

**Wolverhampton Samaritans**  
**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the year ended 31 March 2025  
(Registered Charity No. 1174632)

Muras Baker Jones Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
Wolverhampton

**Wolverhampton Samaritans**

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**Wolverhampton Samaritans**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Year ended 31 March 2025**

Charity Name: Wolverhampton Samaritans

Charity Registration Number: 1174632

Registered Office and  
Operational address: 54 Newhampton Road West  
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Trustees:

E Priest  
A Talbot-May  
V Griffin  
D Martin  
A Sperring  
J Wilkins  
M Lockey

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## **Wolverhampton Samaritans**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Samaritans Wolverhampton are an independent charity, that is affiliated with the main Samaritans Charity which is located at The Upper Mill, Kingston Road, Elwell, Surrey, KT17 2AF. Wolverhampton Samaritans is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which adheres to all applicable constitutional rules.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The charity leadership team consists of two co-directors who work together in partnership to lead Wolverhampton Samaritans. Together they provide strategic direction, ensure operational continuity and support the deputy directors in delivering the charity's work. The co-directors oversee day-to-day operations from safeguarding and volunteer support through to property management, recruitment and community engagement.

The co-directors are accountable to the board of trustees, who oversee governance, strategy and financial stewardship. The trustees ensure that Wolverhampton Samaritans continues to operate in line with Charity Commission regulations and maintains high standards of safety, transparency and accountability.

Our operational leadership team includes deputy directors for Core Training, Continuous Development, Recruitment, Fundraising, Publicity and Communications, Mentoring, Prisons, Outreach, Volunteer Wellbeing, Property and Rota Management. Two positions remain vacant in Capacity Improvement and the strategic Training role, and recruitment into these areas will continue during the coming year.

A major focus throughout the year has been on increasing volunteer numbers and stabilising the rota. Recruitment, training and the development of new Samaritans have been prioritised so that we can begin to cover more 'Hours of Need' and ensure callers can reach us when they most need support. Several new cohorts have joined the branch, internal training capacity has increased, and we are building the foundations required for improved shift coverage in the year ahead.

We are pleased to report that the charity has 77 volunteers in total. Of these, 41 are active listening volunteers and 36 are currently inactive, which includes 20 in training, 9 in support roles and 7 temporarily off the rota. We are proud to celebrate four new Samaritans joining the branch this year and six probationers who are progressing well through mentoring.

Alongside our focus on recruitment and training, we have continued to invest in our ageing premises to ensure the environment remains safe, welcoming and fit for purpose. Essential work has taken place across fire safety, water safety, accessibility and general maintenance. These improvements have strengthened the building's resilience and supported volunteer wellbeing.

This year, we were honored to complete our year as one of the 165th Mayor of Wolverhampton's Charities of the Year. This recognition highlights the contribution our volunteers make within the city and beyond. We are extremely grateful for the considerate donations received and for the Mayor's continued support. Our volunteers also took part in a national Samaritans photoshoot, which offered positive visibility for the branch and show-cased the dedication of our team.

Outreach and Communications areas remain led by one of the co-directors on an interim basis while recruitment for these deputy director roles continues.

**Wolverhampton Samaritans**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)**  
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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY**

**Leadership Team**

The branch is jointly led by two co-directors who share responsibility for the strategic, operational and cultural leadership of Wolverhampton Samaritans. This approach provides balanced decision-making, improved oversight across key areas and increased availability for volunteer support.

The leadership team has strengthened further during the year through the appointment of new deputy directors. At the end of the year, deputy directors were in place for Core Training, Continuous Development, Recruitment, Fundraising, Publicity and Communications, Mentoring, Prisons, Outreach, Volunteer Wellbeing, Property and Rota Management.

Two deputy director roles remain vacant. These are Capacity Improvement and the strategic Training role. Recruitment for these positions is ongoing and remains a priority to ensure long-term sustainability and effective succession planning.

The trustees would like to acknowledge the significant commitment shown by both co-directors throughout the year, particularly during periods of operational challenge and organisational change. Their leadership has ensured continuity, stability and a strong focus on volunteer experience and branch growth.

**Trustees**

The trustees are responsible for the governance, oversight and administration of the charity. They ensure that the charity operates legally, ethically and in the best interests of callers and volunteers. The following trustees served during the financial year recorded in last year's accounts or served up to the date this report was approved.

