

Charity Number. 1174264 (England and Wales)

NOTTINGHAM SAMARITANS

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Legal and Administrative Information

Year Ended 31 March 2024

Charity Number: 1174264 (England and Wales)

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Trustees' Report**Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management*Status*

The charity is managed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Nottingham Samaritans as laid down in the original Trust Deed (January 1963). The charity is also a registered charity with the Charity Commission, number 1174264.

Organisational structure

The Nottingham branch of Samaritans uses an agreed model constitution, amended in May 2006. This changes the structure of the trustees and membership of the national organisation of the Samaritans. Responsibility for the management of the Nottingham Branch and its financial affairs is devolved to the Branch Managing Committee. The members of the committee are elected for a maximum of three years continuous service.

Objectives and activities

The charity is an independent branch of the Samaritans organisation which aims to be available 24 hours a day to provide emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that may lead to suicide.

Achievements and performance

The charity aims to provide emotional support for the distressed and the despairing, including those with suicidal feelings. We serve our local community but are part of the National Connect System and may get calls from any part of the UK. Callers may contact by telephone, post, worldwide Email or if local by visiting the branch. We aim to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week but the pandemic affected the number of volunteers, and we still need to increase these numbers above the present 68 to make this possible. However, matters have now stabilised and we are confident about the future.

Listener Schemes

A very important and satisfying part of our work is in preparing and supporting prisoners as Listeners to their fellow inmates. There are 14 listeners in HMP Nottingham and 26 in HMP Whatton who provide a 24-hour service offering confidential support to prisoners. Reducing the number of self-inflicted deaths in custody is a high priority for the Prison Service.

Trustees' Report**Year Ended 31 March 2024**

Financial review**Reserves Policy**

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations. It is our policy to have at least six months costs in reserve (£20,000). Total reserves at 31/3/23 stood at £144,070 of which £90,885 was held in cash.

Financial Management

All payments are supported by a bill or invoice.

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).

Law applicable to charities in England and 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;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 which 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 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

On behalf of the board

T Patrick

Trustee

Date:

H Lucas

Trustee

Date:

A Mateo

Treasurer

Date:

NOTTINGHAM SAMARITANS

Year Ended 31 March 2024

We report on the accounts of Nottingham Samaritans for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 2 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiners' statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (i) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- (ii) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jason Seagrave FCCA

Seagrave French LLP

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Date:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary income	2	9,257	-	9,257	36,768
Activities for generating funds	3	11,180	-	11,180	6,190
Investment income	4	629	-	629	162
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Total incoming resources		21,066	-	21,066	43,120
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Resources expended					
Branch Affiliation Fees		-	-	-	1,665
Establishment costs		10,220	-	10,220	18,960
Motor and travelling expenses		1,171	-	1,171	2,669
Accountancy fees		630	-	630	630
Legal and professional fees		35	-	35	35
Communications and IT		2,150	-	2,150	2,093
Other office expenses		7,278	-	7,278	932
Depreciation and impairment		123	2,050	2,173	2,203
Conference and training		918	-	918	-
Advertising and publicity		-	-	-	-
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Total resources expended		22,525	2,050	24,575	29,187
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(1,459)	(2,050)	(3,509)	13,933
Total funds brought forward		92,229	55,350	147,579	133,646
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Total funds carried forward		90,770	53,300	144,070	147,579
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The notes on pages 7 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	7	53,790	55,963
Fixed asset investments	8	25	25
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		53,815	55,988
Current assets			
Bank and cash		90,885	91,394
Prepayments		-	827
		-----	-----
		90,885	92,221
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(630)	(630)
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Net current assets		90,255	91,591
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Net assets		144,070	147,579
		=====	=====
Funds			
Restricted income funds	10	53,300	55,350
Unrestricted income funds	10	90,770	92,229
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		144,070	147,579
		=====	=====

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on, and signed on its behalf by:

T Patrick
Trustee

H Lucas
Trustee

A Mateo
Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated assets are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified, and a third party is bearing the cost. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in the administration of the charity.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	- Straight line over fifty years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 20% reducing balance basis

1.5 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the statement of financial activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31 March 2024

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations, grants and fees	9,257	9,257	36,768
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	9,257	9,257	36,768
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3. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fundraising events	2,757	2,757	1,602
Card sales	69	69	36
Prison funding	-	-	4,462
365 Club	-	-	90
Other Income	8,354	8,354	-
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	11,180	11,180	6,190
	=====	=====	=====

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank interest receivable	629	629	162
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5. Employees

No salaries or wages have been paid, including the trustees, during the year.

6. Trustees' emoluments

There were no employees during the year apart.

Trustees received no remuneration (2023: £Nil) and were reimbursed a total of £Nil (2023: £Nil) for their expenses in the year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31 March 2024

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	102,500	33,003	135,503
Additions in year	-	-	-
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At 31 March 2024	102,500	33,003	135,503
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Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	47,150	32,390	79,540
Charge for the year	2,050	123	2,173
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At 31 March 2024	49,200	32,513	81,713
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Net book values			
At 31 March 2024	53,300	490	53,790
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At 31 March 2023	55,350	613	55,963
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8. Fixed asset investments

	Other unlisted investments £	Total £
Valuation		
At 1 April 2023 and at 31 March 2024	25	25
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Historical cost as at 31 March 2024	25	25
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All fixed asset investments are held within the United Kingdom.

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	630	630
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	630	630
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31 March 2024

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 as represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	490	53,300	53,790
Investment assets	25	-	25
Current assets	90,885	-	90,885
Current liabilities	(630)	-	(630)
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	90,770	53,300	144,070
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11. Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	92,229	21,066	(22,525)	90,770
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Purposes of unrestricted funds

The general fund is designated for the costs of the objectives of the charity and the day-to-day management and administration.

12. Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2024 £
Property fund	55,350	(2,050)	53,300
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Purposes of restricted funds

The property fund is designated for the specific use of maintenance and upkeep of the charity's freehold property.