

SAMARITANS OF DERBY AND DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Year ended -

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Samaritans of Derby and District

Annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Leadership Team Members and Professional Advisors

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, Governance & Management

The Derby and District Branch was formed in 1961 and it operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered under the Charities Act, and as an independent Branch of Samaritans, using an agreed model constitution. The branch became an Affiliated Branch in October 2017. Responsibility for the management of the Branch and its financial affairs rests with the Branch Leadership Team/Board of Trustees, comprising a number of volunteers who act as Trustees for the Branch and are elected or co-opted for a three-year period. The Leadership Team, after extensive consultation with all the Branch volunteers, nominates one of them for appointment as Director. The Director, together with his/her deputies, is then responsible for managing the service provided to callers and outreach activities.

Trustees have the opportunity, and are encouraged, to attend day schools run by the regional divisions of Samaritans.

Risk management is undertaken by a group of the trustees who constantly monitor and review the management of risks on a regular basis.

Objectives of Samaritans of Derby and District

The Samaritans Vision is that fewer people die by suicide.

Samaritans provide emotional support 24 hours a day by telephone, face to face, email and letter; at festivals and outside our centres in prisons; in hospitals, schools and workplaces and with the homeless through a network of 201 branches in the UK and Republic of Ireland. In most situations and for most people a confidential service is provided. However there are important exceptions where, in order to safeguard callers, we may talk to someone else on a caller's behalf e.g. by calling an ambulance or when we need to consider safeguarding for children or vulnerable adults.

<https://www.samaritans.org/about-samaritans/our-organisation/our-safeguarding-policy/>

Public benefit

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The Objects of the Charity are:

- To enable persons in Derby and District and the surrounding areas as well as elsewhere who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those who may be at risk of suicide, to receive confidential emotional support at any time of the day or night in order to improve their emotional health and to reduce the incidence of suicide.

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- To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or impaired emotional health.
- To collaborate with and support Samaritans Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these Objects.

Further information on Samaritans Central Charity can be found on

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Branch Director's Report

The year ending March 2023 brings the completion of my first year as Branch Director and Chair of the Board of Trustees. At the Annual General Meeting in September, we welcomed two new Trustees to the Board and the Branch Leadership Team. The Trustees, as always have been a great support to myself and the Branch and I am very grateful for that.

One of the first tasks as a new Director is to appoint the Deputy Director's and I have been particularly fortunate to have a very effective group of volunteers to support me in delivering our service to our callers and looking after the volunteers that do all the real work in the Branch.

We held a Branch day in April 2022 and it was one of the first times the volunteers had been able to meet up with each other for almost two years. We took time to review what we valued as volunteers, what we needed to do to rebuild that back into our particular community and what we wanted to achieve in the coming year. As ever the commitment and energy within the Branch was clearly evident and it was so great to feel embraced by that again.

Although the Covid restrictions are gone, some of the impact of those two years lingered and like all Samaritan branches we struggled some weeks to fully fill our rota through illness and some lingering Covid infections, volunteers taking longer holidays than they had for a long time and some re-evaluation of what was important in their life in terms of home and family.

We also attracted sufficient prospective volunteers to deliver three expanded core training programmes and return to face-to-face delivery for these. The volunteers have undertaken a substantial level of continuous development, both online and face to face which is all undertaken in addition to their volunteering duties. This reflects I think, their willingness to ensure that the service we provide is as good as we can make it. We want to retain as many volunteers as we can, and the Volunteer Support activities have grown to reflect that, and that support has been much appreciated. There is also a small group of volunteers who have been organising events for us to spend time together to actually just enjoy each other's company! So, for example a very successful Christmas Concert was held at Chevin Golf Club who have now chosen us as their Charity of the Year.

We have undertaken considerable work to review how we operate our rota and are currently working with a small group of volunteers to consider the changes we could implement going forward. Plans are in place to extend the scope of this work in order to extend the times we can be there for our callers, especially when they need us most.

Each Branch undergoes a Quality Review every 18 months, and the Reviewers completed ours in March 2023. The action plan for the next 18 months has now been agreed and we have started to implement this work. The Reviewers were very complimentary about the Branch and its culture. Whatever changes we make in the Branch to improve our service, maintaining that supportive culture will be critical when we measure any successes.