Trustees per last year's accounts

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| D Marsh      | Chair Resigned 1 May 2025                            |
| E Priest     | Trustee  |
| A Talbot-May | Trustee  |
| V Griffin    | Trustee  |
| G Griffiths  | Trustee Resigned 20 August 2023                      |
| E Kaur       | Trustee Appointed 25 March 2024, Resigned 1 May 2025 |
| D Martin     | Trustee Appointed 5 April 2024                       |
| M Rudge      | Trustee Resigned 7 May 2024                          |

New trustees appointed during the reporting period

|            |                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| M Lockey   | Treasurer Appointed 17 July 2025 |
| A Sperring | Trustee Appointed 1 May 2025     |
| J Wilkins  | Chair Appointed 1 May 2025       |

The board is currently recruiting for a Secretary and an additional Trustee to strengthen governance capacity and support the continued development of Wolverhampton Samaritans.

The trustees would like to express their sincere gratitude to all volunteers who contribute their time and skills to Wolverhampton Samaritans.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)**  
For the year ended 31 March 2025

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

The previous AGM was held on 30 September 2024 and included attendance from 15 volunteers and members of the Regional Team. This year's AGM will be held on 20 November 2025.

The charity's core purpose continues to be the provision of emotional support to anyone experiencing distress or despair. Volunteers respond to callers facing a wide range of difficulties, including loneliness, relationship problems, financial pressures, mental health concerns, suicidal thoughts and calls from those actively in the process of taking their life. The aim of the charity is that fewer people die by suicide, and this purpose continues to underpin all of our operational and strategic work.

Volunteers work within a rota that spans day and night. Many volunteers balance their shifts with employment, caring responsibilities and education. Listening volunteers are supported by shift leaders who provide guidance and debriefing. The Deputy Director for Volunteer Wellbeing offers additional support through one-to-one conversations and signposting when needed. Safeguarding remains a priority, and volunteers receive regular reminders of their responsibilities when supporting vulnerable adults and children.

The central charity continues to operate a national email response hub which ensures consistent, high-quality responses and allows branches to focus on telephone and online chat support.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers remain the heart of Wolverhampton Samaritans. The trustees offer their sincere thanks to everyone who gives their time in roles including listening, support, training, mentoring, property management, fundraising, publicity, outreach, prisons, rota management, recruitment and wellbeing. Everyone's commitment ensures that the charity can be here every day for people who need support.

Volunteer attrition has reduced compared with the previous year. Our total of 77 volunteers reflects the strong intake of new Samaritans currently in training and moving steadily through the onboarding process. This growth means the branch is well placed to strengthen shift coverage during the coming year. The appointment of new deputy directors in Core Training and Continuous Development, along with additional members joining the wider training teams, has increased our internal capacity and reduced reliance on external training provision.

One-to-one volunteer feedback interviews were held with the majority of active listening and support volunteers during the year. Much of the feedback received was positive, particularly regarding the support offered within the branch. Training and rota coverage were the main areas of concern raised, and these have been carefully noted and will be acted upon as part of our continued commitment to improving the volunteer experience.

The branch continues to prioritise equity, diversity and inclusion. This includes improving accessibility within the building, ensuring open recruitment for all roles and encouraging broader representation in the leadership team. During the year, we also created a small downstairs training space, which will enable volunteers with accessibility needs to continue to train or deliver training with us, ensuring that opportunities remain open and inclusive for everyone.

Significant investment has been made in premises and equipment, including maintenance of fire and water safety systems, repairs to the automatic doors, drainage work and general improvements to the environment. These steps ensure that volunteers have a clean, safe and welcoming space in which to support callers.

Volunteer recognition remains important. Long service achievements have been celebrated, and social events have continued to support team cohesion and wellbeing.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)**  
For the year ended 31 March 2025

**TRAINING**

During the year the Charity has made significant progress in rebuilding its internal training capacity. Following a long period of reliance on the Samaritans Training School, Wolverhampton Samaritans has now appointed Deputy Directors for Core Training and Continuous Development, along with additional members joining the wider training team. This has strengthened our ability to deliver training in-house and reduced the need for external support.

A major milestone this year has been the launch of our first in-house Core Training cohort for quite some time. This represents an important step forward in restoring our internal training capability and supporting the growth of the branch. Planning is already underway for further cohorts, with new volunteers already booked into a training group scheduled for early next year.

Continuous training remains an essential requirement for all existing volunteers. Volunteers have access to a wide range of online learning modules to support their skills and confidence. There is an expectation that every volunteer will complete five hours of On-Going Training within each twelve-month period, and there may be occasions when specific modules are mandated by the Central Charity to ensure consistency of practice across the organisation.

