

Folkestone Dover and Hythe Samaritans

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity Number 1174193

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Charity Information

Registered Charity Number 1174193

Trustees

Jeremy Hall

Samantha Cardew

Jane Suckling

Oonagh Williams Appointed 13 March 2025

Michael Bossick Appointed 13 March 2025

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner is

PG Lemmon LLP

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Report of the Trustees

Folkestone Dover and Hythe Samaritans (FDHS) has operated as a branch of the Samaritans Central Charity (SCC). SCC, which identifies FDHS's operating framework, is a registered charity number 219432. The objectives of SCC include the provision emotional support to anyone in personal crisis and at risk of suicide, and are aligned with those of FDHS.

FDHS has offered emotional support services under an operating agreement with SCC which governs the services of the branch in accordance with SCC national standards.

During the year the SCC suspended the services of FDHS so that a development plan could be put in place to determine whether emotional support services could restart in compliance with SCC standards.

SCC subsequently determined that it would not be possible to restart emotional support services at FDHS and that the emotional support services of the branch would permanently cease.

The dedication from branch volunteers in providing emotional support to those who need it most has been recognised both by the branch and Central Charity trustees.

Financial Results

FDHS has been supported by a Friends group which has raised funds in the local community to meet branch operating costs. Following the suspension of FDHS services the Friends group permanently ceased fundraising activities. All funds held by the Friends group were donated to FDHS and are included in income for the year.

This resulted in a surplus for the year of £24,894

Future Plans

Following the decision to permanently cease emotional support services, the trustees, with SCC support and governance, are implementing a plan to realise the assets of FDHS, including sale of the branch premises. All surplus assets will be returned to SCC in accordance with the contractual branch agreement and branch constitution, following which the FDHS charity will be wound up.

Samaritans emotional support services will continue to be offered to residents of Folkestone Dover and Hythe through the Samaritans national helpline and services.

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Income and Expenditure Statement
Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and Friends Group		32,286		10,532
Grants		10,500		-
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Total Income		42,786		10,532
Expenses				
Costs of operating branch office	11,763		9,109	
Equipment Purchases		-	2,735	
Insurance	1,251		1,296	
Fees	480		587	
Telephone and Internet	1,498		1,974	
Expenses	866		297	
Software	219		204	

Advertising	1,815	-
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	17,892	16,202
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Surplus (Deficit) For the Year	<u>24,894</u>	<u>(5,670)</u>

**Folkestone Dover and Hythe Samaritans
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Property		39,177		39,177
Cash at Bank		40,360		15,566
Creditors		-		(100)
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		<u>79,537</u>		<u>54,643</u>
Surplus Brought Forward		54,643		60,313
Surplus / Deficit for the Year		24,894		(5,670)
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