Funding remains a challenge and one we will be making a bigger priority in 23/24.

It has been a fabulously interesting year, with lots of things to learn and the time has gone surprisingly quickly. I am incredibly grateful for the support the Branch has given me to date and really proud to be part of such a warm and encouraging collective of individuals.

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Treasurer's Report

2022/23 has been a challenging year financially as we were not able to secure any grant funding. Thankfully we continued to receive generous donations. We did have to draw on our reserves (current account) to continue operations.

Trustees have made the decision to move to accrual accounting, which is the generally accepted accounting practice and enables us to provide a more accurate financial picture.

During the year, our total income was £14,508 with £10,767 coming from donations.

Expenditure during the year amounted to £54,409, which includes provision for investment in the building. Following ongoing problems with the roof and the age of the building we must invest in long overdue repairs.

As a result, the branch made a deficit for the year of £39,901.

The cash balance is £74,263, of which £60,000 is in the Mansfield Building Society with the remainder held in a current account as working capital. We will need to draw down on the Building Society investment in order to fund the building works.

The Trustees review the reserves policy annually and at the end of the financial year, reserves totalled £60,000 which the Trustees consider to be satisfactory. It is important to understand why our reserves are at this level. The property we occupy was historically gifted to the branch and is a late 18th century building which is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended, due to its special architectural or historic interest. It is in a poor state of repair which, coupled with its Listed Building status, means that we have to provide a higher level of reserves provision for when remedial work is required.

Finally, we are very lucky to have now appointed someone to the role of fundraising lead who brings a wealth of experience. This is expected to make a significant improvement for us in terms of income generation for 2023 onwards.

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (Continued)

Activities, achievements & performance in the year

Caller Support

Providing emotional support for people who need us is our primary objective. During 2022/23 we provided nearly 19,000 contacts, supporting 14,734 callers through the phone service, 3,563 callers by email and 693 callers through the Webchat facility.

Research carried out by Samaritans demonstrates that men continue to be around three times more likely to take their own lives than women in the UK, and four times in the Republic of Ireland. Middle aged men are still at greatest risk of suicide overall, although in Scotland there has been a rise in the rate of men in the 15–24-year age range taking their own lives. In line with the national trend slightly more females contact us than males, which demonstrates there is more work to be done in reaching out to this high-risk group. We are a member of the Derbyshire Suicide Prevention Partnership Forum whose purpose is congruent with Samaritans' vision that fewer people die by suicide.

During this year, Samaritans national charity has compiled information which shows that our responsiveness to callers varies according to the time of day. Callers wait longest for their calls to be answered at night, during the 'Twilight' hours (10pm to 2am) and 'Overnight' (2am to 6am). Derby branch has responded to this by focussing on how we can improve our availability in these 'hours of need' working with volunteers to look at availability at these times and by trialling new rota patterns.

Samaritans support using email is moving towards a centralised approach through a national specialist email hub. This has resulted in many of the Branches who normally provided email support withdrawing from this service provision. Here in Derby, we were pleased to be asked to be one of only 35 branches who will continue to support callers through email until the end of 2023 and we are preparing for new software to support this.

During the year we continued with our Webchat provision which is predominately used by younger callers, many of whom often express suicidal thoughts and feelings. This has resulted in us needing to be even more aware of how we recognise, respond and report Safeguarding concerns. Volunteers who want to be involved in this service provision, need to undertake additional training.

The central Caller Support and Safeguarding Hub has become embedded during the year. Although Caller support is no longer an individual branch led provision, each Branch has appointed a Branch Hub Liaison role to be the conduit between the Hub and volunteers locally. This will help ensure appropriate and timely communications so that concerns about individual callers and their needs for additional support can be shared and acted upon.

Prisoners are one of the highest groups at risk of suicide. We support two local prisons. HMP Foston Hall, a closed female estate of over three hundred women. Listeners are trained by members of the Prison team. HMP Sudbury, is a male open prison housing just under six hundred men. Listeners typically arrive fully trained and experienced from other prisons.

For much of the year, it has been problematic to provide the support that we would normally do directly within the prisons, however we have now been able to re-start this provision. Both prisons can still have challenges supporting us as staffing levels have been significantly

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affected by covid infections. There is work underway to rebuild the Listener teams and refresh partnerships within the prison establishment. We have trained new Listeners within HMP Foston and this new team has gelled very well.