The branch continues to work in close partnership with the Samaritans Training School. Their ongoing support, guidance and provision of national training resources remain vital, particularly during this period of rebuilding. We are grateful for their continued collaboration as we strengthen our internal capacity.

A detailed report was received from the Deputy Director for Continuous Development, outlining plans to revitalise learning opportunities, strengthen embedding support for probationers and develop external partnerships. Work is underway to:

- promote the importance of ongoing learning and development
- ensure volunteers complete annual mandatory requirements
- explore external organisations that can offer relevant talks or training
- gather feedback from volunteers and mentors on training needs
- build links with other local Samaritan branches for shared learning
- prepare for the return of in-branch Embedding Training in 2026

The strengthening of the training structure, combined with the increasing number of new volunteers progressing through the onboarding process, ensures the branch is better equipped to support our callers with confidence and consistency.

**MENTORING**

Mentoring remains an essential part of supporting new Samaritans as they progress through their probationary journey. Work in this area has continued, and the branch remains committed to strengthening the mentoring structure as volunteer numbers grow.

With an increasing number of new volunteers joining the branch and several cohorts progressing through training, mentoring capacity will be a key focus for the coming year. The aim is to increase the number of trained mentors to ensure that each probationer receives consistent, high-quality support during their early listening experience. Strengthening this team will help ensure a positive transition into full volunteering roles and contribute to improved rota stability and volunteer confidence.

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**FUNDRAISING AND OUTREACH**

Fundraising and outreach activities have continued to grow during the year, despite challenges linked to volunteer availability. Wolverhampton Samaritans has successfully re-established key outreach connections, including at Wolverhampton Railway Station, the Wellbeing Hub at the station and the University of Wolverhampton. The branch has also developed new partnerships with Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club and the Wolves Foundation, increasing the charity's local visibility.

Importantly, the branch has provided Post Incident Support on two occasions at two different stations this year, offering essential emotional support to staff and ensuring that Samaritans continue to be present during moments of need within the rail community.

Fundraising has remained steady throughout the year, with support from local community events playing a vital role. A recent music concert organised by a branch volunteer and supporters raised over seven hundred pounds for the branch and helped to further increase local awareness of our work. Events like this have proven popular and are scheduled periodically throughout the upcoming year. Engagement with community partners continues to provide valuable opportunities to raise both the profile of Samaritans and much needed funds.

The charity also received a considerable donation at the end of our term as one of the Mayor of Wolverhampton's Charities of the Year, which has provided valuable financial support during a period of significant development, refurbishment and community engagement.

**PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Publicity and communications activity has remained steady throughout the year, helping to strengthen the visibility of Wolverhampton Samaritans within the local community. Press releases were issued for all major branch events, including the unveiling of the branch mural and the presentation of funds raised by the Mayor of Wolverhampton.

The branch has also developed a strong and positive relationship with WCR FM, with one of our volunteers regularly appearing on the station to represent the charity. This ongoing partnership has provided valuable opportunities to raise awareness of our service, share key messages and deepen our connection with the local community.

Social media activity was paused temporarily due to concerns surrounding the X platform. However, two volunteers are part of the social media team and will begin reactivating and managing the branch's online presence. This renewed capacity will support improved communication, increased outreach opportunities and better engagement with the wider public.



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**PREMISES**

The charity remains committed to maintaining safe, functional and accessible premises for volunteers and callers. The branch follows a rolling twelve-month property schedule aligned with national health and safety requirements, covering water hygiene, fire safety, COSHH compliance and mandatory equipment inspections.

This year's primary focus has been bringing fire safety and water hygiene monitoring to a satisfactory and sustainable standard. With the support of volunteers, weekly checks are now completed consistently and recorded in dedicated logbooks. A fire drill was also undertaken during the year, marking progress in strengthening emergency procedures and safety awareness.

A significant amount of work has centered on managing and resolving property issues that require professional intervention. Most service contracts and inspections remain on schedule, and maintenance work continues to be monitored closely. The most complex outstanding issue is the persistent water ingress into the cellar from the rainwater drain serving both kitchens. Engineers are scheduled to complete further work on the drainage system, and it is hoped this will resolve the matter.

Accessibility remains a key priority for the branch. The installation of automatic doors has now been completed, significantly improving access for volunteers and visitors. A small downstairs training space has also been created to support volunteers with mobility challenges, enabling them to train or deliver training within an accessible environment.

