

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset CIO

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. 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 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 15 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

The purpose of the Charity is to offer support to those apparently at risk of suicide by being available to listen and encourage the exploration of their options. Support is also provided to those whose distress is not yet acute, in the hope that they will not finally resort to ending their lives. Support is available through telephone, email, letter and face-to-face visits.

Public benefit

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

Grants and Donations

The Charity receives donations from its related national and local Samaritan charities, in addition to general donations from the general public.

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 as crisis support, 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 considered satisfactory for this purpose.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Treasurer's report

Income for the year was £34,131, and expenditure for the year totalled £53,486, giving a loss for the year of £19,355.

Donations and legacies totalled £25,182, which included a very generous donation of £5,000 from Mr T Smallwood, £2,075 kindly donated by Winscombe Lodge, £1,741 also kindly donated by Screwfix, and a fun and fluid £774 from the Wedmore beer festival, as well as a 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 totalled a further £8,949, thanks mainly to the Sculpture Trail, led by John Pawle, which raised £6,399. Other fund raising activities included £1,400 collected for sentry duty at Glastonbury, £361 from a jumble sale organised by Olivia, and a number of talks given by our outreach DD, Mac, who also organised several entertaining musical events.

The Charity donated £10,000 to the Samaritans of Barnstaple to help with building refurbishments in the year.

The bank balance at 31 March 2023 was £35,232, of which £11,587 related to restricted funds. The Branch Leadership Team (BLT) continues to monitor the Charity's £60,000 investment in the M&G Charibond fund, the value of which stood at £55,899 at the year end.

Financial accounts are produced on a periodic basis and the Treasurer prepares a bi-monthly summary of the Charity's financial position. 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 seeks to maintain a minimum reserve of £30,000 of (unrestricted) general funds. Restricted funds total £11,587, 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 decided by a vote of branch members at each AGM.

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 and inducted by the existing and outgoing trustees as to their responsibilities and obligations. They must also undertake mandatory online training required 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 J H Green (appointed 1 April 2023)
Mr P R Slade (retired 31 March, 2023)
Mr P R Lemanski
Mrs G A Smith
Ms A Molloy (retired 12 October 2022)
Mrs S Sheehan (retired 31 March 2023)
Mr J Pawle (appointed 12 October 2022)

Independent Examiner
Adam Turrell (ICAEW FCA)
Maxwells Chartered Accountants
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Bankers
Lloyds Bank plc
PO Box 1000
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1.9.23 and signed on its behalf by:


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J Green - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare
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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 2023.

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 (ICAEW FCA)
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Date:1.9.23.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	25,182	-	25,182	26,318
Fundraising activities and grants	3	8,949	-	8,949	9,456
Total		34,131	-	34,131	35,774
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		4,065	-	4,065	331
Charitable activities		49,426	-	49,426	28,357
Building improvements		-	-	0	618
Total		53,491	-	53,491	29,306
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(19,360)	0	(19,360)	6,468
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Realised losses on investment assets		(2,931)	0	(2,931)	(1,170)
Net movement in funds		(22,291)	0	(22,291)	5,298
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		101,480	11,587	113,067	107,769
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		79,189	11,587	90,776	113,067

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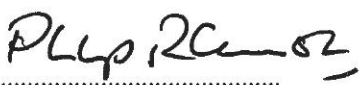
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Charibond		55,899	-	55,899	58,830
Cash at bank		23,645	11,587	35,232	54,587
		79,544	11,587	91,131	113,417
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	350	-	350	350
NET CURRENT ASSETS		79,194	11,587	90,781	113,067
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		79,194	11,587	90,781	113,067
NET ASSETS		79,194	11,587	90,781	113,067
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				79,194	101,480
Restricted funds				11,587	11,587
TOTAL FUNDS	8			90,781	113,067

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on1.9.23.....
and were signed on its behalf by:



J Green - 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.

All income is stated net of VAT.

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.

2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
Donations	25,182	26,318
Legacies	-	-
	25,182	26,318

3 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS

	2023	2022
Fundraising	8,949	9,456
Grants	-	-
	8,949	9,456

4 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023, nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses were paid and donated back to the charity. No costs to the Charity were incurred as a result of trustees' expenses in both 2023 and 2022.

5 STAFF COSTS

Staff costs for shop employees were nil for the year (2021 - nil). Volunteers generally repay their expenses back into the charity as donations.

6 2022 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	26,318	-	26,318
Fundraising activities	9,456	-	9,456
Total	35,774	-	35,774
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	331	-	331
Charitable activities	27,677	680	28,357
Building improvements	618	-	618
Total	28,626	680	29,306
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	7,148	(680)	6,468
Transfers between funds	0	0	0
Realised loss on investment	(1,170)	0	(1,170)
Net movement in funds	5,978	(680)	5,298
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	95,502	12,267	107,769
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	101,480	11,587	113,067

7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors (Accountants Examination fees)	350	350

8 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	101,480	(22,291)	-	79,189
Restricted funds				
Restricted	11,587	-	-	11,587
TOTAL FUNDS	113,067	(22,291)	0	90,776

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

	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Realised loss on revaluation £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General	34,131	53,491	2931	(22,291)
Restricted funds				
Restricted	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	34,131	53,491	2,931	(22,291)

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 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Realised loss on revaluation £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	96,182	5,298	1170	101,480
Restricted funds				
Restricted	11,587	-	-	11,587
TOTAL FUNDS	107,769	5,298	1,170	113,067

9 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023, nor 31 March 2022.

10 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The independent examiner's remuneration for 31 March 2023 was £350 (2022: £350).

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies	25,182	26,318
Fundraising activities and grants	8,949	9,456
Total incoming resources	34,131	35,774
 EXPENDITURE:		
Fundraising costs	4,065	331
 Charitable activities:		
Donations to Barnstaple Samaritans	10,000	-
Affiliation fee	7,305	-
Housekeeping	1,773	1,715
Rent	6,030	6,000
Rates	430	323
Water & Sewage	487	56
Light & Heat	3,733	2,641
Insurance	1,419	2,343
Equipment costs	1,016	400
Repairs & renewals	4,412	4,669
Telephone	737	812
Room hire	38	39
Printing, postage & stationery	70	43
Training costs	142	75
Parking	274	110
Recruitment	-	560
Volunteer costs	11,018	8,639
AGM and audit costs	156	200
Sundry expenses	36	-
Independent examiners fees	350	350
	49,426	28,975
 Total resources expended	53,491	29,306
 NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)	(19,360)	6,468