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Wolverhampton Samaritans
REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2022
(Registered Charity No. 1174632)

Muras Baker Jones Limited
Chartered Accountants
Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton Samaritans

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Year ended 31 March 2022

Charity Name: Wolverhampton Samaritans

Charity Registration Number: 1174632

Registered Office and
Operational address: 54 Newhampton Road West
Wolverhampton
West Midlands
WV6 0RU

TRUSTEES:

P Stratton (resigned 8 August 2022)
C Tranter (resigned 21 June 2021)
D Cleaton (resigned 8 August 2022)
L Visentin (appointed 21 June 2021)
P Rutter (resigned 21 June 2021)
D Carver (resigned 8 August 2022)
D Marsh
G Griffiths (appointed 15 August 2022)
E Priest (appointed 8 August 2022)
A Talbot-May (appointed 31 July 2022)
L Visentin (appointed 21 June 2021)
V Griffin

Independent Examiner: Mr M O Ross FCA
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Wolverhampton Samaritans

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

Wolverhampton Samaritans is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity number 1174632. It is affiliated to the national charity.

All activities of the charity are governed by a constitution, approved by the Charity Commissioners.

The trustees are the Charity's Management Committee and are appointed with a majority elected by the Charity's members at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and activities

Wolverhampton Samaritans (the charity) has the following key objectives;

- To enable people across the UK and Ireland 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.
- To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or poor emotional health.
- To collaborate with and support Samaritans Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling the above objectives

Wolverhampton Samaritans fulfils these objectives by supporting the provision of a 24/7 telephone listening service to callers across the UK and Ireland who are in need of emotional support, are in distress and/or in suicidal crisis.

The charity also undertakes outreach programmes, partnering with local companies, organisations and educational institutions to raise awareness of its services, promoting mental health awareness and wellbeing, and if required - providing face to face emotional support.

The charity also operates a prison listening scheme at HMP Brinsford and HMP Featherstone whereby it provides training of persons in custody to equip them with the skills and knowledge they need to be able to provide emotional support to their fellow inmates.

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

Review of Progress and Achievement

During the year the charity has handled total of 9000 contacts comprising 8500 by telephone, 400 by email and 150 by webchat. Face to face emotional support remains suspended following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The charity has continued to support the Listeners scheme for both HMP Brinsford and HMP Featherstone and in addition to this has resumed outreach activities with local companies, organisations and educational institutions.

During the year the charities membership was approximately 67 volunteers with around 49 of those active and on-rota. The charity relies on national advertising campaigns and promotion of volunteering opportunities through various channels to support the identification and recruitment of new volunteers.

Financial Review

The reserves are at a very prudent level and the current trustees have invested in deposit accounts that yield a minimum required amount of interest as set by the trustees. As ever the charity has been helped by the generosity of the individuals and organisations who have made donations to us this period and the board of trustees would like to extend their gratitude to all of our supporters.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

Reserves remain at a very prudent level and the board of trustees have recently approved a significant and much needed investment in the upgrade of the charities premises and technology including the upgrading of the training facilities to support hybrid training delivery, a partial demolition of the ground floor extension to create additional parking spaces, the reconfiguration of the ground floor to accommodate a lift for volunteers with mobility impairments and additional duty stations to accommodate more volunteers being on shift concurrently. The branch will also invest in acoustic elements in its operation centre to provide a better experience for both our volunteers and callers

Reserves Policy

The trustees have established a policy with regards to the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the free reserves) that are held by the charity. Due to the unpredictable nature of its income, these reserves have been accumulated over time and at present amount to £70,936. Based on the resources expended in the current year, this will enable the charity to continue at its current level of activities for the next thirty three months in the event of a significant drop in funding.

However, the trustees are very much aware of the current economic backdrop and particularly the impact of inflation - specifically increased energy costs. The trustees have committed to maintaining reserves that will meet operating costs of not less than eighteen months including a provision for increased energy costs. Reserves in excess of this amount will be allocated to capital investment specifically for the upgrading the charities technology and premises.

Risk Review

The trustees have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. External risks to funding are considered by the charity's commitment to increase its generation of income. Internal risks are reduced by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to satisfy the needs of the charity.

Statement of the 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) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period 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 the 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;
- 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 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 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.

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES ON 28TH NOVEMBER 2022
AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY:


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TRUSTEE

Wolverhampton Samaritans

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOLVERHAMPTON SAMARITANS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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 needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts 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 report

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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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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28TH NOVEMBER 2022

Wolverhampton Samaritans

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
Income					
Income from:					
Voluntary Income:					
Bequests and donations	2	28,235	3,200	31,435	29,655
Grants					
Covid support grant		-	-	-	2,500
Samaritans central office		-	-	-	2,355
Activities to generate funds:					
Fundraising		2,240	-	2,240	716
Investment income		-	-	-	109
TOTAL INCOME		30,475	3,200	33,675	35,335
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Water rates		402	-	402	310
Insurance		767	-	767	933
Light and heat		3,622	-	3,622	3,144
Cleaning		2,378	-	2,378	1,349
Repairs & maintenance		2,234	3,200	5,434	4,030
Kitchen and cleaning supplies		272	-	272	994
Printing and stationery		118	-	118	950
Advertising		617	-	617	411
Telephone and postage		1,942	-	1,942	369
Conference, training and travel expenses		45	-	45	1,203
Income branch contribution		7,128	-	7,128	1,167
General expenses		-	-	-	404
Depreciation		4,299	417	4,716	3,833
Governance costs	3	1,591	-	1,591	1,382
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		25,415	3,617	29,032	20,479
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		5,060	(417)	4,643	14,856
Reconciliation of funds					
Fund balance brought forward		108,643	14,960	123,603	108,747
Transfer between funds	10	14,542	(14,542)	-	-
Fund balance carried forward		128,245	1	128,246	123,603