The project to install a passenger lift has been paused. This decision reflects the current operational landscape, as any major investment must be future-proofed and aligned with sustainable volunteer numbers and rota coverage. The lift project will be revisited when the branch is in a stronger position to guarantee long-term operational viability.

The funding previously secured for accessibility improvements, which included reference to both lift and door installations, is now being reviewed. Discussions will take place with the relevant funders, including the National Lottery and B and Q, to confirm whether the remaining funds can be legitimately allocated towards the automatic door project.

The Property Deputy Director continues to manage a very demanding and often time-critical workload, with many maintenance activities requiring attendance at the branch. The trustees acknowledge the scale of this commitment and recognises that the division of Health and Safety and Property into separate roles will be an important future development.

**PRISONS**

Wolverhampton Samaritans continues to support two prisons, HMP Brinsford and HMP Featherstone, through the Listener Scheme. The national charity has secured a grant agreement with His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service to help sustain this essential work, and Wolverhampton receives a proportion of this funding to contribute towards operating costs.

The branch continues to train and support prison Listeners who provide emotional support to their fellow inmates. This partnership remains a vital part of Samaritans' regional service, ensuring that individuals within the prison system have confidential emotional support available to them at times of distress or crisis.

Volunteers remain committed to maintaining this important service. The trustees extend their sincere gratitude to those who undertake prison work, recognising the dedication required to deliver emotional support in this challenging and sensitive environment.

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**VOLUNTEERS WELLBEING**

Volunteer wellbeing remains an important priority for the branch.

This role also ensures that service awards, birthday cards and volunteer celebrations are marked throughout the year. These acknowledgements play a key part in helping volunteers feel valued and connected to the branch.

As volunteer numbers continue to grow, volunteer well-being support aims to adapt to ensure all volunteers feel supported and appreciated.

**FINANCE REPORT 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025**

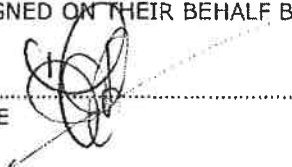
As an affiliated charity to the Central Samaritans charity, we are responsible for our own finances which includes a responsibility to raise funds to cover the cost of running the charity. The money is raised through a range of activities including direct fundraising by volunteers, grant applications and donations we receive.

During the financial year, Wolverhampton Samaritans received a total income of £55,004, made up of £43.7K in donations, £4,740 from fundraising and £4,079 in grants. Included in this, we have made our capital work for us, earning £2,485 in interest over the year, which covered 6% of our overall running costs.

Expenditure this year has reduced significantly on last year's expenditure, in part due to the much-reduced refurbishment costs on our premises. Expenditure for the year was £39,713 (£37,228 net of interest earned). This resulted in the charity achieving a surplus of £15,291 in the year, adding to our healthy reserves of just over £100k, which could meet an estimated 3 years of normal operating costs.

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES ON 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025  
AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY:

.....  
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 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

#### **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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20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

# Wolverhampton Samaritans

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31 March 2025

|  |      | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Total Funds |           |
|--|------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
|  | Note | £                     | £                   | 2025<br>£   | 2024<br>£ |
| <b>Income</b>                            |      |                       |                     |             |           |
| <b>Income from:</b>                      |      |                       |                     |             |           |
| Voluntary Income:                        |      |                       |                     |             |           |
| Bequests and donations                   | 2    | 42,780                | 5,000               | 47,780      | 131,649   |
| Investment Income                        |      | 2,485                 | -                   | 2,485       | -         |
| <b>Activities to generate funds:</b>     |      |                       |                     |             |           |
| Fundraising                              |      | 4,739                 | -                   | 4,739       | 1,522     |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                      |      | 50,004                | 5,000               | 55,004      | 133,171   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>                    |      |                       |                     |             |           |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>             |      |                       |                     |             |           |
| Cost of fundraising                      |      | 890                   |                     | 890         | 532       |
| Water rates                              |      | 266                   |                     | 266         | 119       |
| Insurance                                |      | 1,002                 |                     | 1,002       | 813       |
| Light and heat                           |      | 6,361                 |                     | 6,361       | 4,996     |
| Cleaning                                 |      | 3,366                 |                     | 3,366       | 3,059     |
| Repairs & maintenance                    |      | 4,202                 |                     | 4,202       | 41,205    |
| Kitchen and cleaning supplies            |      | 725                   |                     | 725         | 811       |
| Printing and stationery                  |      | 677                   |                     | 677         | 396       |
| Advertising                              |      | 966                   |                     | 966         | 260       |
| Telephone and postage                    |      | 985                   |                     | 985         | 2,517     |
| Conference, training and travel expenses |      | 3,951                 |                     | 3,951       | 3,409     |
| Income branch contribution               |      | 6,000                 |                     | 6,000       | 11,255    |
| Interbranch Donations                    |      | 2,620                 |                     | 2,620       | -         |
| General expenses                         |      | 674                   |                     | 674         | 3,105     |
| Depreciation                             |      | 4,970                 |                     | 4,970       | 4,938     |
| Bank Charges                             |      | 86                    |                     | 86          | 158       |
| Governance costs                         | 3    | 1,973                 |                     | 1,973       | 2,188     |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                 |      | 39,713                | -                   | 39,713      | 79,761    |
| <b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>           |      | 10,291                | 5,000               | 15,291      | 53,410    |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>           |      |                       |                     |             |           |
| Fund balance brought forward             |      | 163,349               | 12,884              | 176,233     | 122,823   |
| <b>Fund balance carried forward</b>      |      | 173,640               | 17,884              | 191,524     | 176,233   |

