

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021  
for  
Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare  
and North Somerset CIO

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Samaritans of Weston Super Mare & North Somerset was constituted on 15th July 1985 under a trust deed.

The charity operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered 27 March 2018.

The charity operates independently from the national Samaritans charity, but receives, and gives, donations and support from, and to, the national charity, where required.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

To enable persons in Weston Super Mare and North Somerset and the surrounding area 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; 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; and to collaborate with and support Samaritans central charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these objects.

### **Public benefit**

The public benefit of the charity is achieved by its objectives and aims.

### **Grants and Donations**

The charity receives donations from time to time from its related national and local Samaritans charities, in addition to general donations from the general public and legacies received. It also receives grants from public sector organisations and charities for specific works.

The charity received funds from the Pears Foundation via Samaritans Central Office to assist with the refurbishment of the new operations room and purchase of equipment during the year. This donation has been allocated to the restricted fund for this purpose.

### **Volunteers**

The charity is dependent upon volunteers for its operations, and volunteers are dealt with in a fair and professional way. Volunteers undergo rigorous training for their role, and this is ongoing.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The trustees continue to progress the charitable activities of the charity and fundraising during the year was deemed satisfactory for this purpose.

### **Fundraising activities**

The charity undertakes fundraising activities, in addition to receiving donations, to increase funds available by various means. These included the national Samarathon event, collections, and volunteers donating their travel expenses.

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## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Treasurer's report**

Income for the year was £76,478, and expenditure for the year totalled £48,639 (including £18,550 spent on building alterations), giving a surplus for the year of £27,839. £31,839 relating to unrestricted reserves and negative £4,000 regarding restricted reserves.

Donations and legacies totalled £54,043, which included a buildings improvement grant from the Pears Foundation of £18,550, a very generous anonymous donation of £10,000, £5,080 from the Bramble Trust, £2,239 from the Co-op, £1,891 from the Somerset Crematorium and £1,468 from Thatchers Cider, as well as number of smaller, and much appreciated, gifts from a variety of PCCs, companies and individuals. As in previous years, many volunteers donated back their travel expenses which allowed the charity to recover Gift Aid.

Fundraising activities and Grants raised a further £21,587, thanks partly to a £10,000 grant from North Somerset DC, and helped by the sterling work of our Samarathon team who managed to raise an incredible £7,150 for their efforts in July 2020 (the second highest collection figure across all Samaritan branches).

The charity shop, opened in July 2019, was sadly closed in August 2020 because of Coronavirus. The Branch Leadership Team (BLT) may look to re-open the shop at some time in the future when circumstances improve.

The bank balances as at 31 March 2021 stood at £105,629.

Financial accounts are produced every month. The BLT reviews the latest report at each of its bi-monthly meetings, to ensure that both income and expenditure are closely scrutinised.

### **Investment policy and objectives**

There are no restrictions on the charity's powers to invest. The investment strategy is set by the trustees and is decided upon as and when cash is available for investment. Cash is invested in low risk funds.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity maintains a minimum reserve of £30,000 under general funds and this is unrestricted. Restricted funds total £12,267, and can only be used for designated building works and rental costs. General funds are used to maintain the objectives of the charity and keep it running on a daily basis. Trustees monitor expenditure based on the cash position of the charity.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and is an incorporated charity.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The appointment and removal of trustees is made by the BLT, having reviewed their suitability for the role.

### **Decision making**

Decision making is undertaken by the BLT at regular bi-monthly committee meetings.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees are trained by the existing and outgoing trustees as to their responsibilities and obligations and also undertake formal online training provided by the Samaritans Central Charity.

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**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. A risk register is maintained and reviewed regularly at BLT meetings.

In the case of any complaints, these should be made in writing to the trustees at the principal address.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
1177715


**Principal address**  
137a High Street  
Weston Super Mare  
North Somerset  
BS23 1HN

**Trustees**  
Mrs H Cole  
Mr P R Slade  
Mr P R Lemanski  
Mrs G Smith  
Ms A Molloy (appointed October 2020)

**Independent Examiner**  
Adam Turrell  
FCA  
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**Bankers**  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 Sept 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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P R Slade - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Adam Turrell  
FCA  
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Date: 23.9.21

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	35,493	18,550	54,043	14,046
Fundraising activities and grants	3	21,587	-	21,587	21,305
Shop income		848	-	848	14,463
<b>Total</b>		<b>57,928</b>	<b>18,550</b>	<b>76,478</b>	<b>49,814</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		395	-	395	5,927
Shop expenditure		5,892	-	5,892	12,396
Charitable activities		19,802	4,000	23,802	22,560
Building improvements		-	18,550	18,550	137,395
<b>Total</b>		<b>26,089</b>	<b>22,550</b>	<b>48,639</b>	<b>178,278</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>31,839</b>	<b>(4,000)</b>	<b>27,839</b>	<b>(128,464)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>31,839</b>	<b>(4,000)</b>	<b>27,839</b>	<b>(128,464)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>63,663</b>	<b>16,267</b>	<b>79,930</b>	<b>208,394</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>95,502</b>	<b>12,267</b>	<b>107,769</b>	<b>79,930</b>

