As at 1st April 2024 and at 31st March 2025	<u>618,251</u>	<u>29,757</u>	<u>6,075</u>	<u>654,083</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1st April 2024	13,811	26,990	6,075	46,876
Charge for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>693</u>
As at 31st March 2025	<u>13,811</u>	<u>27,683</u>	<u>6,075</u>	<u>47,569</u>
Net book value				
As at 31st March 2025	<u>£604,440</u>	<u>£2,074</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£606,514</u>

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7 Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value at 1st April 2024	98,095	107,126
Investment income reinvested	2,164	3,104
Investment management costs	(1,709)	(683)
Net withdrawals from investment	(22,625)	(16,000)
Net investment (losses)/gains	(3,584)	4,548
Market value at 31st March 2025	<u>£72,341</u>	<u>£98,095</u>
Investments at fair value comprised:		
Listed investments	69,329	91,012
Cash held within the investment portfolio	3,012	7,083
Total	<u>£72,341</u>	<u>£98,095</u>

	2025	2024
	£	£
8 Debtors		
Grants receivable	<u>£5,000</u>	<u>£-</u>
9 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	2,281	1,759
Taxation and social security	964	775
Branch contribution payable	763	620
Accruals and other creditors	<u>2,510</u>	<u>1,872</u>
	<u>£6,518</u>	<u>£5,026</u>

10 Operating lease commitments

At 31st March 2025, the charity had operating leases with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

Amount falling due:

Within one year	88	351
In the second to fifth years	<u>-</u>	<u>88</u>

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11 Analysis of charity funds

	Balance at 1st Apr 2024	Movement in resources		Balance at 31st March 2025
	£	Incoming £	Outgoing £	£
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	<u>706,279</u>	<u>61,232</u>	<u>(100,139)</u>	<u>667,372</u>
Restricted funds:				
Sheffield City Council	4,410	-	(1,696)	2,714
National Lottery Community Fund	-	20,000	(6,667)	13,333
Sheffield Church Burgesses Trust	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>4,410</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>(8,363)</u>	<u>21,047</u>
Total funds	<u>£710,689</u>	<u>£86,232</u>	<u>£(108,502)</u>	<u>£688,419</u>

Purpose of restricted funds:

Sheffield City Council - To support outreach activity in Sheffield.

National Lottery Community Fund - To fund core costs such as utilities, training and insurance.

Sheffield Church Burgesses Trust - To fund volunteer expenses.

Prior year comparison:

	Balance at 1st Apr 2023	Movement in resources		Balance at 31st March 2024
	£	Incoming £	Outgoing £	£
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	<u>735,685</u>	<u>78,526</u>	<u>(107,932)</u>	<u>706,279</u>
Restricted funds:				
Sheffield City Council	-	7,250	(2,840)	4,410
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Total funds	<u>£735,685</u>	<u>£85,776</u>	<u>£(110,772)</u>	<u>£710,689</u>

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- 12 Analysis of net assets between funds
Total funds are invested as follows:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31st March 2025 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	656,514	-	656,514
Net current assets	10,858	21,047	31,905
Net assets	<u>£667,372</u>	<u>£21,047</u>	<u>£688,419</u>
Prior year comparison:			
Fund balances at 31st March 2024 were represented by:			
Fixed assets	692,207	-	692,207
Net current assets	14,072	4,410	18,482
Net assets	<u>£706,279</u>	<u>£4,410</u>	<u>£710,689</u>

- 13 A detailed breakdown of the statement of financial activities between unrestricted and restricted funds for the year ended 31st March 2024 is as follows:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	6,255	-	6,255
Charitable activities	-	7,250	7,250
Investment income	3,104	-	3,104
Other trading activities: Shop income	60,901	-	60,901
Net fundraising	1,595	-	1,595
Other income: Solar panels	2,123	-	2,123
Total income	<u>73,978</u>	<u>7,250</u>	<u>81,228</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds Cost of trading from shop	58,483	-	58,483
Investment management costs	683	-	683
Charitable activities	48,766	2,840	51,606
Total expenditure	<u>107,932</u>	<u>2,840</u>	<u>110,772</u>
Net gain on investments	<u>4,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,548</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>£(29,406)</u>	<u>£4,410</u>	<u>£(24,996)</u>

Structure, Governance and Management

As from April 2018, the Branch Leadership team, led by the Director, is responsible for the governance of the Branch. The Leadership team comprises elected trustees, ex-officio trustees, and deputy Directors who have opted to be part of the team. Elected trustees serve for a term of three years. Eligible volunteers are encouraged to stand for election of the Leadership team and new trustees are appointed annually at the AGM. Incoming members are then supplied with information from the Charity Commission and Samaritan Central Office in London about their roles and responsibilities as trustees of Sheffield Samaritans.