# Wolverhampton Samaritans

## BALANCE SHEET

Year ended 31 March 2025

|   | Note | 2025<br>£       | 2024<br>£      |
|---|------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>                                    |      |                 |                |
| Tangible assets   | 6    | <u>78,166</u>   | <u>63,276</u>  |
| Debtors   | 7    | -               | -              |
| Cash at bank and in hand                                |      | <u>128,115</u>  | <u>121,041</u> |
|   |      | 128,115         | 121,041        |
| <b>LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year</b> | 8    | <u>(14,757)</u> | <u>(8,084)</u> |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                               |      | <u>113,358</u>  | <u>112,957</u> |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                       | 9    | <u>191,524</u>  | <u>176,233</u> |
| Unrestricted  |      | 173,640         | 163,349        |
| Restricted  |      | <u>17,884</u>   | <u>12,884</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                                      | 10   | <u>191,524</u>  | <u>176,233</u> |

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES ON  
AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY:

TRUSTEE

# **Wolverhampton Samaritans**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Year ended 31 March 2025

### **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% / 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.

# Wolverhampton Samaritans

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 March 2025

|                                     | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2025<br>£     | Total Funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| <b>2. REQUESTS AND DONATIONS</b>    |                            |                          |               |                          |
| General donations                   | 42,780                     |                          | <b>42,780</b> | 112,916                  |
| Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust     |                            |                          | -             | 5,000                    |
| Tryull Church                       |                            |                          | -             | 100                      |
| St Peters Lodge                     |                            |                          | -             | 250                      |
| Old Wulfrunians Lodge               |                            |                          | -             | 500                      |
| The Grand Charity                   |                            |                          | -             | 1,000                    |
| J Savage                            |                            |                          | -             | 383                      |
| Tipton and Coseley Building Society |                            |                          | -             | 2,000                    |
| National Lottery Community Fund     |                            |                          | -             | 9,500                    |
| B&Q Foundation                      |                            | 5,000                    | <b>5,000</b>  | -                        |
|                                     | <b>42,780</b>              | <b>5,000</b>             | <b>47,780</b> | <b>131,649</b>           |

### 3. GOVERNANCE COSTS

|                  |              |          |              |              |
|------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Accountancy fees | 1,973        |          | <b>1,973</b> | 2,118        |
|                  | <b>1,973</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>1,973</b> | <b>2,118</b> |

