



NORTHAMPTON SAMARITANS

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Registered charity no: 1174013

Registered office address: 2 St Michael's Avenue
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Members of the Board of Trustees at 23 May 2022

All trustees have been in office since 1 April 2021 unless otherwise stated.

Mr D J McAlpine	Director	
Mr S M Broadbent	Treasurer	
Ms S T Clarke	Deputy Director - recruitment	
Ms M L Lawrence	Deputy Director - mentors & probationers	
Ms M Sturman	Trustee	
Mr D J Atkins	Trustee	
Ms J W Ginns	Trustee	
Ms R Nyakoojo-Sowah	Trustee	(appointed 30 June 2021)
Ms M Riley	Trustee	(appointed 30 June 2021)

Others who served as trustees in the year ended 31 March 2022

Ms L Walsh	(resigned 30 June 2021)
Mr S B Harker	(resigned 21 April 2021)

Independent Examiner:

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 on page 8 and comply with the Charity's constitution and the Charities Act 2011.

1. Structure, governance and management**(a) Nature of governing document**

Northampton Samaritans ("the Charity") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered as charity number 1174013 on 28th July 2017, and operating as an affiliated branch of the UK national Samaritans charity organisation (charity no. 219432). The Charity has adopted the Samaritans branch model constitution.

(b) Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of the Charity are responsible for its day-to-day management. The Director is appointed in accordance with the Director Selection Policy and he/she represents the Charity at the annual national Council of Samaritans meeting and oversees all aspects of Charity work in relation to the service it provides to callers.

The remaining Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. No other body is entitled to appoint any of the Trustees. All Trustees receive continuing training. The Trustees who have served during the year are shown on page 1. There are no corporate trustees.

2. Objectives and activities**(a) Objects of the charity**

(i) To work for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress, by providing a service to enable such persons to receive immediate help, compassion and support from members of the Charity and also where appropriate, in accordance with Samaritans procedure, to signpost them to persons having specialist or professional skills;

(ii) To support the central Samaritans charity and other recognised UK branches and affiliated charities of the central Samaritans charity.

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To achieve its objects the Charity works with other Samaritans UK branches to provide round-the-clock availability of a telephone support service through the Samaritans national toll-free telephone number 116123, and also responds to contacts made by e-mail, online chat and letter, and face to face at the Charity's offices, to enable members of the public to receive help and support whenever required. In addition it carries out outreach work, giving talks about its work to local groups. The Charity depends entirely on highly trained unpaid volunteers to carry out its work.

The Charity offers support to callers in distress by being there to listen and encourage the recognition and exploration of their options, and in doing so to help them find ways of coping with their distress without choosing to die by suicide. It also seeks to support those whose distress is less acute, in the hope that they will not reach the point of feeling that they wish to end their lives.

The Charity receives donations from members of the public and other organisations, operates a charity shop selling second-hand goods, and engages in other fundraising activities to enable it to fund its objectives.

The Trustees have complied with the duty set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 and in planning the Charity's activities pay due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

3. Financial review

A summary of the financial position and income and expenditure for the year is given on pages 6 to 11.

During the year ended 31st March 2022, the Charity achieved a surplus of income over expenditure of £18,868 (2021: £25,048). Total income was £75,345 (2021: £73,065) and resources expended were £56,477 (2021: £48,017).

Turnover from the Charity's shop for the year was £35,446 (2021: £14,407). The shop's performance in 2020-21 was badly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, but has recovered during the current year, posting a trading surplus of £14,301 (2021: deficit of £3,526). Government Covid-19 grants relating to the pandemic amounting to £397 (2021: £27,885) were received, resulting in a net contribution to funds of £14,698 by the shop for the year (£2021: 24,359).

Depreciation of the passenger lift which was installed in the Charity's premises in 2017 to improve access for volunteers has been included in these accounts. The cost has been depreciated over five years at £7200 per year, and is now fully written off.

The majority of the Charity's cash reserves are held with the COIF Charities Deposit Fund, managed by CCLA, one of the UK's leading managers of charitable funds. The funds on deposit with COIF at 31 March 2022 amounted to £100,000 (2021: £85,000).

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4. Reserves policy

The Charity seeks to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to allow it to maintain the infrastructure necessary for it to carry on its operations, to provide a buffer against variations in cashflow and to allow for such contingencies as might reasonably be expected to arise.