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Balance Sheet  
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		94,042	11,587	105,629	80,280
Prepayments		1,810	680	2,490	
		<u>95,852</u>	<u>12,267</u>	<u>108,119</u>	<u>80,280</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(350)	-	(350)	(350)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>95,502</u>	<u>12,267</u>	<u>107,769</u>	<u>79,930</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>95,502</u>	<u>12,267</u>	<u>107,769</u>	<u>79,930</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>95,502</u>	<u>12,267</u>	<u>107,769</u>	<u>79,930</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds				95,502	63,663
Restricted funds				<u>12,267</u>	<u>16,267</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>107,769</u>	<u>79,930</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 Sept 2021  
and were signed on its behalf by:



P R Slade - Trustee



P R Lemanski - Trustee



## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, and the funds have been received in the bank. This relates to donations, legacies, grants and fundraising.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

### **Donated goods**

Donated goods are valued according to the discretion of the trustees where appropriate to reflect the current value to the charity.

### **Government grants**

Government grants are revenue based and relate to the coronavirus job retention scheme and local government grants.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.03.21	31.03.20
	£	£
Donations	51,543	14,046
Gift aid	2,500	-
	<u>54,043</u>	<u>14,046</u>

**3. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS**

	31.03.21	31.03.20
	£	£
Fundraising	8,548	16,805
Grants	13,039	4,500
	<u>21,587</u>	<u>21,305</u>

Grants in 2021 consist of £10,000 from North Somerset District Council, £2,539 in relation to the coronavirus job retention scheme and £500 from TE GWUK. The previous year saw a £4,500 suicide prevention grant.

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

Trustees' expenses were paid and donated back to the charity. No net costs to the Charity were incurred as a result of trustees' expenses in both 2021 and 2020.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	14,046	-	14,046
Fundraising activities and Grants	21,305	-	21,305
Shop income	14,463	-	14,463
<b>Total</b>	<u>49,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,814</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	5,927	-	5,927
Shop expenditure	12,396	-	12,396
Charitable activities	22,560	-	22,560
Building improvements	-	137,395	137,395
<b>Total</b>	<u>40,883</u>	<u>137,395</u>	<u>178,278</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>8,931</u>	<u>(137,395)</u>	<u>(128,464)</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>8,931</u>	<u>(137,395)</u>	<u>(128,464)</u>

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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES continued

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward	54,732	153,662	208,394
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>63,663</b>	<b>16,267</b>	<b>79,930</b>

6. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were £4,790 for shop employees for the year (2020: £7,657). Volunteers generally repay their expenses back into the charity as donations.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Shop staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	63,663	31,839	-	95,502
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted	16,267	(4,000)	-	12,267
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>79,930</u>	<u>27,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,769</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	57,928	(26,089)	-	31,839
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted	18,550	(22,550)	-	(4,000)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>76,478</u>	<u>(48,639)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,839</u>

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**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS continued**

Restricted funds are retained for the specific designated use of fund. Restricted funds in this case are wholly for the construction of new premises

**Comparatives for movements in funds:**

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	54,732	8,931	-	63,663
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted	153,662	(137,395)	-	16,267
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>208,394</u>	<u>(128,464)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,930</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	49,814	(40,883)	-	8,931
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted	-	(137,395)	-	(137,395)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>49,814</u>	<u>(178,278)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(128,464)</u>

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor 31 March 2020.

**10. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REMUNERATION**

The independent examiners remuneration for 31 March 2021 was £350 (2020: £350)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
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	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
Donations and legacies	54,043	14,046
Fundraising activities and grants	21,587	21,305
Shop income	848	14,463
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>76,478</b>	<b>49,814</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>		
Fundraising costs	395	5,927
<b>Shop expenditure:</b>		
Shop costs	1,183	4,739
Shop employee costs	4,709	7,657
	<b>5,892</b>	<b>12,396</b>
<b>Charitable activities:</b>		
Housekeeping	1,996	1,078
Rent	4,000	4,000
Rates	11	348
Water & sewage costs	396	292
Light & heat	1,253	1,022
Insurance	1,254	1,201
Equipment costs	3,188	3,029
Repairs & renewals	111	237
Buildings	18,550	137,395
Telephone	1,704	1,746
Room hire	-	79
Printing, postage & stationery	158	71
Affiliation fee	-	(2,810)
Regional annual charge	360	709
Training costs	497	1,111
Parking	1,560	1,560
Recruitment	26	55
Volunteer costs	6,739	7,272
Publicity	50	354
AGM costs	149	120
Sundry expenses	-	736
Independent examiners fees	350	350
	<b>42,352</b>	<b>159,955</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>48,639</b>	<b>178,278</b>
<b>NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>27,839</b>	<b>(128,464)</b>