### 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<br>property<br>unrestricted | Freehold<br>property<br>restricted | Fixtures &<br>fittings<br>unrestricted | Fixtures &<br>fittings<br>restricted | Total          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|
|                       | £                                    | £                                  | £                                      | £                                    | £              |
| <b>COST</b>           |                                      |                                    |  |                                      |                |
| At 1 April 2024       | 76,929                               | 29,185                             | 31,443                                 | 2,950                                | 140,507        |
| Additions             | 19,605                               | -                                  | 255                                    | -                                    | 19,860         |
| Disposals             | -                                    | -                                  | -                                      | -                                    | -              |
| At 31 March 2025      | <b>96,534</b>                        | <b>29,185</b>                      | <b>31,698</b>                          | <b>2,950</b>                         | <b>160,367</b> |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>   |                                      |                                    |  |                                      |                |
| At 1 April 2024       | 21,624                               | 29,185                             | 23,473                                 | 2,949                                | 77,231         |
| Charge for the year   | 2,348                                | -                                  | 2,622                                  | -                                    | 4,970          |
| On disposal           | -                                    | -                                  | -                                      | -                                    | -              |
| At 31 March 2025      | <b>23,972</b>                        | <b>29,185</b>                      | <b>26,095</b>                          | <b>2,949</b>                         | <b>82,201</b>  |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b> |                                      |                                    |  |                                      |                |
| At 1 April 2024       | 55,305                               | -                                  | 7,970                                  | 1                                    | 63,276         |
| At 31 March 2025      | <b>72,562</b>                        | <b>-</b>                           | <b>5,603</b>                           | <b>1</b>                             | <b>78,166</b>  |

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**7. DEBTORS**

|                               | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£ |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other debtors and prepayments | <u>-</u>  | <u>-</u>  |

**8. CREDITORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                 | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£    |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Accruals        | 12,800        | 7,783        |
| Trade Creditors | 1,957         | 301          |
|                 | <u>14,757</u> | <u>8,084</u> |

**9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND**

|                             | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>£     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Tangible fixed assets       | 78,165                    | 1                       | 78,166         |
| Current assets              | 110,231                   | 17,884                  | 128,115        |
| Current liabilities         | (14,757)                  | -                       | (14,757)       |
|                             | <u>173,639</u>            | <u>17,885</u>           | <u>191,524</u> |
| Net assets at 31 March 2025 |                           |                         |                |

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR PERIOD**

|                             | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>£     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Tangible fixed assets       | 63,275                    | 1                       | 63,276         |
| Current assets              | 108,158                   | 12,883                  | 121,041        |
| Current liabilities         | (8,084)                   | -                       | (8,084)        |
|                             | <u>163,349</u>            | <u>12,884</u>           | <u>176,233</u> |
| Net assets at 31 March 2024 |                           |                         |                |



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

|                                     | Balance<br>Brought<br>Forward<br>01.04.24<br>£ | Movement In Funds<br>Income      Expenditure<br>£              £ |               | Balance<br>Carried<br>Forward<br>31.03.25<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------|--|
| <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>            |  |  |               |  |
| Balance Brought Forward             | 1  |  |               | 1  |
| The Grand Charity                   | 1000   |  |               | 1,000  |
| J Savage                            | 383  |  |               | 383  |
| Tipton and Coseley Building Society | 2000   |  |               | 2,000  |
| National Lottery Community Fund     | 9500   |  |               | 9,500  |
| B&Q Foundation                      |  | 5,000  |               | 5,000  |
|                                     | 12,884   | 5,000  | -             | 17,884   |
| <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>           |  |  |               |  |
| General funds                       | 163,349  | 50,004   | 39,713        | 173,640  |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                  | <b>176,233</b>                                 | <b>55,004</b>  | <b>39,713</b> | <b>191,524</b>                                 |

### MOVEMENT IN FUNDS- PRIOR PERIOD

|                                     | Balance<br>Brought<br>Forward<br>01.04.23<br>£ | Movement in Funds<br>Income      Expenditure<br>£              £ |               | Balance<br>Carried<br>Forward<br>31.03.24<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------|--|
| <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>            |  |  |               |  |
| Balance Brought Forward             | 1  |  |               | 1  |
| Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust     |  | 5,000  | 5,000         | -  |
| Tryull Church                       |  | 100  | 100           | -  |
| St Peters Lodge                     |  | 250  | 250           | -  |
| Old Wulfrunians Lodge               |  | 500  | 500           | -  |
| The Grand Charity                   |  | 1,000  |               | 1,000  |
| J Savage                            |  | 383  |               | 383  |
| Tipton and Coseley Building Society |  | 2,000  |               | 2,000  |
| National Lottery Community Fund     |  | 9,500  |               | 9,500  |
|                                     | 1  | 18,733   | 5,850         | 12,884   |
| <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>           |  |  |               |  |
| General funds                       | 122,822  | 114,438  | 73,911        | 163,349  |
| Transfer between funds              | -  | -  | -             | -  |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                  | <b>122,823</b>                                 | <b>133,171</b>   | <b>79,761</b> | <b>176,233</b>                                 |

### PURPOSES OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

Prison listening service

The listening services continue at Featherstone and Brinsford.

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.