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BALANCE SHEET

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible assets	6	57,310	57,274
Debtors	7	3,771	3,535
Cash at bank and in hand		75,678	68,028
		79,449	71,563
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,513)	(5,234)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		70,936	66,329
NET ASSETS	9	128,246	123,603
Unrestricted		128,245	108,643
Restricted		1	14,960
TOTAL FUNDS	10	128,246	123,603

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES ON 28TH NOVEMBER 2022
AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY:

TRUSTEE



Wolverhampton Samaritans

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 March 2022

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted),

(a) BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value. In preparing the accounts the Charity follows the recommendations in Accounting in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 and the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

(b) FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds comprise grants and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of charity, without specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets this criteria is charged to the fund.

(c) INCOME

Income is recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to receipt. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or when the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(d) GRANTS

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

(e) EXPENDITURE

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred and include attributable VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure is allocated across the funds on the basis of the number of volunteers utilised in each particular fund.

(f) DEPRECIATION POLICY

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures & Fittings	-	33 1/3 % / 20% Straight line
Disabled Access	-	10 % Straight line
Freehold Property renovations	-	10 % Straight line

Depreciation is not provided on the freehold property as the trustees' consider that it is maintained in a continual state of repair and that its life is so long and its residual value based on prices prevailing at the time of acquisition is so high, that its depreciation is insignificant.

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Year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
2. BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS				
General donations	24,257	3,200	27,457	25,642
Central office - Prison Grant	3,978	-	3,978	4,013
	<u>28,235</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>31,435</u>	<u>29,655</u>

3. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Accountancy fees	1,591	-	1,591	1,382
	<u>1,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,591</u>	<u>1,382</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any trustee (who are also considered to be the key management personnel of the charity) or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them. No expenses were paid to the trustees during the year.

5. TAXATION

Wolverhampton Samaritans are not liable to pay tax on their income because of their charitable status.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property unrestricted £	Freehold property restricted £	Fixtures & fittings unrestricted £	Fixtures & fittings restricted £	Total £
COST					
At 1 April 2021	69,830	29,185	20,963	2,950	122,928
Additions	-	-	5,227	-	5,227
Disposals	-	-	(475)	-	(475)
	<u>69,830</u>	<u>29,185</u>	<u>25,715</u>	<u>2,950</u>	<u>127,680</u>
At 31 March 2022	69,830	29,185	25,715	2,950	127,680
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2021	15,207	29,185	18,730	2,532	65,654
Charge for the year	2,085	-	2,214	417	4,716
	<u>17,292</u>	<u>29,185</u>	<u>20,944</u>	<u>2,949</u>	<u>70,370</u>
At 31 March 2022	17,292	29,185	20,944	2,949	70,370
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 1 April 2021	54,623	-	2,233	418	57,274
	<u>54,623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,233</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>57,274</u>
At 31 March 2022	52,538	-	4,771	1	57,310
	<u>52,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,771</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>57,310</u>

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Year ended 31 March 2022

7. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors and prepayments	<u>3,771</u>	<u>3,535</u>

8. CREDITORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	8,123	5,234
Trade Creditors	390	-
	<u>8,513</u>	<u>5,234</u>

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	57,309	1	57,310
Current assets	79,478	-	79,478
Current liabilities	(8,542)	-	(8,542)
Net assets at 31 March 2022	<u>128,245</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>128,246</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR PERIOD

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	56,856	417	57,273
Current assets	56,788	14,776	71,564
Current liabilities	(5,001)	(233)	(5,234)
Net assets at 31 March 2021	<u>108,643</u>	<u>14,960</u>	<u>123,603</u>

WOLVERHAMPTON SAMARITANS

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance Brought Forward 01.04.21 £	Movement in Funds		Balance Carried Forward 31.03.22 £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
RESTRICTED FUNDS:				
Prison listening service	8,676	-	-	-
Screwfix Funds- Damp Issues	-	1,838	1,838	8,676
Screwfix Funds- Firewall	-	1,362	1,362	-
Disabled access	(50)	-	-	-
Donated services and facilities- others	6,334	-	417	(50)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	5,917
				(14,542)
	14,960	3,200	3,617	1
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General funds	108,643	30,475	25,415	113,703
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	14,542
Total Funds	123,603	33,675	29,032	128,246

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS- PRIOR PERIOD

	Balance Brought Forward 01.04.20 £	Movement in Funds		Balance Carried Forward 31.03.21 £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
RESTRICTED FUNDS:				
Prison listening service	6,525	4,013	1,862	-
Disabled access	(50)	-	-	8,676
Donated services and facilities- others	6,751	-	417	(50)
	13,226	4,013	2,279	6,334
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General funds	95,521	31,322	18,200	14,960
Total Funds	108,747	35,335	20,479	108,643
				123,603

PURPOSES OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

Prison listening service

The listening services continue at Featherstone and Brinsford. However it has been confirmed that the Prison listening service is no longer a restricted fund, consequently the balance on this fund has been transferred to unrestricted funds as agreed by the Trustees of the Charity.

Disabled access

Donations have been made to fund branch building improvements needed to enable access for disabled visitors and volunteers, and are funding the depreciation costs of the disabled access.

11 ULTIMATE CONTROL,

The charity is controlled by the Trustees, who are also members of the charity.