Postvention training has also been undertaken at both Prisons and this will underpin and support a consistent and timely responses to any incidents of death by suicide within the prisons.

Recruitment and Selection

At the beginning of last year, we had a very healthy waiting list of approximately 150 potential volunteers. We also knew that, given the challenges of Covid, many had waited a considerable amount of time and may not have retained the same level of interest. The decision was taken to undertake both a significant data cleansing project and also introduce Information Events. Prospective volunteers can hear from both members of the branch leadership as well as recent recruits. This allows honest two-way communication about both the commitment required and the rewards of being a listening volunteer in an informal way. This gave us a more manageable level of applicants going forward for the remaining training places. Applications were also closed for a period of time and reopened in December 2022.

In October 22, we did our first face to face interviews since before the pandemic. Although this was welcomed by the interviewers, on the day we only had 2 applicants attend the interviews in branch. We are now offering interviews both by Zoom and face to face allowing flexibility for both volunteer and candidate.

So far in 2023, we will have interviewed 45 potential recruits for Core training programmes in May and September 2023 as well as January 2024.

Training will be offered during the year to encourage additional members of the Branch to join the Recruitment Team.

Core Development

We continue to build a team of presenters for Core Development and there are currently 4 in the team. The intention is to continue increasing this team to increase our flexibility and succession planning.

Around a third of the branch have been participating in skills practice, which is fantastic. There can now be as many role plays running simultaneously as we have role players and observers available, with role players 'working' from home. This maximises the amount of skills practice time we are able to give our trainees.

We have continued with an 'Induction' by Zoom a week before the course starts. This has the benefit of ensuring all have Zoom capability. If a new Samaritan has a problem in attending a face to face session (e.g. a positive covid result), they can Zoom into the physical meetings, which greatly improves attendance and reduces the need for repeat sessions. We have now developed our technology so that we can run a mixed physically present / Zoom session in which all participants can see each other.

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We have continued to set a ceiling of 14 participants for a course, with a retention rate of usually just over half of that number starting shifts. Over the 12 months, 27 new Samaritans have completed Core and started in the Operations room.

Embedded Development

Approximately 50% of the course consists of 'Learning & Coaching' sessions where the peer group shares their challenges and finds solutions for each other. This is now working very well indeed.

The group nature of the course makes catch up sessions impractical, so the mixed zoom format is extremely useful here. We now have the ability for guest presenters to Zoom in on the big screen, whilst also being able to see the group. This can make it easy for others to promote interest in teams such as Prison and Outreach

Over the 12 months, 15 New Samaritans have completed Embedded Development, allowing them to be made up into full members of our branch.

Continuous Development

During 2022 the Branch really stepped up to successfully complete a number of central driven mandatory training challenges. These included Online Safeguarding Training; Online Applying Our Key Policies Training; Face to Face Applying Our Key Policies Training; and Online Best Practice for Emails Training. In total, almost 400 individual training assignments.

The amount of training required of our volunteers was unusually high in 2022 and our volunteers all completed these challenges, within the timescales required, to allow us to continue to offer our callers a Safe and Positive service.

In addition, we hosted a regional Train the Trainer programme resulting in a further 4 of our volunteers now being approved trainers which is great news for the Training Teams in the branch.

A training plan for 2023/24 has been drafted and helps to ensure that the specialist teams within the Branch have the opportunity to refresh and update their skills.

Mentoring

Mentoring is an essential part of a new volunteer's development, and it is vital that we recruit and train sufficient mentors with the necessary skills and experience. We have a great team of 19 Mentors who have delivered wonderful support to our New Samaritans in 2022. We also have a further 4 volunteers who are about to be trained as Mentors which will allow us to continue to rotate the teams as further New Samaritans complete their Core Development programmes.

On Going Mentoring

On Going Mentoring (OGM) was suspended during Covid and has been re-introduced into the Branch from February 23. It will continue throughout the year and ensures that all full Branch members continue to meet the required competencies required to support callers safely and effectively. It is expected that some common skills may be identified as needing to be refreshed and these will form part of the continuous training offered within the Branch.