The leadership team meet monthly. There are a number of sub-committees which report to the Leadership team.

Public Benefit

The trustees consider that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Risk Management

The Leadership team's responsibilities for risk management covers all aspects of running the Branch—premises, governance and management, financial, fundraising, outreach, recruitment and selection, training, caller care and legal obligations. The risk register identifies risks, points up the likelihood and impact of the risk, steps taken in mitigation, and addresses the status and owner of the risk. It is reviewed regularly, both by the Leadership team and the lead person for Health and Safety.

Compliance

- Anti-discrimination and Equal Opportunities policies are in place.
- Data protection legislation is complied with and we are entered onto the Data Protection Register.,
- We are aware that aspects of employment legislation apply to voluntary organisations.
- Contacts with young callers oblige us to be up to date with child protection issues; The branch is up to date with Safeguarding procedures.
- We have an obligation to disclose information under the terms of the Terrorism Act
- Health and Safety issues are kept constantly under review.

Quality of service

We strive to offer a high quality service at all times. Good quality initial training and obligatory ongoing training are part of our culture. As described earlier, volunteers support and systems for support and feedback are available.

Volunteer Safety

- Our building was designed with the safety of callers and volunteers in mind
- We have been a non smoking building since July 2006
- Fire and smoke alarms are tested regularly and correct signage is in place
- All electrical appliances are PAT tested annually
- A full review of all aspects of health and safety is carried out every six months
- There is no single staffing; when open the building is staffed by a minimum of two volunteers
- The yard, entrance doors and visitors area are monitored by cctv cameras
- Access gates and doors have security locks
- All volunteers complete a Personal Evaluation and Evacuation Plan—PEEP

Governing Document

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 1963/1946 and amended 22 November 1988, 24 April 1991, 25 April 2006 and 21 April 2009

Overall management of the charity is the responsibilities of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution. Day to day activities is managed and carried out by volunteer and paid staff.

Aims and Objectives

The principle objectives of the charity are:

To work for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress by providing a service primarily intended for the benefit of the person in Sheffield and the surrounding area (but without specific limitations as to area) to enable such persons to receive immediate help, compassion and befriending from members of the charity selected and prepared for the purpose, working under direction; and also where appropriate, in accordance with Samaritan procedure, referral to persons having specialist or professional skills.

Administration and Reference

Branch Leadership Team

Jennifer Jones* - Director

Andrew Denniff* - Treasurer

Jane Wright*

Chris Collins *

Frances Gray*

Shehla Ali*

Anne Nettleship

Anne Nicolson

Dee Napier

*** Trustees**

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Bankers: Royal Bank of Scotland, The Common, Ecclesfield, Sheffield S35 9WJ

Solicitors: Jon Darwin, Norrie, Waite and Slater, 9/12 East Parade, Sheffield S1 2ET

Independent Examiner: Tingle Ashmore Ltd.



We are grateful to everyone who has helped us during 24—25 with donations, large and small. We have received monies from churches, companies, trusts and individuals. Every donation received has helped us to keep the Sheffield Samaritans Centre open to provide a vital service to those in emotional distress, by phone or email.

We are particularly grateful, for personal donations and for those who have remembered us in their will. If you would like to do this please contact our Treasurer Andrew Denniff.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Deputy Director for Recruitment and Selection at our Queens Road address

Thank you

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Brendan Ashmore ACA
Tingle Ashmore Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Enterprise House
Broadfield Court
Sheffield
S8 0XF

Dated :

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		13,438	-	13,438	6,255
Charitable activities:					
Grant income		1,000	25,000	26,000	7,250
Investment income:		2,164	-	2,164	3,104
Other trading activities:					
Shop income		41,311	-	41,311	60,901
Net fundraising		1,318	-	1,318	1,595
Other income:					
Solar panels		2,001	-	2,001	2,123
Total income		<u>61,232</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>86,232</u>	<u>81,228</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
Cost of trading from shop	1	42,146	-	42,146	58,483
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Charitable activities	2	<u>52,700</u>	<u>8,363</u>	<u>61,063</u>	<u>51,606</u>
Total expenditure		<u>96,555</u>	<u>8,363</u>	<u>104,918</u>	<u>110,772</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	7	<u>(3,584)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,584)</u>	<u>4,548</u>
Net movement in funds	3	(38,907)	16,637	(22,270)	(24,996)
Total funds brought forward		<u>706,279</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>710,689</u>	<u>735,685</u>
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BALANCE SHEET