The Trustees have reviewed the reserves held by the Charity and are of the opinion that under normal circumstances a level of unrestricted general reserves (current assets less current liabilities) between 12 and 18 months' recurring expenditure is an adequate and comfortable level to maintain. At the end of the year the reserves were slightly in excess of this range, but are expected to return to normal levels in the coming year..

A separate capital reserve is set up to reflect the net book value of the freehold property and other fixed assets.

5. Risk management

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to assess and manage the risks that face the Charity. Comprehensive risk management procedures are in place and risks in all areas of activities are regularly reviewed and monitored.

6. Trustees' responsibility statement

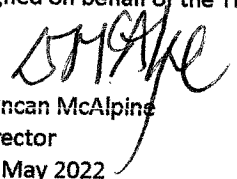
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the charity SORP;
- make judgements 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 business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (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.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:


Duncan McAlpine
Director
23 May 2022

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NORTHAMPTON SAMARITANS
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This report is on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. They consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements;
 - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - accounts are prepared which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act ;

have not been met; or

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



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Date: 17/6/2022

NORTHAMPTON SAMARITANS**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

<u>Year ended 31 March 2022</u>				Year ended 31 March 2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
<u>Notes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Income from donations and legacies	28,993	9,807	38,800	57,474
Income from trading activities	36,477	-	36,477	15,543
Income from investments	68	-	68	48
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	65,538	9,807	75,345	73,065
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Expenditure on raising funds	3 24,318	397	24,715	20,968
Expenditure on charitable activities	4 25,561	-	25,561	23,299
Expenditure on administration	5 6,201	-	6,201	3,750
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	56,080	397	56,477	48,017
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	9,458	9,410	18,868	25,048
MOVEMENT OF FUNDS				
Total funds at 1 April 2021	137,595	18,680	156,275	131,227
Net surplus for the year	9,458	9,410	18,868	25,048
Total funds at 31 March 2022	£ 147,053	£ 28,090	£ 175,143	£ 156,275

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

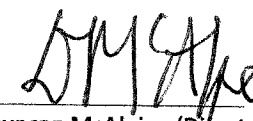
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31 March 2022</u> £	<u>31 March 2021</u> £
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	6	57,875	65,077
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investment assets		100,000	85,000
Cash at bank and in hand		18,097	6,560
Accrued income and prepaid expenditure		2,167	490
		<u>120,264</u>	<u>92,050</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Contribution due to national Samaritans charity		1,979	-
Deferred income and accrued expenditure		1,017	852
		<u>2,996</u>	<u>852</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		117,268	91,198
NET ASSETS		<u>£ 175,143</u>	<u>£ 156,275</u>
Represented by:-			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	7		
General reserves		86,740	71,799
Capital reserve		57,875	65,077
Friends of Northampton Samaritans fund		2,438	719
		<u>147,053</u>	<u>137,595</u>
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	8		
General reserves		28,090	18,680
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>£ 175,143</u>	<u>£ 156,275</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 23 May 2022


Duncan McAlpine (Director)


Steve Broadbent (Treasurer)

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared using the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and FRS 102, and on a going concern and an accruals basis.

(b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted charitable funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on expenditure imposed by the donor or the Trustees, or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are accounted for when receivable except when donors specify that donations and grants given to the Charity must be used in future accounting periods or when specified conditions are met, in which case the income is not included in incoming resources until those periods or until the conditions have been met.

(d) Donated goods

The value of goods donated for sale in the Charity's shop is recognised only as income when sold.

(e) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off their cost less estimated residual value over their expected useful lives using the straight line method and the following annual rates:

Freehold property	0%
Property improvements	20%
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	50%

The Trustees consider that no provision is required for depreciation of freehold property because the market value of the property is substantially in excess of the balance sheet value.