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Volunteer Support

The Volunteer Support Team is a critical part of ensuring that volunteers, at all stages of their volunteer journey are cared for. Volunteers should expect to have support available to them throughout their time with us, and they are encouraged to make use of this as a norm within the branch. Within the team itself, there are 5 volunteers, 4 providing support and 1 undertaking exit interviews.

The Team has received much positive feedback from volunteers on leave and returning from leave and this support had made it easier to return following a period of absence. Unfortunately, for some volunteers the right decision is to resign from the Branch. It is always sad to see a volunteer leave us, however changing personal circumstances often drives their need to no longer volunteer. We would hope that if circumstances change again, volunteers will feel they would be welcomed back into the Branch in either a Listening or support role. Exit interviews are undertaken and shared with the Branch Director to ensure our service can be improved. To date, no common themes have been identified.

During Core Training and in the early stage of new Samaritans undertaking their operational duties, they are additionally supported by 2 members of the team. This hopefully provides a continuity of care, alongside their mentors, in what can be a challenging transition to becoming full Samaritans.

Equally important, are any volunteers transferring in from other branches who will need support to settle into the Branch. They will always be offered a mentor/buddy approach for their first few shifts.

The Volunteer Support Team formally meets quarterly with updates shared in between meetings. This team has done a great job in supporting the Branch and each other over periods of difficult times and is fundamental to underpinning the culture of care throughout the Branch.

Outreach

With the lifting of Covid restrictions, there were more opportunities to become involved in a wider of Outreach activities. We were able to provide a presence at Belper Pride as well as 3 days at Denby Christmas Market. This allowed us to raise awareness as well as raise funds. The plan will be to be involved again with these events as well as Derby Pride in 2023.

Our partnership with Network Rail remains in place however planned days were unable to be undertaken this year and work is being planned to replace these events.

We have an increased interest in providing mental health awareness talks and it is hoped that these can be further developed.

It is hoped that a dedicated lead for Outreach will be appointed in 2023/24 in order to continue our outreach work and expand our contact into the community.

Communications

Following last year's review of communications, we have seen our Twitter account generate 1000 followers, which is a great improvement. Regular Tweets which have been more locally focussed, has encouraged followers and consequent retweeting/liking tweets. We have been able to engage in wider Samaritan campaigns and establish a presence both locally and nationally.

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Previous work to update and refresh our website provided a very effective framework and this needs to now be further reviewed and built on in line with our increasing aspirations to have a wider community presence as well as support fundraising and awareness.

Our longer-term aim would be to plan a PR campaign for local press, online and broadcast media which supports and drives Twitter and website content around for example our information evenings, local events that the Branch is involved with, fundraising events, new local partnerships, recent outreach work, volunteers and branch news.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (the Branch Leadership Team members) 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 year. 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- 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 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 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 steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Branch Leadership Team and signed on its behalf by:


C Hollinshead – Branch Director and Trustee


K Mason – Treasurer

The Samaritans of Derby and District
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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations		10,767	-	10,767	14,082
Grant income	5	-	-	-	10,799
Gift Aid		777	-	777	538
Income from prisons		2,964	-	2,964	3,750
Fundraising income	3	-	-	-	-
Bank interest receivable		-	-	-	37
Total Receipts		14,508	-	14,508	29,206
Payments					
Operating expenses	4	48,409	6,000	54,409	26,348
Total Payments		48,409	6,000	54,409	26,348
Net Income		(33,901)	(6,000)	(39,901)	2,858
Cash funds last year end		225,770	6,162	231,932	229,074
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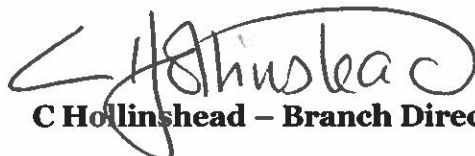
Statement of assets & liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Fixed Assets				
Freehold property	150,000	-	150,000	150,000
Current Assets				
Prepayments	1,517	-	1,517	-
Cash at bank and in hand	74,101	162	74,263	81,932
Current Liabilities				
Accruals	(33,749)	-	(33,749)	-
Net Assets	191,869	162	192,031	231,932