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	606,514	607,207
Investments	7	50,000	85,000
		<u>656,514</u>	<u>692,207</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	5,000	-
Cash at bank and on hand		11,082	10,413
Investments	7	22,341	13,095
		<u>38,423</u>	<u>23,508</u>
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>6,518</u>	<u>5,026</u>
Net current assets		<u>31,905</u>	<u>18,482</u>
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Unrestricted income funds			
General funds	11	667,372	706,279
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Text

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13th October and signed on
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Jenny Jones
Trustee

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12 Analysis of net assets between funds

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Charitable activities	-	7,250	7,250
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Other trading activities: Shop income	60,901	-	60,901
Net fundraising	1,595	-	1,595
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CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1173942

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TINGLE ASHMORE LTD
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
SHEFFIELD

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Brendan Ashmore ACA
Tingle Ashmore Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Enterprise House
Broadfield Court
Sheffield
S8 0XF

Dated :

SHEFFIELD SAMARITANS
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		13,438	-	13,438	6,255
Charitable activities:					
Grant income		1,000	25,000	26,000	7,250
Investment income:		2,164	-	2,164	3,104
Other trading activities:					
Shop income		41,311	-	41,311	60,901
Net fundraising		1,318	-	1,318	1,595
Other income:					
Solar panels		2,001	-	2,001	2,123
Total income		<u>61,232</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>86,232</u>	<u>81,228</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
Cost of trading from shop	1	42,146	-	42,146	58,483
Investment management costs		1,709	-	1,709	683
Charitable activities	2	<u>52,700</u>	<u>8,363</u>	<u>61,063</u>	<u>51,606</u>
Total expenditure		<u>96,555</u>	<u>8,363</u>	<u>104,918</u>	<u>110,772</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	7	<u>(3,584)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,584)</u>	<u>4,548</u>
Net movement in funds	3	(38,907)	16,637	(22,270)	(24,996)
Total funds brought forward		<u>706,279</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>710,689</u>	<u>735,685</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>£667,372</u>	<u>£21,047</u>	<u>£688,419</u>	<u>£710,689</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	606,514	607,207
Investments	7	50,000	85,000
		<u>656,514</u>	<u>692,207</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	5,000	-
Cash at bank and on hand		11,082	10,413
Investments	7	22,341	13,095
		<u>38,423</u>	<u>23,508</u>
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>6,518</u>	<u>5,026</u>
Net current assets		<u>31,905</u>	<u>18,482</u>
Net assets		<u>£688,419</u>	<u>£710,689</u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted income funds			
General funds	11	667,372	706,279
Restricted funds	11	<u>21,047</u>	<u>4,410</u>
Total funds	12	<u>£688,419</u>	<u>£710,689</u>

Text

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13th October and signed on
their behalf by 2025


Jenny Jones
Trustee

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of preparation

Sheffield Samaritans is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 272 Queens Road, Sheffield, S2 4DL.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Sheffield Samaritans constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist.

Income

All income is accounted for as soon as the charity has entitlement to the income, there is certainty of receipt and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Investment income is included when receivable. Bank interest is recognised as income when it is credited to the bank statement.

Income from fundraising activities is reported net of the amounts incurred in raising those funds.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

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

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and any professional fees associated with the independent examination of the accounts. Donations made by the branch are also included in this category.

Fixed assets and depreciation

All items of capital expenditure below £500 are written off as incurred.

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of all tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives on a straight line basis.

Investments

Investments are included at market value at 31st March 2025.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between the sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the period, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the statement of financial activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the period and are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities based on the market value at the valuation date.

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Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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The charity makes employer contributions to an auto-enrolment pension scheme in favour of certain members of staff. The pension charge in the statement of financial activities is the amount of contributions payable by the charity

Leased assets

All leases are considered to be 'operating leases' and the relevant rentals are charged wholly to the statement of financial activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are general funds which are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of any of the objectives of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. Restricted funds are those donated for a specific purpose, imposed by the donor, or through the terms of an appeal. The restriction means that the funds can only be used for that specific purpose.

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	£	£
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Purchases for resale	-	57
Staff	20,891	33,799
Premises	14,562	15,113
Utilities	1,028	1,711
Building maintenance	600	477
Administration	2,857	4,985
Cleaning & maintenance	338	473
Travel & volunteers	-	312
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Outreach & publicity	1,696	2,840
Premises	6,533	6,426
Utilities	4,558	2,367
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Travel & volunteers	3,792	4,031
Administration	5,984	7,681
Cleaning & maintenance	5,523	5,798
Consultancy	5,889	5,754
Branch contributions	763	620
Depreciation	693	693
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AGM Expenses	22	63
Accountancy and bookkeeping	1,110	1,080
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Unrestricted expenditure	52,700	48,766
Restricted expenditure	8,363	2,840
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This is stated after charging:-		
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