2 PREMISES OVERHEADS

		<u>Year ended 31 March 2022</u>		<u>Year ended 31 March 2021</u>
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
		£	£	£
Rates, water, light and heat		2,507	-	2,507
Repairs and renewals		11,633	-	11,633
Cleaning and housekeeping		4,619	-	4,619
Office telephone and fax		1,734	-	1,734
Insurance		1,152	-	1,152
Depreciation of property improvements		7,202	-	7,202
Total for year		<u>28,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,847</u>
Allocated to:				
Expenditure on raising funds	10%	2,885	-	2,885
Expenditure on charitable activities	80%	23,077	-	23,077
Expenditure on administration	10%	2,885	-	2,885
		<u>28,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,847</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	<u>Year ended 31 March 2022</u>			<u>Year ended 31 March 2021</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
3 EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS				
Shop salary costs	18,328	397	18,725	16,081
Other shop overheads	2,419	-	2,419	1,852
Advertising and publicity (50% allocation)	560	-	560	72
Postage and stationery (33% allocation)	126	-	126	204
Share of premises overheads (see note 2)	2,885	-	2,885	2,759
	<u>24,318</u>	<u>397</u>	<u>24,715</u>	<u>20,968</u>
4 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Volunteer training and support costs	398	-	398	197
Volunteer travelling expenses	1,400	-	1,400	756
Advertising and publicity (50% allocation)	560	-	560	72
Postage and stationery (33% allocation)	126	-	126	204
Share of premises overheads (see note 2)	23,077	-	23,077	22,070
	<u>25,561</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,561</u>	<u>23,299</u>
All charitable activities are undertaken directly by the Charity.				
5 EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION				
Postage and stationery (33% allocation)	126	-	126	204
Independent examiner's fee	630	-	630	594
Bank charges	291	-	291	193
Room hire and functions	290	-	290	-
Contribution to central Samaritans charity	1,979	-	1,979	-
Share of premises overheads (see note 2)	2,885	-	2,885	2,759
	<u>6,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,201</u>	<u>3,750</u>

NORTHAMPTON SAMARITANS**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022****6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Property improvements £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1 April 2021	69,297	65,105	33,951	168,353
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>69,297</u>	<u>65,105</u>	<u>33,951</u>	<u>168,353</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2021	11,422	57,903	33,951	103,276
Charge for the year	-	7,202	-	7,202
At 31 March 2022	<u>11,422</u>	<u>65,105</u>	<u>33,951</u>	<u>110,478</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2022	<u>57,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,875</u>
At 1 April 2021	<u>57,875</u>	<u>7,202</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,077</u>

7 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	General reserves £	Capital reserve £	Friends of Northampton Samaritans £	Total £
At 1 April 2021	71,799	65,077	719	137,595
Net surplus for the year	7,739	-	1,719	9,458
Transfer from capital reserve	7,202	(7,202)	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>86,740</u>	<u>57,875</u>	<u>2,438</u>	<u>147,053</u>
Represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	57,875	-	57,875
Investment assets	71,910	-	-	71,910
Other current assets	17,826	-	2,438	20,264
Current liabilities	(2,996)	-	-	(2,996)
	<u>86,740</u>	<u>57,875</u>	<u>2,438</u>	<u>147,053</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8 RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	General reserves £	Capital reserve £	Friends of Northampton Samaritans £	Total £
At 1 April 2021	18,680	-	-	18,680
Net surplus for the year	9,410	-	-	9,410
At 31 March 2022	28,090	-	-	28,090
Represented by:				
Investment assets	28,090	-	-	28,090
	28,090	-	-	28,090

The Trustees have committed to a project to refurbish, sound-proof and upgrade the Operations Room in the branch premises, which is the room used by Listening Volunteers to provide the service to callers. The project was expected to be completed during the year but was delayed and is now expected to be completed in the coming year.

Donations totalling £18,515 specifically allocated to the project had been received at 31 March 2022, and in addition the Trustees committed £10,895 of general funds to the project during 2020-21. The total funds earmarked for the project are therefore £29,410, of which £1,320 has already been expended at that date leaving an as yet unspent balance of £28,090.

9 EMPLOYEE COSTS AND NUMBERS

Total employee costs for the period amounted to £18,725 (2021: £16,081), of which £nil (2021: £nil) related to employer's national insurance contributions and £91 (2021: £117) to employer's pension contributions. Grants amounting to £397 (2021: £7,454) were received from HM Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme during the year in support of employment costs. The average number of employees during the period was 2 (2021: 2), and they are employed in the Charity's shop.

10 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee in the year (2021: £nil) and no trustee claimed expenses (2021: nil).

11 TAXATION

The Charity is registered with the Charity Commissioners under the provisions of the Charities Act 1960. In accordance with the provisions of s505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, no taxation is payable on any surplus of income over expenditure.

12 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 23 May 2022