Signed on behalf of the Branch Leadership Team on

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K Mason - Treasurer



C Hollinshead - Branch Director and Trustee

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

On 4 August 2017 Samaritans of Derby and District CIO was formed and on 1 October 2017 the transfer of the unincorporated charity Samaritans of Derby and District took place. These accounts incorporate the figures for both of these linked charities.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

Previously, the accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis, this year the trustees have made the decision to use the accruals basis going forward.

b) Investment and Covenanted Income

Income is brought to credit on a cash received basis and no credit is taken for dividends and interest accrued and tax recoverable.

c) Legacies and Bequests

Legacies and bequests received are credited directly to the income and expenditure account.

d) Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charity is entitled to exemption from tax because its income is used for charitable purposes only.

e) Tangible fixed assets

The freehold property situated at 110 Burton Road, Derby was donated to the branch on 17 August 1981 but at that time it was not included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. When the branch became an affiliated branch and a CIO, title to the property was changed to reflect the Derby branch as owner. The property has therefore been included in these accounts as being an asset of the branch.

No depreciation has been charged on the property as the Trustees consider that its estimated realisable value is the same as its carrying value and therefore any charge for depreciation would be negligible. The property is an unrestricted reserve as there were no restrictions on its use stipulated when it was originally donated to the Samaritans

f) Fund accounting

Unrestricted 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 their expenditure by the donor.

g) Grant income

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

Government grants relating to turnover are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. Grant relating to an asset are recognised in income systematically over the asset's expected useful life. If part of such a grant is deferred it is recognised as deferred income rather than being deducted from the asset's carrying amount.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (Cont.)

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

h) Going concern

The trustees have considered the financial resources available to the organisation and are confident that there are adequate funds available to enable them to meet the liabilities as they fall due and continue operations for a period of at least twelve months from the signing of the Independent Examiners Report.

3. FUNDRAISING INCOME

Gross income from fundraising is held for the general purposes of Samaritans of Derby and District unless it is allocated by the donors for specific purposes to specific branches. During the year there was no restricted fundraising income.

4. OPERATING EXPENSES

	Note	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Printing		355	171	527	833
Telephone		704	340	1,044	850
Conference and training		-	-	-	-
Stationery and postage		158	76	234	699
Maintenance and equipment		34,119	367	34,486	1,773
Computer/IT		471	228	699	1,978
Gas, water and electricity		2,364	1,142	3,506	3,908
Cleaning and refuse		1,271	614	1,885	7,723
Insurance		994	480	1,474	-
Legal fees		-	-	-	-
Travel		2,144	1,036	3,180	3,509
Support and refreshments		141	68	209	726
General office levy and BREF		2,665	1,287	3,952	2,118
Miscellaneous		949	-	949	963
Publicity and recruitment		395	191	586	456
Prison visiting expenses		1,678	-	1,678	812
		48,409	6,000	54,409	26,348

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (Cont.)

5. GRANT INCOME

As a result of Covid-19, the following grant income was obtained, with restricting conditions attached.

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Foundation Derby – Covid supplies including cleaning	-	-	-	-
National Lottery – Recruitment of new volunteers	-	-	-	6,023
Duke Devonshire - Headsets	-	-	-	-
Pears Foundation – Software upgrade and COVID cleaning	-	-	-	3,776
Gerard Pearse Fund – Contribution towards running costs	-	-	-	1,000
	-	-	-	10,799

6. BRANCH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Branch Leadership Team Members receive remuneration for their services.

During the year travel expenses were paid to Branch Leadership Team Members for costs incurred whilst carrying out charitable activities, including prison visiting.

Other purchase costs incurred by Branch Leadership Team members on the charity's behalf were also reimbursed.

7. PREPAYMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Insurance – PIB	1,517	-
	1,517	-

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (Cont.)

8. ACCRUALS

	2023	2022
	£	£
SSE Gas	142	-
SSE Electricity	138	-
Photocopier	109	-
Building	33,360	-
	33,749	-

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Branch Leadership Team Members of Samaritans of Derby and District

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

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').

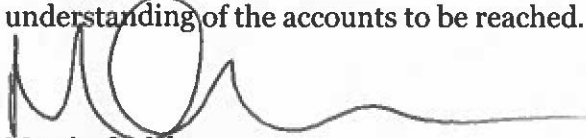
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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;

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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